

# MINUTES

33rd Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia  
Thursday, January 15 to Sunday, January 18, 2015

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## OPENING PLENARY – Thursday, January 15

19:05 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zachary Crispin.

### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Local 61 delegate and Aboriginal Students' Liaison Sherry McCarthy acknowledged the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen First Nation.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS

Local 03 University of British Columbia Students' Union Okanagan	Absent
Local 75 Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 18 Douglas Students' Union	Present
Local 33 Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 26 Kwantlen Student Association	Absent
Local 13 College of New Caledonia Students' Union	Absent
Local 72 North Island Students' Union	Present
Local 66 Northwest Community College Students' Union	Present
Local 53 Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 86 College of the Rockies Students' Association	Absent
Local 04 Selkirk College Students' Union	Present
Local 15 Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	Present
Local 73 Students' Union of Vancouver Community College	Present
Local 61 Vancouver Island University Students' Union	Present
Prospective Member – Northern British Columbia Graduate Student Society	Present

Crispin declared quorum to be present. He explained that delegates from Local 13 would be arriving later in the meeting because their flight had been delayed.

### 3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER AND REVIEW OF PLENARY PROCEDURES

Crispin explained that the plenary was the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting and that a Plenary Speaker chairs general meeting plenary sessions. He said that the Executive Committee was recommending that Amanda Aziz be ratified as the Plenary Speaker. He said that Aziz had a long history in elected roles in the Federation, and had chaired Federation general meetings on previous occasions.

#### 2015/01:001 MOTION

Local 73/Local 04

Be it resolved that Amanda Aziz be ratified as the plenary speaker of the 33rd annual general meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

#### 2015/01:002 MOTION

Local 18/Local 72

Be it resolved that the agenda for the plenary be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

#### 2015/01:003 MOTION

Local 15/Local 75

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Be it resolved that the agenda for the general meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 6. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

#### a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures

**Aziz 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—and additional rules and procedures established by standing resolution.**

#### b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting

**Aziz said that the Federation strives to create an environment at its general meetings that is free of harassment. She said that Internal Affairs Policy F-1 (b) states “[a]t each general meeting of the Federation, plenary shall strike a harassment grievances committee and ratify its members.” She said that the Committee shall be comprised of two women and one man. She noted that two of the members shall be selected by Women's Caucus and the third shall be selected by plenary.**

**Aziz reported that Women's Caucus selected Local 18 delegate Tracy Ho and Local 73 delegate Harpal Mahli to serve as members of the Harassment Grievance Committee. She said that the general meeting would now select a third, male member of the Committee.**

**A Local 61 delegate nominated Local 75 delegate Quinn Park.**

**Park accepted the nomination.**

#### 2015/01:004 MOTION

Local 61/Local 33

Be it resolved that Local 18 delegate Tracy Ho, Local 73 delegate Harpal Malhi, and Local 75 delegate Quinn Park be ratified as members of the Harassment Grievances Committee.

**CARRIED**

**Ho provided a brief overview of the anti-harassment policy of the Federation.**

#### c. Presentation by the Staff Relations Officer

**Crispin, who serves as the Federation's Staff Relations Officer, made a brief presentation 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 66th SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### 2015/01:005 MOTION

Local 61/Local 73

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 66th semi-annual general meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 8. PREPARATION FOR ELECTIONS

#### a. Introduction of Chief Electoral Officer

**Aziz explained that Internal Coordinator Steven Beasley had been appointed by the Executive Committee to serve as the Chief Electoral Officer for the elections to be conducted at the general meeting.**

#### b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

**Beasley provided an overview of the election schedule and procedures.**

**c. Striking of Electoral Committee**

**Aziz explained that the two members of the Electoral Committee would be selected at this time.**

**A Local 73 delegate nominated Local 53 delegate Brianne Berchowitz. Berchowitz accepted the nomination.**

**A Local 33 delegate nominated Local 33 delegate Lori MacDonald. MacDonald accepted the nomination.**

**Local 66 delegate Reilly Walker nominated himself.**

**A secret ballot vote was conducted. Berchowitz and MacDonald received the majority of votes.**

**2015/01:006 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 66

Be it resolved that Local 53 delegate Brianne Berchowitz and Local 33 delegate Lori MacDonald be ratified as members of the Electoral Committee.

**CARRIED**

**9. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEES**

**a. Striking of General Meeting Committees**

**Aziz said that as per Internal Affairs Policy F-2 the following committees were automatically struck:**

- the Campaigns Committee;**
- the Finance Committee;**
- the Organisational and Services Development Committee; and**
- the Policy Review and Development Committee.**

**b. Adoption of Committee Agendas**

**2015/01:007 MOTION**

Local 33/Local 61

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

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:008 MOTION**

Local 53/Local 18

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

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:009 MOTION**

Local 18/Local 04

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

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:010 MOTION**

Local 73/Local 66

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Policy Review and Development Committee be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS**

**a. Motions Referred to the Executive Committee by the Previous General Meeting**

**Aziz said that the following motions were submitted with due notice for consideration at this meeting.**

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**2015/01:011 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 75/Local 13

Whereas all peoples have the right to self-determination; and

Whereas there is widespread abuse of the right of nations within Canada to exercise self-determination, leading to human rights and humanitarian issues in these communities; and

Whereas corporate interests are the driving force behind much of the violation of peoples' right to self-determination; and

Whereas the Federation's policy uses outdated and incorrect terminology to refer to Indigenous peoples; therefore,

Be it resolved that all instances of the word "Aboriginal" in Issues Policy, Aboriginal Issues, Section B be amended to read to "Indigenous"; and,

Be it further resolved that Issues Policy, Aboriginal Issues, Section B.2 be amended to read:

**2. Indigenous Government**

The Federation supports and encourages the culturally and spiritually different forms of government of Indigenous peoples.

Be it further resolved that Issues Policy, Aboriginal Issues, Section B.4 be amended to read:

**4. Moratoria on Non-Indigenous Development of Disputed Lands**

The Federation supports moratoria on economic development on Indigenous nations' unceded lands without approval from the respective nation.

Be it further resolved that Issues Policy, Aboriginal Issues, Section B.7 be amended to read:

**7. Educational Funding**

**Preamble**

Indigenous education is one of the primary vehicles for the development and empowerment of marginalized peoples in Canada. The federal government has the constitutional responsibility to fund Indigenous education. The Federation has historically supported Indigenous education by advocating for improvements to funding and reforms to support nations' control of their education spending.

**Policy**

The Federation supports:

- the provision of full funding by the federal government to enable all Indigenous students to attain their desired education goals;
- the allocation of indigenous education funding through First Nations, who will distribute funding to individual members of the Nation by a manner determined by the Nation, free from political or economic interference from provincial and federal governments.

**2015/01:012 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 15/Local 73

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:011 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:011 REFERRED**

**2015/01:013 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 53/Local 13

Whereas Standing Resolution 7 has not been amended since 2007; and

Whereas gas prices have increased by more than 30% since 2007; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended to read:

Federation members using private vehicles for travel on behalf of the Federation shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.39 per kilometer for fuel and insurance costs.

**2015/01:014 MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 53

Be it resolved that Motion 2014/08:27 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended to read:

Federation members using private vehicles for travel on behalf of the Federation shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.40 per kilometer for fuel and insurance costs.”

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**2015/01:015      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 61/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:013, along with the amendment Motion-2015/01:014, be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:014      REFERRED**

**2015/01:013      REFERRED**

**b. Consideration of Motions Served with Due Notice**

**Aziz said that the following motions were submitted with due notice for consideration at this meeting and that some would require a seconder.**

**2015/01:016      MOTION**  
Local 61/Local 53

Whereas the British Columbia Federation of Labour has launched the *Fight for \$15* campaign to increase BC's minimum wage to \$15 by the end of 2015; and,

Whereas the most recent increase to minimum wage in 2012 was a collective victory for workers and students; therefore

Be it resolved that the *Fight for \$15* campaign of the BC Federation of Labour be endorsed,

Be it further resolved that *Fight for \$15* materials be produced to advance the campaign on campuses.

**2015/01:017      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 18/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:016 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:016      REFERRED**

**2015/01:018      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 61/Local 73

Whereas existing language in the Federation's policy on associate degrees references the loan remission program of the BC government;

Whereas the loan remission program of the BC government is no longer an active program; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section A, Article 12 be amended to read:

**12. Associate Degrees**

The Federation supports flexible transfer of credits earned towards an associate degree to other community college and university programs.

The Federation supports retroactive credit for past completed course work being applied towards an associate degree.

The Federation supports preferred transferability for associate degree holders to limited entry programs at all B.C. universities.

**2015/01:019      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:018 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:018      REFERRED**

**2015/01:020      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas existing Education Issues Policy, Section B, Article 1 sets out the Federation's opposition to "restraint" programs; and,

Whereas the term "restraint" no longer has contextual meaning in public debate on post-secondary education and social service provision; and,

Whereas it is poor practice for the Federation to adopt policy that promotes short-lived political terminology designed to obfuscate the true purpose of neo-liberal public policy; and,

Whereas the existing policy of the Federation clearly articulates members' vision for a fully funded, public system of post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section B, Article 1 be repealed.

**2015/01:021**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:020 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:020**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:022**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas the Federation's election procedure for at-large members of the Executive Committee requires that candidates present a two-page resume and a one-page cover letter, and provides each candidate with the opportunity to give a five-minute speech and a two-minute closing statement at an election forum;

Whereas the content of the required one-page letter often mirrors the content of a candidate's speech and resume, and thereby seems redundant; therefore:

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy, Section B, Article 6 be amended to read:

**6. Nomination Procedure**

To be nominated a member must submit to the Electoral Committee a:

- a. nomination form signed by two member local unions; and,
- b. resumé of no more than two (2) pages in length.

**2015/01:023**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:022 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:022**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:024**

**MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas Bylaw XXIX simply lists interest charged on outstanding fees; and,

Whereas all other matters related to the collection and remittance of fees are listed as part of Bylaw XXIII; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XXIII be amended to add:

**23.4 Interest Charged on Outstanding Fees**

The Federation shall charge interest of ten per cent (10% per annum) on fees not received within six (6) months of being remitted to the member local union.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XXIX be repealed.

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**2015/01:025**      **MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:024 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:024**      **REFERRED**

**2015/01:026**      **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
Local 61/Local 73

Whereas all elected members of the Executive Committee have an obligation to assist in preparing for Executive Committee meetings; and,

Whereas the work of each of the Campaign Coordinator, Women Students' Liaison and Aboriginal Students' Liaison contribute to the Federation's campaigns and government relations work during each Executive Committee reporting period; and,

Whereas the responsibilities of those at large members of the Executive Committee not serving full-time, salaried positions does not have weekly duties, nor mandatory time commitments; and,

Whereas the majority of items listed in reports presented by the Women Students' Liaison and the Aboriginal Students' Liaison are more appropriately reported in the Campaigns, Government Relations and Solidary report presented at each Executive Committee meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, article 11.4 be amended to read:

**11.4 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Campaigns Coordinator shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing the agenda and reports for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XIV, article 14.7 be amended to read:

**14.7 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Aboriginal Students' Liaison shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XV, article 15.5 be amended to read:

**15.5 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Women Students' Liaison shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII be amended to add:

**12.8 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Treasurer shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

**2015/01:027**      **MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:026 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:026**      **REFERRED**

**2015/01:028**      **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**  
Local 61/Local 73

Whereas full-time, at-large members of the Executive Committee frequently use their mobile phones for long-distance calls, emails, social media and as a hot-spot for data access; and,  
Whereas the current re-imbursement allocation of \$100 is frequently less than the costs incurred by full-time, at-large members and staff for mobile phone expenses; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7, Cellular Phone Expenses, be amended to read:

Full-time, at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be reimbursed for the cost of a reasonable cellular telephone plan, including associated domestic long-distance charges, upon presentation of an invoice or bill. Total reimbursement shall be capped at \$125 per month, per at-large member.

**2015/01:029      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:028 be referred to the Organisational and Services Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:028      REFERRED**

**2015/01:030      MOTION**  
Local 33/Local 73

Whereas institutional counselling services are often under-resourced and inadequate, and are inaccessible to many students; and,

Whereas those struggling with mental health challenges often delay completion of their studies and face additional financial barriers due to insufficient or poor quality institutional mental health services; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be created to promote a better understanding of mental health issues, and promote more accessible, better-funded mental health services for students.

**2015/01:031      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:30 be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:030      REFERRED**

**2015/01:032      MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 04/Local 73

Whereas the apprenticeship training is a key and necessary element for the majority of trades and vocational programs offered by BC colleges and universities; and,

Whereas the current system for trades training places the onus for sourcing an apprenticeship placement on the student; and,

Whereas many trades and vocational students fail to find necessary apprenticeship training placements; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section L, be amended to add:

**4.      Apprenticeship Placements**

The Federation demands that an apprenticeship placement be provided for every student who successfully completes the necessary classroom learning in a program for which apprenticeship is required.

**2015/01:033      MOTION TO REFER**  
Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

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**CARRIED**

**2015/01:032**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:034**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas the feedback received from international student members through the Federation's Task Force on International Education included a number of stories of prospective students being misled by student recruiters operating in international students' home countries; and,

Whereas international student recruiters are not regulated and often act independently of the respective college and university for whom they recruit; and,

Whereas the compensation model for international student recruiters prioritizes successful recruitment over service to the student being recruited; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section E, be amended to add:

**3. Regulations of International Student Recruiters**

**Preamble**

BC institutions commonly contract third-party recruiters operating in select countries to recruit international students on their behalf. These third-party recruiters are compensated based on the successful recruitment of students, and their activities are not regulated. Consequently, many international students report being misled and misinformed by recruiters acting on behalf of BC colleges and universities on such key issues as location of studies, tuition fee levels and housing availability.

**Policy**

The Federation support the regulation of third-party recruiters operating in international students' home countries, and the verification by each respective BC college and university that recruiters operating on their behalf are upholding an established set of ethical and professional standards.

**2015/01:035**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Policy Review and Development Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:034**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:036**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas Kinder Morgan has proposed to build a new pipeline from Alberta to Burnaby to export unrefined tar sands crude to international markets and;

Whereas the new pipeline would increase the amount of unrefined oil being transported via the pipeline from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels per day and;

Whereas the increase in crude transport would result in heavy tanker traffic in Burrard Inlet as well as along B.C.'s coast and;

Whereas the City of Burnaby is in opposition to the proposed pipeline project and;

Whereas despite the City of Burnaby's vocal opposition to the project, the Kinder Morgan crews continue to survey and make preparations for the project construction; therefore

Be it resolved that the City of Burnaby be supported in asserting its jurisdiction over local land use decision-making, including the right to determine whether the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project may proceed within its borders; and,

Be it further resolved a letter of support be written to the City of Burnaby.

**2015/01:037**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:036**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:038**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas on December 4, 2014 the Ministry of Education announced the re-introduction of tuition fees for adult basic education (ABE) courses;

Whereas this policy change is a complete reversal of the Ministry of Advanced Educations past efforts to keep ABE programming free of user-fees, and stands in contradiction to the commitment made to students and families when tuition fees for ABE eliminated in 2007; and,

Whereas ABE constitute a vital element of the post-secondary education system and serve a unique pedagogical purpose for those who were not successful in high school; and,

Whereas ABE programs are in high demand among Indigenous learners, who are often failed by the K-12 system and have come to rely on access to free adult learning to achieve their educational goals; therefore

Be it resolved that the re-introduction of tuition fees to adult basic education be condemned; and,

Be it further resolved that a campaign be launched to restore tuition fee-free status to adult basic education.

**2015/01:039**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:038**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:040**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas BC's highways have become a notorious and hazardous place for many women travelling alone via hitchhiking;

Whereas the nature of BC's transit systems as locally coordinated means that there is no provincial system of intercommunity travel; and,

Whereas citizens commonly need to move between small, rural communities and larger centres to access social, health and commercial services; therefore

Be it resolved that the We Ride: Student Action for Public Transit campaign include a component that advocates for a publically funded inter-community transit service operating between small, rural BC communities, and in particular providing transit services between the communities along BC's Highway 16.

**2015/01:041**

**MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:040**

**REFERRED**

**2015/01:042**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas the International Student Identity Card is the most tangible benefit of membership;

Whereas ISIC production has vastly improved with the availability of new technology has become cheap enough to allow direct-to-card printing; and,

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Whereas investment in the ISIC is worthwhile to ensure a high quality of service to members;  
therefore

Be it resolved that the purchase of direct-to-card ISIC printers for every member local be  
investigated.

**2015/01:043 MOTION TO REFER**

Local 73/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01: be referred to the Organisational and Services Development  
Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:042 REFERRED**

**11. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Crispin, Davies, Keller-McLeod, Lacroix and Marshall provided an overview of work undertaken since  
the previous general meeting.**

**Delegates asked questions about the report including sections reporting on lobby week, the Squash  
the Squeeze campaign and the Federation's health and dental purchasing consortium.**

**2015/01:044 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 53

Be it resolved that the report of the Executive Committee be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A series of logistical announcements were made.**

**13. RECESS**

**2015/01:045 MOTION TO RECESS**

Local 66/Local 18

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30 on Sunday, January 2, 2013.

**CARRIED**

20:37 the meeting recessed.

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### CLOSING PLENARY – Sunday, January 18, 2014

10:37 the meeting was called to order by Plenary Speaker Aziz.

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Prospective Member – Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society	Present

Aziz declared quorum to be present.

#### 2. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

##### 2015/01:046 MOTION

Local 15/Local 73

Be it resolved that the 2014 audited financial statements be approved.

##### CARRIED

##### 2015/01:047 MOTION

Local 61/Local 72

Be it resolved that Tompkins, Wozny, Miller and Co. be appointed as the auditor for the 2015 fiscal year.

##### CARRIED

##### 2015/01:048 MOTION

Local 73/Local 18

Be it resolved that the revised 2014-15 budget be adopted as presented.

##### CARRIED

##### 2015/01:049 MOTION

Local 61/Local 73

Be it resolved that the adopt report.

##### CARRIED

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

##### a. Proposal to Amend Policy on Aboriginal Students

##### 2015/01:011 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 75/Local 13

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**CARRIED**

**b. Proposal to Amend Policy on Associate Degrees**

**2015/01:018 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**  
Local 61/ Local 73

Whereas existing language in the Federation's policy on associate degrees references the loan remission program of the BC government;

Whereas the loan remission program of the BC government is no longer an active program; therefore

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The Federation supports retroactive credit for past completed course work being applied towards an associate degree.

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**CARRIED**

**c. Proposal to Repeal Policy on “Restraint” Programmes****2015/01:020 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas existing Education Issues Policy, Section B, Article 1 sets out the Federation’s opposition to “restraint” programs; and,

Whereas the term “restraint” no longer has contextual meaning in public debate on post-secondary education and social service provision; and,

Whereas it is poor practice for the Federation to adopt policy that promotes short-lived political terminology designed to obfuscate the true purpose of neo-liberal public policy; and,

Whereas the existing policy of the Federation clearly articulates members’ vision for a fully funded, public system of post-secondary education; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section B, Article 1 be repealed.

**CARRIED****d. Proposal to Create Policy on Apprenticeship Placements****2015/01:032 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 04/ Local 73

Whereas the apprenticeship training is a key and necessary element for the majority of trades and vocational programs offered by BC colleges and universities; and,

Whereas the current system for trades training places the onus for sourcing an apprenticeship placement on the student; and,

Whereas many trades and vocational students fail to find necessary apprenticeship training placements; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section L, be amended to add:

**4. Apprenticeship Placements**

The Federation demands that an apprenticeship placement be provided for every student who successfully completes the necessary classroom learning in a program for which apprenticeship is required.

**CARRIED****e. Proposal to Create Policy on Regulation of International Student Recruiters****2015/01:034 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 04/ Local 73

Whereas the feedback received from international student members through the Federation’s Task Force on International Education included a number of stories of prospective students being misled by student recruiters operating in international students’ home countries; and,

Whereas international student recruiters are not regulated and often act independently of the respective college and university for whom they recruit; and,

Whereas the compensation model for international student recruiters prioritizes successful recruitment over service to the student being recruited; therefore

Be it resolved that Education Issues Policy, Section E, be amended to add:

**3. Regulations of International Student Recruiters****Preamble**

BC institutions commonly contract third-party recruiters operating in select countries to recruit international students on their behalf. These third-party recruiters are compensated based on the successful recruitment of students, and their activities are not regulated. Consequently, many international students report being misled and misinformed by recruiters acting on behalf of BC

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colleges and universities on such key issues as location of studies, tuition fee levels and housing availability.

**Policy**

The Federation supports the regulation of third-party recruiters operating in international students' home countries, and the verification by each respective BC college and university that recruiters operating on their behalf are upholding an established set of ethical and professional standards.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:050**

**MOTION**

Local 18/Local 53

Be it resolved that the report of the Policy Review and Development Committee be adopted

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**a. Proposal to Increase Reimbursement Rate for Use of Personal Vehicle**

**2015/01:013**

**MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 53/Local 13

Whereas Standing Resolution 7 has not been amended since 2007; and

Whereas gas prices have increased by more than 30% since 2007; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended to read:

Federation members using private vehicles for travel on behalf of the Federation shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.39 per kilometer for fuel and insurance costs.

**2015/01:014**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 61/Local 53

Be it resolved that Motion 2014/08:27 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7 be amended to read:

Federation members using private vehicles for travel on behalf of the Federation shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.40 per kilometer for fuel and insurance costs."

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:13**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**b. Proposal to Amend Election Process**

**2015/01:022**

**MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 61/Local 75

Whereas the Federation's election procedure for at-large members of the Executive Committee requires that candidates present a two-page resume and a one-page cover letter, and provides each candidate with the opportunity to give a five-minute speech and a two-minute closing statement at an election forum;

Whereas the content of the required one-page letter often mirrors the content of a candidate's speech and resume, and thereby seems redundant; therefore:

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy, Section B, Article 6 be amended to read:

**6. Nomination Procedure**

To be nominated a member must submit to the Electoral Committee a:

- a. nomination form signed by two member local unions; and,
- b. resumé of no more than two (2) pages in length.

**CARRIED**

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**c. Proposal to Reorganize Bylaw Governing Interest Rate Charged on Outstanding Membership Fees**

**2015/01:024 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas Bylaw XXIX simply lists interest charged on outstanding fees; and,

Whereas all other matters related to the collection and remittance of fees are listed as part of Bylaw XXIII; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XXIII be amended to add:

**23.4 Interest Charged on Outstanding Fees**

The Federation shall charge interest of ten per cent (10% per annum) on fees not received within six (6) months of being remitted to the member local union.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw XXIX be repealed.

**CARRIED**

**d. Proposal to Standardize Executive Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

**2015/01:026 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas all elected members of the Executive Committee have an obligation to assist in preparing for Executive Committee meetings; and,

Whereas the work of each of the Campaign Coordinator, Women Students' Liaison and Aboriginal Students' Liaison contribute to the Federation's campaigns and government relations work during each Executive Committee reporting period; and,

Whereas the responsibilities of those at large members of the Executive Committee not serving full-time, salaried positions does not have weekly duties, nor mandatory time commitments; and,

Whereas the majority of items listed in reports presented by the Women Students' Liaison and the Aboriginal Students' Liaison are more appropriately reported in the Campaigns, Government Relations and Solidary report presented at each Executive Committee meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw XI, article 11.4 be amended to read:

**11.4 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Campaigns Coordinator shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing the agenda and reports for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XIV, article 14.7 be amended to read:

**14.7 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Aboriginal Students' Liaison shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XV, article 15.5 be amended to read:

**15.5 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Women Students' Liaison shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it resolved that Bylaw XII be amended to add:

**12.8 Responsibilities at Executive Committee Meetings**

The Treasurer shall assist the Chairperson and BC Representative on the National Executive in preparing reports and supporting materials for each meeting of the Executive Committee.

**CARRIED****e. Proposal to Increase Mobile Phone Reimbursement Rate****2015/01:028 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTION**

Local 61/Local 73

Whereas full-time, at-large members of the Executive Committee frequently use their mobile phones for long-distance calls, emails, social media and as a hot-spot for data access; and,

Whereas the current re-imbusement allocation of \$100 is frequently less than the costs incurred by full-time, at-large members and staff for mobile phone expenses; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 7, Cellular Phone Expenses, be amended to read:

Full-time, at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be reimbursed for the cost of a reasonable cellular telephone plan, including associated domestic long-distance charges, upon presentation of an invoice or bill. Total reimbursement shall be capped at \$125 per month, per at-large member.

**CARRIED****f. Proposal to Investigate Purchase of Direct-to-Card ISIC Printers for Member Local Unions****2015/01:042 MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas the International Student Identity Card is the most tangible benefit of membership;

Whereas ISIC production has vastly improved with the availability of new technology, which has become cheap enough to allow direct-to-card printing; and,

Whereas investment in the ISIC is worthwhile to ensure a high quality of service to members; therefore

Be it resolved that the purchase of direct-to-card ISIC printers for every member local be investigated.

**CARRIED****2015/01:051****MOTION**

Local 61/Local 33

Be it resolved that the report of the Organizational and Service Development Committee be adopted

**CARRIED****5. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT****a. Proposal to Support the *Fight for \$15* Campaign****2015/01:016 MOTION**

Local 61/Local 53

Whereas the British Columbia Federation of Labour has launched the *Fight for \$15* campaign to increase BC's minimum wage to \$15 by the end of 2015; and,

Whereas the most recent increase to minimum wage in 2012 was a collective victory for workers and students; therefore

Be it resolved that the *Fight for \$15* campaign of the BC Federation of Labour be endorsed,

Be it further resolved that *Fight for \$15* materials be produced to advance the campaign on campuses.

**CARRIED**

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**b. Proposal to Develop Mental Health Campaign**

**2015/01:030**

**MOTION**

Local 33/Local 73

Whereas institutional counseling services are often under-resourced and inadequate, and are inaccessible to many students; and,

Whereas those struggling with mental health challenges often delay completion of their studies and face additional financial barriers due to insufficient or poor quality institutional mental health services; therefore

Be it resolved that a campaign be created to promote a better understanding of mental health issues, and promote more accessible, better-funded mental health services for students .

**2015/01:052**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 33

Be it resolved that the Motion-2015/01:028 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that the following motion be submitted to the 67th semi-annual general meeting of Canadian Federation of Students(-Services):

Be it resolved that a campaign be created to promote a better understanding of mental health issues, and promote more accessible, better-funded mental health services for students.”

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:030**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Proposal to Support Civic Jurisdictions**

**2015/01:036**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas Kinder Morgan has proposed to build a new pipeline from Alberta to Burnaby to export unrefined tar sands crude to international markets and;

Whereas the new pipeline would increase the amount of unrefined oil being transported via the pipeline from 300,000 to 890,000 barrels per day and;

Whereas the increase in crude transport would result in heavy tanker traffic in Burrard Inlet as well as along B.C.'s coast and;

Whereas the City of Burnaby is in opposition to the proposed pipeline project and;

Whereas despite the City of Burnaby's vocal opposition to the project, the Kinder Morgan crews continue to survey and make preparations for the project construction; therefore

Be it resolved that the City of Burnaby be supported in asserting its jurisdiction over local land use decision-making, including the right to determine whether the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project may proceed within its borders; and,

Be it further resolved a letter of support be written to the City of Burnaby.

**2015/01:053**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 75/Local 04

Be it resolved that the Motion-2015/01:034 be amended to read:

“Be it resolved that the City of Burnaby be supported in asserting its jurisdiction over local land use decision-making, including the right to determine whether the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project may proceed within its borders;

Be it further resolved a letter of support be written to the City of Burnaby; and,

Be it further resolved that member local unions be encouraged to write letters of support to the City of Burnaby.”

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:036**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**d. Proposal to Create Campaign About ABE and ESL**

**2015/01:038**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas on December 4, 2014 the Ministry of Education announced the re-introduction of tuition fees for adult basic education (ABE) courses;

Whereas this policy change is a complete reversal of the Ministry of Advanced Educations past efforts to keep ABE programming free of user-fees, and stands in contradiction to the commitment made to students and families when tuition fees for ABE eliminated in 2007; and,

Whereas ABE constitute a vital element of the post-secondary education system and serve a unique pedagogical purpose for those who were not successful in high school; and,

Whereas ABE programs are in high demand among Indigenous learners, who are often failed by the K-12 system and have come to rely on access to free adult learning to achieve their educational goals; therefore

Be it resolved that the re-introduction of tuition fees to adult basic education be condemned; and,

Be it further resolved that a campaign be launched to restore tuition fee-free status to adult basic education.

**CARRIED**

**e. Proposal to Amend We Ride: Student Action for Public Transit Campaign**

**2015/01:040**

**MOTION**

Local 04/Local 73

Whereas BC's highways have become a notorious and hazardous place for many women travelling alone via hitchhiking;

Whereas the nature of BC's transit systems as locally coordinated means that there is no provincial system of intercommunity travel; and,

Whereas citizens commonly need to move between small, rural communities and larger centres to access social, health and commercial services; therefore

Be it resolved that the We Ride: Student Action for Public Transit campaign include a component that advocates for a publically funded inter-community transit service operating between small, rural BC communities, and in particular providing transit services between the communities along BC's Highway 16.

**2015/01:054**

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 66/Local 73

Be it resolved that Motion-2015/01:038 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the We Ride: Student Action for Public Transit campaign include a component that advocates for a publically, funded inter-community transit service operating between small, rural BC communities, and in particular providing transit services between the communities stemming from BC's Highway 16."

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:040**

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**e. Adoption of the Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**2015/01:055**

**MOTION**

Local 72/Local 33

Be it resolved that the revised 2014-15 Campaign and Government Relations Plan be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2015/01:056**

**MOTION**

Local 66/Local 53

Be it resolved that the report of the Campaigns Committee be adopted.

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**CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2015/01:057 MOTION**

Local 15/Local 72

Be it resolved that Megan Marshall (Local 75) be ratified as Chairperson for the 2015-16 term.

**CARRIED**

- 2015/01:058 MOTION**  
Local 18/Local 04  
Be it resolved that Jenelle Davies (Local 4) be ratified as BC Representative on the National Executive for the 2015-16 term.  
**CARRIED**
- 2015/01:059 MOTION**  
Local 15/Local 75  
Be it resolved that Madeline Keller-MacLeod (Local 75) be ratified as Campaigns Coordinator for the 2015-16 term.  
**CARRIED**
- 2015/01:060 MOTION**  
Local 61/Local 33  
Be it resolved that Sherry McCarthy (Local 61) be ratified as Treasurer for the 2015-16 term.  
**CARRIED**
- 2015/01:061 MOTION**  
Local 72/Local 53  
Be it resolved that Shayli Robinson (Local 75) be ratified as Aboriginal Students' Liaison for the 2015-16 term.  
**CARRIED**
- 2015/01:062 MOTION**  
Local 18/Local 73  
Be it resolved that Ruab Waraich (Local 18) be ratified as Women Students Liaison for the 2015-16 term.  
**CARRIED**

**7. PRESENTATION OF CAUCUS REPORTS**

Caucus facilitators provided reports on the discussions of the caucuses including Aboriginal Students, Racialised Students, Queer Students, Graduate Students, and Students with Disabilities.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was presented.

**9. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A series of logistical announcements were made.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

- 2014/01:063 MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
Local 15/Local 66  
Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.  
**CARRIED**

11:18 the meeting adjourned.

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**APPROVED**

**Minutes were adopted at the 68th Semi-Annual General Meeting.**

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**Chairperson**

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**Internal Coordinator**