

MINUTES

38th Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Thursday, January 16 to Sunday, January 19, 2020

OPENING PLENARY – Thursday, January 10

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Indigenous Students' Representative Santanna Hernandez acknowledged the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, on which the meeting would take place.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBER LOCAL UNIONS

Local 01 Okanagan College Students' Union	Present
Local 02 Selkirk College Students' Union	Absent
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	Absent
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
Prospective Members-Quest University Students' Association	Absent

Quorum was declared to have been achieved.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER AND REVIEW OF PLENARY PROCEDURES

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

2020/01:01

MOTION

Local 17/Local 12

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the 38th Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2020/01:02

MOTION

Local 12/Local 13

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda for the 38th Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce reported that based on feedback from the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee had undertaken a process to identify ways to address concerns with the structure of general meetings. He said that based on that process, the Executive Committee had proposed changes to be tested at this general meeting on a one-time trial basis.

2020/01:03

MOTION

Local 5/Local 1

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 38th Annual General Meeting be adopted.

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CARRIED

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, forums, 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.

Executive Director Olson provided an overview of Internal Affairs Policy F-2 (b).

Local 12 delegate Taylor Dotto nominated Local 12 delegate Tashia Kootenayoo. Kootenayoo accepted the nomination.

Local 6 delegate Abby Mitro nominated Local 6 delegate Tracy Ho. Ho accepted the nomination.

Local 13 delegate Lee Vandenharn nominated Local 13 delegate Jessica Sandy. Sandy accepted the nomination.

Local 4 delegate Navjot Brar nominated Local 4 delegate Damon Robinson. Robinson accepted the nomination.

A secret ballot election was conducted.

2020/01:04

MOTION

Local 10/Local 16

Be it resolved that Local 4 delegate Damon Robinson, Local 6 delegate Tracy Ho, and Local 12 delegate Tashia Kootenayoo be ratified as members of the Harassment Grievances Committee.

CARRIED

c. Presentation by the Staff Relations Officer

Chairperson Tanysha Klassen, who serves 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 76th SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2020/01:05

MOTION

Local 6/Local 20

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 76th 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 Organiser Jenelle Davies to act as Chief Returning Officer for all elections to be conducted at the annual general meeting.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Organiser Davies 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 17 delegate Fillette Umulisa nominated Local 17 delegate Michael Glover. Glover accepted the nomination.

Local 1 delegate Jennifer Gullins nominated Local 1 delegate Brianne Berchowitz. Berchowitz accepted the nomination.

- 2020/01:06 MOTION**
Local 13/Local 5
Be it resolved that Organiser Davies, Local 1 delegate Berchowitz, and Local 17 delegate Glover be ratified as members of the Electoral Committee.
CARRIED

9. PREPARATION FOR COMMITTEES

a. Striking of General Meeting Committees and Forums

- 2020/01:07 MOTION**
Local 10/Local 1
Be it resolved that a Campaigns Forum, Finance Committee, Organisational Development Committee, and Services Forum be struck.
CARRIED

b. Adoption of Committee and Forum Agendas

- 2020/01:08 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 20
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Campaigns Forum be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:09 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 20
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Finance Committee be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:10 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 20
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Organisational Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:11 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 20
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Services Forum be adopted.
CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

11. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Joyce reported that on November 12 to 14, 2019 a referendum on membership in the Federation had been held amongst students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia. Joyce said that the students had voted in favour of full membership in the Federation.

- 2020/01:12 MOTION**
Local 12/Local 4
Be it resolved that the Justice Institute Students' Union be ratified as a member local union with full membership in the British Columbia Federation of Students.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

a. Consideration of Motions Served by Member Local Unions

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

- 2020/01:13 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 17
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Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section M be amended to be titled “Ready Education Partnership Service”; and
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Be it further resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section M.4. be amended to read:
This policy shall expire July 2021 unless renewed at a general meeting.
- 2020/01:14 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 13/Local 5
Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:13 be referred to Organisational Development Committee.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:13 REFERRED**
- 2020/01:15 MOTION**
Local 10/Local 17
Whereas the BCFS releases an annual campaigns and government relations strategy for the member locals to use as a guide for the implementation of campaigns on their campuses; and
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Be it resolved that along with physical campaigns materials, the BC office shares a Dropbox folder with digital copies of campaign materials and social media shareables all campaign with the member locals for every campaigns launch; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation upon request and in collaboration with local unions create customisable materials when requested.
- 2020/01:16 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 13/Local 5
Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:15 be referred to Campaigns Forum.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:15 REFERRED**
- 2020/01:17 MOTION**
Local 13/ Local 17
Whereas the Moosehide campaign “is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence toward women and children”; and
Whereas women have been on the forefront of eliminating violence in our society, this campaign has an important and increased focus on men supporting this work while at the same time being inclusive of all people;

Whereas we, as an organisation, have taken pro-active steps to reduce the siloing of equity conversation outside of the groups primarily affected;

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Be it further resolved that that the Moosehide campaign be included under coalition campaigns in the 2020-21 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee explore the possibility of having proponents of the Moosehide campaign present at the next general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in the Moosehide campaign.

2020/01:18

MOTION TO REFER

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:17 be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2020/01:17

REFERRED

2020/01:19

MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas private auto insurance costs more to the user than public auto insurance; and

Whereas private insurance focuses on profits instead of people; and

Whereas in jurisdictions that rely on private auto insurance up to 20 percent of drivers are uninsured, making the roads less safe for everyone; and

Whereas private car insurance discriminates based on age, gender, and marital status; and

Whereas public insurance keeps jobs, profits, and investments in the province; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation endorses the Driving Public campaign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to share the campaign's online tool through social media and to send letters to their MLAs.

2020/01:20

MOTION TO REFER

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:19 be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2020/01:19

REFERRED

2020/01:21

MOTION

Local 15/Local 17

Whereas statistics of gender-based violence in post-secondary institutions have not improved since the 1970s and has become a high profile issue within Canada through the provincial mandating of sexualized violence policies and larger social movements since #MeToo; and

Whereas issues that contribute to anti-violence work require expertise in survivor-centered, trauma-informed language and approaches that differ from issues of affordability that student groups typically engage in; and

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Whereas many post-secondary institutions and student groups in British Columbia do not have the capacity or expertise to provide campus communities with the educational resources needed to advance the elimination of gender-based violence; and

Whereas community organisations that employ experts in front line advocacy related to gender-based violence struggle with a similar lack of capacity as well as funding to create and implement resources specific for campuses; and

Whereas rural campuses face the added challenges in supporting members facing gender-based violence, including difficulty maintaining confidentiality in small communities and lack of access to organisational resources that would otherwise be available in larger metropolitan centres; and

Whereas the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training hosted a conference in June 2019 in which students and post-secondary administrators identified a need for education resources such as workshops that discuss applied consent, colonialism and processes of disclosure and reporting specific to their institution, as well as include issues related to queer, Indigenous, and international students; and

Whereas the working group struck by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training to address this need has determined that creating resources is beyond the scope of the working group and instead will focus on grading the resources that currently exist for their quality; and

Whereas Students for Consent Culture Canada (SFCC), the country's only national student-survivor led organisation, is currently undertaking a project to create an education toolkit that will meet the everchanging needs of diverse student populations across the country that will function to create or supplement their own sexual violence trainings and workshops, including facilitation guides, activities, and other resources as well as the assistance of representatives of SFCC; and

Whereas the work of anti-violence advocacy is highly gendered, and that this labour is often unpaid or underpaid, which particularly affects women of Indigenous, racialised, queer, and disabled communities; and

Whereas support to create a much-needed education toolkit that would be adaptable to the needs of BC campuses would acknowledge the anti-violence labour undertaken by SFCC that has and will continue to benefit BC students; and

Whereas the 2019 campaigns plan identified SFCC as a partner in eliminating gender-based violence; therefore

Be it resolved that the \$2,000 be contributed towards the Students for Consent Culture project of the creation of an education toolkit for campuses; and

Be it further resolved that individual member local unions be encouraged to reach out to Students for Consent Culture to provide recommendations on what would be useful for this project; and

Be it further resolved that individual member local unions be encouraged to provide contributions towards Students for Consent Culture's creation of an education toolkit.

2020/01:22

MOTION TO REFER

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:21 be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2020/01:21

REFERRED

2020/01:23

MOTION

Local 15/Local 17

Whereas despite the Federation's ongoing work of supporting members, period poverty continues to affect members and students across the province; and

Whereas at the Federation's July 2019 general meeting delegates voted to endorse the Period Promise campaign; and

Whereas the Federation's Executive Committee has signed and implemented the Period Promise Policy Agreement;

Whereas Issues Policy is an important tool which directs the Federation's advocacy work; therefore

Be it resolved the following policy be adopted as Social Issues Policy, to support the ongoing access to menstrual products and the end of period poverty for our members and campus society as a whole.

Access to Menstrual Products

Preamble

Period poverty is the lack of access to menstrual products due to financial limitations which affect girls, women, and trans and non-binary people who cannot afford menstrual products for themselves or are dependants of people who cannot afford menstrual products. Nearly one-quarter of Canadian females say they have struggled to afford menstrual health products for themselves or their children; this number increases for young people who have insecure or limited income.

People who are menstruating but do not have menstrual products available to them experience extreme social isolation by not being able to attend school, work, or community activities without experiencing stigma and shame. Further, people experiencing period poverty may use menstrual products for longer than their recommended time, or use unsanitary alternatives, thereby placing their health and security at risk.

Additionally, people are not required to bring their own toilet paper, paper towel, or soap when using public washrooms, nor are they expected to pay for it when in that space; menstruation is as unavoidable and natural as using the washroom. Menstrual products should be considered no different than other bathroom products and available in the same manner.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the provision of menstrual products free of charge in all public washrooms;
- the inclusion of hygienic, private disposal units for used menstrual products in all public washrooms;
- the provision of diverse products in a variety of sizes and absorption ratings in recognition of the varying levels of menstrual flow and body shapes;
- the provision of preference to use organic, biodegradable, plastic free products with minimal packaging;
- the use of dispensers that ensure safety and hygiene of products while also assuring access to those with accessibility needs or limited mobility;
- the funding of on-campus provision of these products directly by universities, colleges, and institutes, where government mandates and funding don't exist; and
- the inclusion of free dispensers as a requirement in BC's building code.

The Federation opposes:

- the requirement of institutions to partner with students' unions or faculty associations to create ongoing, permanent funding for provision of free menstrual products in on-campus washrooms.

2020/01:24 MOTION TO REFER
Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:23 be referred to Campaigns Forum.

CARRIED

2020/01:23 REFERRED

b. Consideration of Motions Served by the Executive Committee

Hashemi said that the following motions were submitted with due notice for consideration at this meeting, and that they would require a mover and seconder during opening plenary.

2020/01:25 MOTION
Local 6/Local 17

Whereas the Federation held a certification referendum amongst students at the Justice Institute of British Columbia from November 12 to 14, 2019; and

Whereas the certification referendum resulted in 80% of voters indicating support for membership in the Federation; and

Whereas members of member local unions have a representative on the Federation's Executive Committee; therefore

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 12 be amended to add:

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21 Justice Institute Students' Union

and

Be it further resolved that Bylaw V Section 5.2 be amended to add:

Representative–Local 21 Members

2020/01:26

MOTION TO REFER

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:25 be referred to Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2020/01:25

REFERRED

2020/01:27

MOTION

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas at the 36th Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee was directed to develop a mobile app based discount program; and

Whereas the mobile app, titled The Deals App, was launched in September 2019; and

Whereas the value and success of the program relies on collaboration between member local unions and the Federation; and

Whereas a large undertaking such as this should have policy to guide its implementation; therefore

Be it resolved that the following Internal Affairs Policy Section O be adopted:

DISCOUNT PROGRAM

1. Foundation of Service

The Federation will coordinate a provincial student discount program for the benefit of individual members. The program will be provided via a mobile app, available on iPhone and Android devices. The Program is a collaboration between member local unions and the Federation's central office, whereby all parties work together to secure discount partnerships and maintain relationships with local, regional, and province-wide businesses. The organisation of the Program will follow the following principles:

- a. the Federation will maintain its mobile app and provide access to it free to all individual members;
- b. the Federation will endeavor to resource member local unions in discount solicitation by providing support, training, and materials necessary to formalize discounts and partnerships;
- c. the Federation will endeavor to secure high-value discounts that are regional or provincial in scope to supplement the local-specific discounts secured and maintained by member local unions; and
- d. the Federation will provide materials to assist in the promotion of the Program on campus and on social media.

2. Solicitors

Through coordination with member local unions, the Federation will train individuals to solicit discounts for the Program. The officially-recognised solicitation season will be from March to July in preparation for the next academic year; however, new discounts may be added to the app year-round. Individuals doing this work on a voluntary basis or outside their role on their local board of directors may apply for remuneration from the Federation; payment will be issued on a tiered commission basis by cheque at the end of the solicitation season. Remuneration provided will be based on the value of the discount, as determined by the Federation in consultation with the respective member local union.

Discount Type	Amount
<u>New Discounts</u>	
satisfactory value	\$10
good value	\$15
excellent value	\$20

Renewals and Bonuses

renewal of existing discount	\$5
renewal of existing discount at higher value	+\$5
multiple year contract	+\$2 per additional year

3. Non-Member Participation

Students who are not members of the Federation may use the app for a cost of \$15.00 per year. Registration and payment will be facilitated directly within the app, based on the rules of Google Play and Apple's App Store. A non-member students' union that wishes to partner with the Federation to provide the Program to its members may negotiate a participation fee with the Executive Committee.

Be it further resolved that subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

2020/01:28 MOTION TO REFER
Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:27 be referred to Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

2020/01:27 REFERRED

13. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce made a series of logistical announcements.

14. RECESS

2020/01:29 MOTION
Local 17/Local 1

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 10:00 on Sunday, January 19.

CARRIED

20:24 the meeting recessed.

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CLOSING PLENARY – Sunday, January 19, 2020

10:20 the meeting was called back to order by Plenary Speaker Hashemi.

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Prospective Members–Quest University Students' Association	Present

Quorum was declared to have been achieved.

2. PRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS' CAUCUS REPORT

Indigenous Students' Representative Hernandez reported on work of the Caucus during the general meeting.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2020/01:30

MOTION

Local 2/Local 6

Be it resolved that the 2018-19 audited financial statements be approved.

CARRIED

2020/01:31

MOTION

Local 10/Local 14

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny LLP be appointed as the auditor for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

CARRIED

2020/01:32

MOTION

Local 16/Local 6

Be it resolved that the 2019-20 revised budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2020/01:33

MOTION

Local 12/Quest University Students' Association

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to amend policy on mobile app partnership

2020/01:13

MOTION

Local 6/Local 17

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2020/01:25

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2020/01:27

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Be it further resolved that subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

2020/01:34

MOTION

Local 16/Local 4

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

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICES FORUM REPORT

The Services Forum will present its report for consideration by the plenary.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS FORUM REPORT

2020/01:15

MOTION

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DEFEATED**2020/01:21****MOTION**

Local 15/Local 17

Whereas statistics of gender-based violence in post-secondary institutions have not improved since the 1970s and has become a high profile issue within Canada through the provincial mandating of sexualized violence policies and larger social movements since #MeToo; and

Whereas issues that contribute to anti-violence work require expertise in survivor-centered, trauma-informed language and approaches that differ from issues of affordability that student groups typically engage in; and

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Whereas many post-secondary institutions and student groups in British Columbia do not have the capacity or expertise to provide campus communities with the educational resources needed to advance the elimination of gender-based violence; and

Whereas community organisations that employ experts in front line advocacy related to gender-based violence struggle with a similar lack of capacity as well as funding to create and implement resources specific for campuses; and

Whereas rural campuses face the added challenges in supporting members facing gender-based violence, including difficulty maintaining confidentiality in small communities and lack of access to organisational resources that would otherwise be available in larger metropolitan centres; and

Whereas the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training hosted a conference in June 2019 in which students and post-secondary administrators identified a need for education resources such as workshops that discuss applied consent, colonialism and processes of disclosure and reporting specific to their institution, as well as include issues related to queer, Indigenous, and international students; and

Whereas the working group struck by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training to address this need has determined that creating resources is beyond the scope of the working group and instead will focus on grading the resources that currently exist for their quality; and

Whereas Students for Consent Culture Canada (SFCC), the country's only national student-survivor led organisation, is currently undertaking a project to create an education toolkit that will meet the everchanging needs of diverse student populations across the country that will function to create or supplement their own sexual violence trainings and workshops, including facilitation guides, activities, and other resources as well as the assistance of representatives of SFCC; and

Whereas the work of anti-violence advocacy is highly gendered, and that this labour is often unpaid or underpaid, which particularly affects women of Indigenous, racialised, queer, and disabled communities; and

Whereas support to create a much-needed education toolkit that would be adaptable to the needs of BC campuses would acknowledge the anti-violence labour undertaken by SFCC that has and will continue to benefit BC students; and

Whereas the 2019 campaigns plan identified SFCC as a partner in eliminating gender-based violence; therefore

Be it resolved that the \$2,000 be contributed towards the Students for Consent Culture project of the creation of an education toolkit for campuses; and

Be it further resolved that individual member local unions be encouraged to reach out to Students for Consent Culture to provide recommendations on what would be useful for this project; and

Be it further resolved that individual member local unions be encouraged to provide contributions towards Students for Consent Culture's creation of an education toolkit.

CARRIED

2020/01:23

MOTION

Local 15/Local 17

Whereas despite the Federation's ongoing work of supporting members, period poverty continues to affect members and students across the province; and

Whereas at the Federation's July 2019 general meeting delegates voted to endorse the Period Promise campaign; and

Whereas the Federation's Executive Committee has signed and implemented the Period Promise Policy Agreement;

Whereas Issues Policy is an important tool which directs the Federation's advocacy work; therefore

Be it resolved the following policy be adopted as Social Issues Policy, to support the ongoing access to menstrual products and the end of period poverty for our members and campus society as a whole.

Access to Menstrual Products

Preamble

Period poverty is the lack of access to menstrual products due to financial limitations which affect girls, women, and trans and non-binary people who cannot afford menstrual products for themselves or are

dependants of people who cannot afford menstrual products. Nearly one-quarter of Canadian females say they have struggled to afford menstrual health products for themselves or their children; this number increases for young people who have insecure or limited income.

People who are menstruating but do not have menstrual products available to them experience extreme social isolation by not being able to attend school, work, or community activities without experiencing stigma and shame. Further, people experiencing period poverty may use menstrual products for longer than their recommended time, or use unsanitary alternatives, thereby placing their health and security at risk.

Additionally, people are not required to bring their own toilet paper, paper towel, or soap when using public washrooms, nor are they expected to pay for it when in that space; menstruation is as unavoidable and natural as using the washroom. Menstrual products should be considered no different than other bathroom products and available in the same manner.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- the provision of menstrual products free of charge in all public washrooms;
- the inclusion of hygienic, private disposal units for used menstrual products in all public washrooms;
- the provision of diverse products in a variety of sizes and absorption ratings in recognition of the varying levels of menstrual flow and body shapes;
- the provision of preference to use organic, biodegradable, plastic free products with minimal packaging;
- the use of dispensers that ensure safety and hygiene of products while also assuring access to those with accessibility needs or limited mobility;
- the funding of on-campus provision of these products directly by universities, colleges, and institutes, where government mandates and funding don't exist; and
- the inclusion of free dispensers as a requirement in BC's building code.

The Federation opposes:

- the requirement of institutions to partner with students' unions or faculty associations to create ongoing, permanent funding for provision of free menstrual products in on-campus washrooms.

CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT

2020/01:35

MOTION

Local 6/Local 13

Be it resolved that Ali Poostizadeh (Local 12) be ratified as the Campaigns Coordinator for the 2020-21 term.

CARRIED

2020/01:36

MOTION

Local 2/Local 14

Be it resolved that Tanysha Klassen (Local 6) be ratified as the Chairperson for the 2020-21 term.

CARRIED

2020/01:37

MOTION

Local 15/Local 1

Be it resolved that Cody Isaac (Local 12) be ratified as the Indigenous Students' Representative for the 2020-21 term.

CARRIED

2020/01:38

MOTION

Local 13/Local 17

Be it resolved that Michael Gauld (Local 12) be ratified as the Secretary-Treasurer for the 2020-21 term.

CARRIED

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- 2020/01:39** **MOTION**
Local 12/Local 4
Be it resolved that McKenzie Hutchison (Local 13) be ratified as the Services Coordinator for the 2020-21 term.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:40** **MOTION**
Local 6/Local 10
Be it resolved that Melissa Chirino (Local 6) be ratified as the Women Students' Representative for the 2020-21 term.
CARRIED
- 2020/01:41** **MOTION**
Local 6/Local 20
Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee Report be adopted and the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 2020/01:42** **MOTION**
Local 2/Local 13
Whereas members of the BCFS at its 38th Annual General Meeting hosted a climate crisis panel on January 18th, 2020 that highlighted the urgency of action on climate justice; and
Whereas the current forest and bush fires raging in Australia have led to the deaths of over 1 Billion animals including 27 people, along with uncountable insects, bugs and flora, and have burned 80% of the Blue Mountains; and
Whereas there are similar situations around the globe that signal imminent danger, such as the recent death of at least 17 people in Afghanistan due to extreme cold and heavy snowfall, the high risk of flood in 20% of areas in Iran, a "Smog emergency" in Italy which has resulted in traffic bans, and extreme storms in the United States have lead to the death of 12 people; and
Whereas historically the BCFS has been on the forefront advocating for various social justice and environmental issues; and
Whereas we are now facing the largest social and environmental injustice of all time; therefore
Be it resolved that the BCFS acknowledges a climate emergency in response to the climate catastrophes that have taken place in the last week including the devastating loss of life due to the wildfires in Australia; and
Be it further resolved that the BCFS writes letters encouraging the Federal Government, Provincial Government, and regional and municipal governments to respond to the wildfires in Australia by further acting on mitigating climate change; and
Be it further resolved that the BCFS Executive Committee is directed to strike a working committee to research partnering with grassroots organizations engaging in climate activism and lobbying.
- 2020/01:43** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 13/Local 2
Be it resolved that the first clause of Motion 2020/01:42 be amended to read:
Be it resolved that the BCFS acknowledge a global state of climate emergency in response to the growing climate catastrophe including those taking place in the last week such as the devastating loss of wildlife and people in wildfires in Australia
CARRIED
- 2020/01:44** **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 12/Local 10
Be it resolved that Motion 2020/01:42 be amended to add the following clause:
Be it further resolved that all work pertaining to this motion supports and upholds the practices of the traditional knowledge keepers and healers of those nations and any actions are in direct consultation with the Indigenous nations of Australia.
- 2020/01:45** **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 13/Local 6

Be it resolved that the Motion 2020/01:44 be amended to read:

Be it further resolved that all work pertaining to this motion supports and upholds the practices of the traditional knowledge keepers and healers of those nations and any actions are in direct consultation with the Indigenous nations as appropriate.

CARRIED

2020/01:44 CARRIED AS AMENDED

2020/01:42 DEFEATED

8. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce made a series of logistical announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

2020/01:46 MOTION

Local 6/Local 5

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

11:25 the meeting adjourned.