

MINUTES

36th Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Thursday, January 11 to Sunday, January 14, 2018

OPENING PLENARY – Thursday, January 11

19:23 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Simka Marshall.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Marshall acknowledged the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nation, 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	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 09 Kwantlen Student Association	Absent
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 Northwest Community College 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

Quorum was declared to have been achieved.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER AND REVIEW OF PLENARY PROCEDURES

Marshall 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. She said the Executive Committee was recommending that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the Plenary Speaker for the general meeting. She 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.

2018/01:001 MOTION

Local 20/Local 6

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be ratified as the plenary speaker of the 36th annual general meeting.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

2018/01:002 MOTION

Local 13/Local 1

Be it resolved that the plenary agenda for the 36th Annual General Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

2018/01:003 MOTION

Local 16/Local 4

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 36th 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. He said that Internal Affairs Policy G-2 (b) states “at each general meeting of the Federation, plenary shall strike a harassment grievances committee and ratify its members.” He said that the Committee shall be comprised of two women and one man and that two of the members shall be selected by Women's Caucus and the third shall be selected by plenary.

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

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

Local 14 delegate Brandon Tanner nominated himself.

A secret ballot vote was conducted and Local 4 delegate Dandiwal was elected.

2018/01:004 MOTION

Local 16/Local 13

Be it resolved that Local 6 delegate Tracy Ho, Local 16 delegate Valerie Skaliky, and Local 4 delegate Harman Dandiwal be ratified as members of the Harassment Grievances Committee.

CARRIED

c. Presentation by the Staff Relations Officer

Chairperson Marshall, who served as the Federation's Staff Relations Officer, provided 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 72nd SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

2018/01:005 MOTION

Local 20/Local 4

Be it resolved that the minutes of the 72nd 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 16 delegate Jenelle Davies nominated Local 17 delegate Michel Turcotte. Turcotte accepted the nomination.

Local 6 delegate Telka Pesklevits nominated Local 1 delegate Brianne Berchowitz. Berchowitz accepted the nomination.

- 2018/01:006 MOTION**
Local 15/Local 17
Be it resolved that Executive Officer Michael Olson, Local 1 delegate Brianne Berchowitz, and Local 17 delegate Michel Turcotte 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 G-3 the following committees are automatically struck:

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

b. Adoption of Committee Agendas

- 2018/01:007 MOTION**
Local 14/Local 5
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Campaigns Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

- 2018/01:008 MOTION**
Local 14/Local 5
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Finance Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

- 2018/01:009 MOTION**
Local 14/Local 5
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Organisational and Services Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

- 2018/01:010 MOTION**
Local 14/Local 5
Be it resolved that the agenda for the Policy Review and Development Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

Marshall noted that no motions would likely be referred to Policy Review and Development Committee and encouraged delegates to attend committees that would have business to discuss.

10. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

a. Consideration of Motions Served by Member Locals

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

- 2018/01:011 MOTION**
Local 6/Local 17
Whereas mental health is a huge barrier to students starting and completing their education, gaining meaningful employment, and having a good quality of life; and
Whereas mental health services in British Columbia are woefully inadequate to provide the level of care people require in society; and
Whereas mental health services on campuses are some of the first to be reduced or eliminated because of budget shortfalls and lack of post-secondary education funding; and
Whereas 3 out of 4 children that have been diagnosed with mental health conditions are not receiving the resources they need; and

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Whereas mental health and addictions cost our province \$6.6 billion dollars each year; and
Whereas early prevention and early intervention is key in helping those who need support; and
Whereas BC lacks in both crisis and addiction services and those services that do exist are either full or run through a privatized system; and

Whereas the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has launched the b4stage4 campaign that calls on government to invest in an accessible and preventative mental health support system; therefore

Be it resolved that the CMHA's b4stage4 campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with the Canadian Mental Health Association to produce materials for the campaign.

2018/01:012 MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:011 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:011 REFERRED

2018/01:013 MOTION

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas Canadians pay some of the highest prices for cellphone among the G7 nations and Australia; and

Whereas the big three telecoms (Bell, Rogers, and Telus) block smaller and more affordable independent providers from using services; and

Whereas Open Media is advocating to reduce the barriers to internet access caused by unaffordable plans and the removal of data caps in all provinces; and

Whereas nearly one in five Canadians do not have a home internet connection, and low income homes are forced to be mobile-only, and more vulnerable to telecoms and their punitive data caps and unfairly high prices; and

Whereas that these high prices disproportionately impact rural, remote, and indigenous communities and their access to information; and

Whereas the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has opened consultation that could increase competition by opening up the big three telecoms networks to mobile virtual network operators (independent startup companies); and

Whereas Open Media has launched a campaign called *Lower my Cellphone Bill* to encourage individuals to participate in the CRTC's consultation on cellphone prices; therefore

Be it resolved that Open Media's *Lower my Cellphone Bill* campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to promote the *Lower my Cellphone Bill* on their campuses.

2018/01:014 MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:013 be referred to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:013 REFERRED

2018/01:015 MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas the Federation regularly adheres to accounting processes originally designed for for-profit entities rather than non-profit societies; and

Whereas the Federation does not employ a system of deferred capital contributions, which would lessen the impact of depreciation on the Federation's income statement; and

Whereas the Federation's office space is expected to hold its value in the long-term; and

Whereas the Federation has only three categories for capitalization and that this does not include categories for capital upgrades or furniture; therefore

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section D, Article 9 be amended to read:

7. Capitalization

Capital assets will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

- Property/Building 35 years
- Furniture 10 years
- Copiers/telephones 5 years
- Computers and Office Equipment 3 years

One full year's amortization shall be recorded in the year of purchase. Capital assets with a value of less than \$750 shall be recorded as expenses in their year of purchase. Land value shall not be amortized but shall be represented by the greater of the book value recorded at the time of purchase or the land value stated in the property tax assessment.

2018/01:016 MOTION TO REFER
Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:015 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:015 REFERRED

2018/01:017 MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY
Local 6/Local 17

Whereas it is the Federation's practice to allow member local staff participation in Executive Committee meetings so long as staff are in attendance in order to resource the members' representative from their member local union; and

Whereas the existing conventions and protocols arose from a discussion by the Executive Committee in 2009 about the extent and geographical equity of staff participation, but were never translated into policy; and

Whereas a lack of clear policy has created confusion about the rules and how they are applied; therefore

Be it resolved that the Internal Affairs Policy Section L be amended to add:

5. Local Staff and Observer Participation

- a. Each member local union may select one staff person to attend each regular meeting of the Executive Committee at which the respective Members' Representative is present. The Federation shall pay for accommodation and travel costs for the local's staff person to attend regular meetings subject to Federation statutes governing travel costs and reimbursements.
- b. Should a Members' Representative be unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, a member local union may delegate an alternate member of the Local's board of directors to attend the meeting as an observer. The Federation shall pay for the accommodation and travel costs for the observer to attend regular meetings subject to Federation's statutes governing travel costs and reimbursements.

2018/01:018 MOTION TO REFER
Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:017 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:017 REFERRED

2018/01:019 MOTION
Local 16/Local 17

Whereas the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is owned by the ISIC Association, a global organization based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and

Whereas the distribution in Canada has been assigned to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services (CFS-S), which is meant to negotiate national discounts and facilitate distribution of the card; and

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Whereas the actual work to distribute cards and negotiate local discounts falls to the CFS-S' member local associations; and

Whereas since 2014 the CFS-S has failed to complete the necessary work to ensure the distribution system is operational and functions effectively; and

Whereas since 2014 the CFS-S has failed to negotiate meaningful national discounts and has failed to renew past discounts (like those with Softmoc or Body Shop) that had provided value to the ISIC in Canada; and

Whereas the Federation has invested significant resources to make the ISIC useful in British Columbia; and

Whereas not only has CFS-S failed to support the Federation's work on the ISIC in BC, but has actively undermined the Federation's work by interfering in provincial discount renewal and attempting to prevent member local unions for distributing the card to members; and

Whereas the Federation's and member locals' experience attempting to operate the ISIC service in the past three years has proved that the ISIC is being under-resourced by CFS-S; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the ISIC Association making clear that BCFS and its member locals are no longer able to support the ISIC program due to the failure of CFS-S to create and maintain a functioning issuing system, and that BCFS member local unions will only continue to distribute the ISIC if granted authority over distribution in BC; and

Be it further resolved that provincial ISIC discount solicitation and local ISIC discount solicitation coordination be suspended; and

Be it further resolved that ISIC distribution support and coordination be suspended as of August 31, 2018; and

Be it further resolved that a provincial discount program available to all members be developed using an online platform, virtual card and stickers for institutional student cards.

2018/01:020

MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:019 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:019

REFERRED

2018/01:021

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas Canada is the only developed country in the world with a universal health care program that doesn't include a universal prescriptions, resulting in a multiple-payer system that has the second highest prescription drug costs in the world next to the United States.

Whereas at least 3.5 million Canadians are estimated to have no coverage for prescriptions, and even many with coverage have incredibly high co-pays or deductibles.

Whereas there is very little in the way of subsidy that exists and it varies wildly from province to province.

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives estimates that pharmacare would mean almost an \$11 billion a year in savings for federal, provincial, and territorial governments as well as the private sector and individual Canadians.

Be it resolved that the Canadian Labour Congress' campaign *A Plan for Everyone* be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a letter of support be written to the Canadian Labour Congress, including a request for information on how the Federation can be more involved; and

Be it further resolved that national pharmacare coverage be included in the Federation's federal lobby document; and

Be it further resolved the member locals be encourage to support the campaign and hold signature drives for *A Plan for Everyone* at www.aplanforeveryone.ca.

- 2018/01:022 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 16/Local 12
Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:021 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED
- 2018/01:021 REFERRED**
- 2018/01:023 MOTION**
Local 16/Local 17
Whereas current elections in Canada and British Columbia are conducted with the first-past-the-post system which allows for a candidate to be elected without reaching the majority of support; and
Whereas many say that the first-past-the-post system leads to citizens being forced to vote for a strategic candidate, a candidate that could beat an incumbent, over a candidate they would like to support; and
Whereas proportional representation is any voting system designed to produce a representative body (like a parliament, legislature, or council) in which the number of seats is proportional to the share of votes obtained by each representative or party; and
Whereas the British Columbia government will be holding a referendum on proportional representation in 2018 and has committed to educate and campaign for a yes vote; therefore
Be it resolved that the Federation join the Fair Vote Coalition and endorse the call for proportional voting in British Columbia; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation work with Fair Vote to produce student specific materials for campaigning on campus for the 2018 referendum; and
Be it further resolved that the Federation work with Fair Vote Canada and other coalition partners to lobby the Federal government to use proportional representation in the next federal election.
- 2018/01:024 MOTION TO REFER**
Local 16/Local 12
Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:023 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.
CARRIED
- 2018/01:023 REFERRED**
- 2018/01:025 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW**
Local 16/Local 17
Whereas the Federation has historically relied on “phone-around votes” in place of conducting teleconferences as a means to making decisions between Executive Committee meeting; and
Whereas “phone-around votes” leave no provision for group discussions or debates on a matter, and are simply a means to vote yes or not to a resolution; and
Whereas there are currently no provisions for holding any sort of emergency teleconference or videoconference meeting of the Executive Committee; and
Whereas teleconference or videoconference meetings of the Executive Committee may create opportunities for greater participation in decision-making and increased information flow among the organization’s directors; therefore
Be it resolved that Bylaw 5.4 be amended to read:
5.4 Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee
a. The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than four (4) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.
b. At least fifty one per cent (51%), but never less than three (3), of the currently filled Executive Committee positions shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business.

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- c. Formal notice of regular Executive Committee meetings shall be provided by e-mail or otherwise delivered to each member of the Executive Committee, and each member local union no less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting is to take place.
- d. Regular Executive Committee meetings shall be formally scheduled by:
 - the Executive Committee;
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer in the absence of a prior Executive Committee resolution; or
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, at the direction in writing of six (6) members of the Executive Committee.
- e. The Executive Committee shall only exclude members or staff of the Federation's member local unions from its meetings by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, or by a simple majority when moving in-camera.
- f. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Executive Committee meetings.
- g. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote on any resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5 be amended to add:

5.5 Executive Committee Teleconference/Videoconference Meetings

- a. The Executive Committee may meet by teleconference or videoconference between regularly scheduled in-person meetings.
- b. Teleconference or videoconference meetings of the Executive Committee shall be formally scheduled by:
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer; or
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, at the direction in writing of four (4) members of the Executive Committee.
- c. Notice of a teleconference or videoconference meeting shall be provided by e-mail to each member of the Executive Committee not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- d. Provision outlined in Bylaw 5.4, clauses e., f., and g. shall apply to teleconference or videoconference meetings.
- e. Should a one-third (1/3) of voting members of the Executive Committee object to a teleconference or videoconference being held, as demonstrated by a submission in writing to the Chairperson by e-mail, the proposed teleconference or videoconference meeting shall not proceed, and matters scheduled for discussion at the meeting shall be referred to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5.5 Remuneration of Executive Committee Members be renumbered Bylaw 5.6; and

Be it further resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section L, Executive Committee Meetings, be amended to delete Article 4, "Phone Around" Motions; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4, "Phone Around" Motions be repealed, and subsequent standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

2018/01:026

MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:025 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:025

REFERRED

2018/01:027

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas net neutrality is a principle that internet service providers must treat all data on the internet the same, and not discriminate or change it for different users, content, websites, platforms, etc; and

Whereas net neutrality blocks telecommunications companies from doing things such as intentionally blocking, slowing down, or charging additional fees for specific online content; and
 Whereas there is an important battle for the Internet taking place in the United States wherein the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) plans on eliminating Net Neutrality; and
 Whereas Congress is intending to have a vote on allowing FCC to eliminate net neutrality; and
 Whereas that would allow Big Telecoms in the United States to do things like carve internet packages into packages for specific usages, promote their content over others, and charge people to pay extra for specific serves; and
 Whereas about 70% of the world's internet traffic gets routed through the United States, without net neutrality there would be no guarantees that content would be given equal treatment; and
 Whereas the elimination of net neutrality could cause a devastating domino effect in other countries as internet service providers try and compete; therefore

Be it resolved the Federation endorse the *The World for the Web* campaign created by Open Media; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the campaign by encouraging signatures at act.openmedia.org/worldfortheweb.

2018/01:028 MOTION TO REFER
 Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:027 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:027 REFERRED

2018/01:029 MOTION
 Local 13/Local 17

Whereas many members have a difficult time securing tenants insurance; and
 Whereas many insurance providers offer packages that are not relevant to the needs of student renters; and
 Whereas tenants insurance is incredibly important and becoming more and more mandatory in rental units across the province; and
 Whereas many students have challenges finding low-cost insurance provided by companies that are not predatory and do not overcharge students for products they do not need; therefore
 Be it resolved the Federation investigate the feasibility of providing tenants insurance to our members; and
 Be it further resolved the findings of the research be reported back to members at the next general meeting.

2018/01:030 MOTION TO REFER
 Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:029 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:029 REFERRED

2018/01:031 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, POLICY AND STANDING RESOLUTION
 Local 13/Local 17

Whereas 'Aboriginal' has become an outdated term; and
 Whereas many in the community prefer the term Indigenous; and
 Whereas the term Indigenous forces the Governments to acknowledge the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and
 Whereas the Federation's bylaws use the term Aboriginal throughout and have a representative named the 'Aboriginal Students' Representative' and a caucus named the Aboriginal Students' Caucus; therefore

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Be it resolved that the term 'Aboriginal' be changed to Indigenous in all applicable policies, bylaws, and standing resolutions; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Students' Representative be changed to the Indigenous Students' Representative; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Caucus be renamed Indigenous Students' Caucus.

2018/01:032

MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:031 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:031

REFERRED

2018/01:033

MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY

Local 13/Local 17

Whereas the Federation adopted a requirement to budget for a contingency in the 1990's when the organization's finances were far less stable than they are currently, and the organization did not have a healthy amount of cash equity; and

Whereas the Federation current requirement to budget for a contingency has created institutionalized annual surpluses that have contributed to a large amount of cash equity; and

Whereas the Federation's ongoing requirement for a budgeted contingency has led in recent years to artificial projected deficits; and

Whereas budgeting for a deficit due to the requirement for budget for a contingency equal to 3% of projected revenue is counter-productive; and

Whereas a contingency line based on 3% of projected revenue leads to an over-estimation of revenue thereby making the contingency allocation redundant; therefore

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section D, Article 8 be amended to read:

8. Contingency

The Federation shall maintain not less than \$750,000 in cash net assets as a contingency against interruptions in revenue and unforeseen expenses. Should the Federation's net assets fall to less than \$750,000, the Federation shall incorporate a planned surplus of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in its annual budget until the minimum cash net assets are restored.

2018/01:034

MOTION TO REFER

Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:033 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:033

REFERRED

2018/01:035

MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas the Federation relies on effective campaigns towards its ultimate goal of universal affordable accessible quality post-secondary education; and

Whereas the absence of campaign work to this end discredits the necessity and effectiveness of the Federation to not only the membership, but also coalition partners and our enemies; and

Whereas tuition remains the most immediate barrier towards accessing a post-secondary education in British Columbia; and

Whereas during this period of de-federating from the Canadian Federation of Students it is vital that we demonstrate how student organizing ought to operate and what the Federation's values are; and

Whereas in the past the Federation has consistently campaigned for: lower tuition fees, increasing grants for students, increased funding for post-secondary institutions and the removal of student loan interest with campaigns such as Squash the Squeeze and Education Shouldn't Be Debt Sentence; and

Whereas the Federation does not have a campaign to address tuition specifically; therefore,
Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy to be prepared by the Executive Committee for the Summer 2018 general meeting include a central campaign calling for a freeze or reduction of tuition fees in British Columbia.

2018/01:036 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:035 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:035 **REFERRED**

2018/01:037 **MOTION**

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas the BC Federation of Students is committed to supporting Indigenous students across the province; and

Whereas the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training stated in her mandate letters to post-secondary institutions last year that the government is committed to reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia and fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

Whereas not all post-secondary institutions are signed on to implementing the UNDRIP Protocols on Education; and

Whereas there are 7 calls to action regarding Education from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to Minister of Advanced Education Mark requesting an update on the progress of the adoption and implementation across the province; and

Be it further resolved that the BC Federation of Students commit to holding institutions accountable to committing to the UNDRIP protocols and the TRC's Calls to Action by requesting that Minister Mark outline such an expectation to post-secondary institutions in writing.

2018/01:038 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:037 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:037 **REFERRED**

2018/01:039 **MOTION**

Local 1/Local 17

Whereas the Living Positive Resource Centre has reached out for student support on a petition for the provincial government regarding the lack of sexual health and STI services in the interior of BC;

Whereas most of those services were shut down in 2012 due to a lack of funding.

Whereas student members often do not have a healthcare provider;

Whereas student members often do not feel comfortable discussing their gender identity or sexuality with their healthcare provider if they have one;

Whereas the petition is already endorsed by Pacific AIDS Network, Community Based Research for Gay Men's Health, Options for Sexual Health, ANKORS, ASK Wellness Society, Living Positive Resource Centre and Kelowna District Pro-Choice Action Society on board with the Men's Health Initiative;

Whereas the petition language is as follows:

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Increase Sexual Health and STI Services in BC's Interior

Whereas there is a lack of safe, non-judgmental and confidential sexual health and sexual transmitted infection (STI) services including but not limited to prevention, testing and treatment with the Interior of BC for people who:

- 1) Do not have a healthcare provider;
- 2) Do not feel comfortable discussing their sexuality with the healthcare provider they have.
- 3) Do not feel comfortable discussing their gender identity with the healthcare provider they have;
- 4) Do not have a healthcare number

We, the citizens of British Columbia, petition for sexual health and sexually transmitted services that are safe, non-judgmental and confidential.

Be it resolved that the Living Positive Resource Centre's campaign to increase sexual health and STI services in BC's interior be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged provide copies of the petition for members to sign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to advertise the petition through social media channels.

2018/01:040 MOTION TO REFER
Local 16/Local 12

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:039 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:039 REFERRED

b. Consideration of Motions Served by the Executive Committee

Hashemi said that the following motions had been submitted by the Executive Committee for consideration at the meeting, and that they would require a mover and seconder.

2018/01:041 MOTION TO EXPEL MEMBER LOCAL UNION
Local 14/Local 10

Whereas the Federation has entered an agreement with the Kwantlen Student Association to expel the local as a resolution to an outstanding legal challenge brought against the Federation by the Kwantlen Student Association; and

Whereas the Federation has acted in good faith to uphold its bylaws and the principles under which it operates, and has found it impossible to do so without incurring tens of thousands in legal expenses that ultimately come from the membership fees paid by members across the province; and

Whereas the Federation does not believe that the structure and culture of the member local at Kwantlen make it possible to have a functional relationship with members at that institution under the current structure of the organization, regardless of how members may vote in a membership referendum: therefore

Be it resolved that Local 9–Kwantlen Student Association be expelled.

CARRIED

2018/01:042 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 14/Local 10

Whereas the Executive Committee has submitted a motion to expel Local 9–Kwantlen Student Association; and

Whereas should Local 9 be expelled, the Representative–Local 9 Members position on the Executive Committee becomes redundant; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V Article 5.2 be amended to strike Representative–Local 9 Members.

2018/01:043 MOTION TO REFER
Local 10/Local 17

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:042 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:042 REFERRED

2018/01:044 MOTION TO ADOPT INTERNAL POLICY
Local 14/Local 10

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- c. a fee will be charged to member local unions participating in the service to offset the costs incurred by the Federation in providing access to the mobile app.;
- d. the Federation will secure a contract with OOHLALA Mobile Inc. that ensures participating member local unions will receive timely customer service from a dedicated community manager for the Federation’s account; and,
- e. should a member local union indicate that they will not participate in the service, and not use their allocated access to the mobile app., the Federation may alter its contract with OOHLALA Mobile Inc. to remove the access purchased on behalf of that member local union and thereby reduce its costs.

2. Fee schedule

Participating member locals’ share of the cost of the application shall be determined by the size of membership. The annual fee amount shall be broken down as follows:

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<1,000	\$500
1,001-4,000	\$3,500
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These costs represent a fraction of the market value of the OOHLALA mobile app if purchased individually by a member local or institution administration. In all cases it represents a discount of more than 50%.

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3. Exclusive Access

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4. Sunset Clause

This policy shall expire by July 2019 unless renewed at a general meeting.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent policies be renumbered accordingly.

2018/01:045

MOTION TO REFER

Local 12/Local 14

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:044 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:044

REFERRED

2018/01:046

MOTION TO ADOPT INTERNAL POLICY

Local 14/Local 10

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Whereas the Federation initiated a service for the bulk coordination of purchasing of swag and promotional materials in summer 2016; and

Whereas the bulk purchasing service for swag and promotional materials has been continued in the 2017-18 membership year; and

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- c. charges to member local unions participating in the service will be in the form of per item pricing that takes into account economies of scale with all participating locals, and provides for applicable set-up charges and taxes;
- d. selection of materials available through the service will be undertaken in consultation with the Federation's service providers, and will focus on items that are:
 - i. high in quality;
 - ii. cost effective and realize the Federation's goal of an economy of scale;
 - iii. support the ethical goals of the Federation; and
 - iv. include a range of items that provide a tangible benefit to individual members rather than single-use items that create unnecessary waste;
- e. to facilitate participation in the service, the Federation will create an online store to catalogue options and collect orders;

- f. charges to member local unions for items ordered will be divided into two payments, one due 30-days after the order is placed, and a final payment due 30-days after final delivery of produces ordered.

2. Schedule of Service

The Federation will open the online store for purchase twice a year in order to fulfill order deliveries at the beginning of January and end of August each year.

3. Delivery Costs

The Federation will cover the cost of delivery charges for items ordered through the service.

4. Non-Member Students' Union Participation

Non-member students' unions may participate in the service and shall be charged the full cost of their participation, including delivery charges for items ordered.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent policies be renumbered accordingly.

2018/01:047 MOTION TO REFER
Local 4/Local 14

Be it resolved that Motion-2018/01:046 be referred to the Organizational and Services Development Committee.

CARRIED

2018/01:046 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

2018/01:048 MOTION TO RECESS
Local 13/Local 1

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 10:00 on Sunday, January 14.

CARRIED

20:22 the meeting recessed.

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CLOSING PLENARY – Sunday, January 14

10:17 the meeting was called to order by Plenary Speaker Hashemi.

1. 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 Northwest Community College 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

Quorum was declared to have been achieved.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/01:049 MOTION

Local 6/Local 5

Be it resolved that the 2016-17 audited financial statements be approved.

CARRIED

2018/01:050 MOTION

Local 14/Local 15

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny LLP be appointed as the auditor for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

CARRIED

2018/01:051 MOTION

Local 17/Local 12

Be it resolved that the 2017-18 revised budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2018/01:052 MOTION

Local 12/Local 20

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION OF THE POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No Policy Review and Development Committee Report was presented.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to Address Issues with ISIC Program Administration

2018/01:019 MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is owned by the ISIC Association, a global organization based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and

Whereas the distribution in Canada has been assigned to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services (CFS-S), which is meant to negotiate national discounts and facilitate distribution of the card; and

Whereas the actual work to distribute cards and negotiate local discounts falls to the CFS-S' member local associations; and

Whereas since 2014 the CFS-S has failed to complete the necessary work to ensure the distribution system is operational and functions effectively; and

Whereas since 2014 the CFS-S has failed to negotiate meaningful national discounts and has failed to renew past discounts (like those with Softmoc or Body Shop) that had provided value to the ISIC in Canada; and

Whereas the Federation has invested significant resources to make the ISIC useful in British Columbia; and

Whereas not only has CFS-S failed to support the Federation's work on the ISIC in BC, but has actively undermined the Federation's work by interfering in provincial discount renewal and attempting to prevent member local unions for distributing the card to members; and

Whereas the Federation's and member locals' experience attempting to operate the ISIC service in the past three years has proved that the ISIC is being under-resourced by CFS-S; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the ISIC Association making clear that BCFS and its member locals are no longer able to support the ISIC program due to the failure of CFS-S to create and maintain a functioning issuing system, and that BCFS member local unions will only continue to distribute the ISIC if granted authority over distribution in BC; and

Be it further resolved that provincial ISIC discount solicitation and local ISIC discount solicitation coordination be suspended; and

Be it further resolved that ISIC distribution support and coordination be suspended as of August 31, 2018; and

Be it further resolved that a provincial discount program available to all members be developed using an online platform, virtual card and stickers for institutional student cards.

CARRIED

b. Proposals to Adopt Internal Policies on Services

2018/01:046 MOTION TO ADOPT INTERNAL POLICY

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CARRIED

c. Proposal to Investigate Including Tenants’ Insurance with Insurance Purchasing Consortium

2018/01:029

MOTION

Local 13/Local 17

Whereas many members have a difficult time securing tenants insurance; and

Whereas many insurance providers offer packages that are not relevant to the needs of student renters; and

Whereas tenants insurance is incredibly important and becoming more and more mandatory in rental units across the province; and

Whereas many students have challenges finding low-cost insurance provided by companies that are not predatory and do not overcharge students for products they do not need; therefore

Be it resolved the Federation investigate the feasibility of providing tenants insurance to our members; and

Be it further resolved the findings of the research be reported back to members at the next general meeting.

CARRIED

d. Proposal to Amend Amortization Policy

2018/01:015

MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas the Federation regularly adheres to accounting processes originally designed for for-profit entities rather than non-profit societies; and

Whereas the Federation does not employ a system of deferred capital contributions, which would lessen the impact of depreciation on the Federation’s income statement; and

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Whereas the Federation's office space is expected to hold its value in the long-term; and

Whereas the Federation has only three categories for capitalization and that this does not include categories for capital upgrades or furniture; therefore

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section D, Article 9 be amended to read:

7. Capitalization

Capital assets will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

- Property/Building 35 years
- Furniture 10 years
- Copiers/telephones 5 years
- Computers and Office Equipment 3 years

One full year's amortization shall be recorded in the year of purchase. Capital assets with a value of less than \$750 shall be recorded as expenses in their year of purchase. Land value shall not be amortized but shall be represented by the greater of the book value recorded at the time of purchase or the land value stated in the property tax assessment.

CARRIED

e. Proposal to Develop Policy on Local Staff Attendance at Executive Committee Meetings

2018/01:017 MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas it is the Federation's practice to allow member local staff participation in Executive Committee meetings so long as staff are in attendance in order to resource the members' representative from their member local union; and

Whereas the existing conventions and protocols arose from a discussion by the Executive Committee in 2009 about the extent and geographical equity of staff participation, but were never translated into policy; and

Whereas a lack of clear policy has created confusion about the rules and how they are applied; therefore

Be it resolved that the Internal Affairs Policy Section L be amended to add:

5. Local Staff and Observer Participation

- a. Each member local union may select one staff person to attend each regular meeting of the Executive Committee at which the respective Members' Representative is present. The Federation shall pay for accommodation and travel costs for the local's staff person to attend regular meetings subject to Federation statutes governing travel costs and reimbursements.
- b. Should a Members' Representative be unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, a member local union may delegate an alternate member of the Local's board of directors to attend the meeting as an observer. The Federation shall pay for the accommodation and travel costs for the observer to attend regular meetings subject to Federation's statutes governing travel costs and reimbursements.

2018/01:053 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 16/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion 2018/01:017 be amended to read:

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CARRIED

2018/01:017 CARRIED AS AMENDED

f. Proposal to Develop Policy for Emergency Meetings of the Executive Committee

2018/01:025 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas the Federation has historically relied on “phone-around votes” in place of conducting teleconferences as a means to making decisions between Executive Committee meeting; and

Whereas “phone-around votes” leave no provision for group discussions or debates on a matter, and are simply a means to vote yes or not to a resolution; and

Whereas there are currently no provisions for holding any sort of emergency teleconference or videoconference meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Whereas teleconference or videoconference meetings of the Executive Committee may create opportunities for greater participation in decision-making and increased information flow among the organization’s directors; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw 5.4 be amended to read:

5.4 Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee

- h. The Executive Committee shall meet in person no less than four (4) times per annum, exclusive of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled in conjunction with each general meeting, and these shall be deemed regular Executive Committee meetings.
- i. At least fifty one per cent (51%), but never less than three (3), of the currently filled Executive Committee positions shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business.
- j. Formal notice of regular Executive Committee meetings shall be provided by e-mail or otherwise delivered to each member of the Executive Committee, and each member local union no less than fourteen (14) days before the meeting is to take place.
- k. Regular Executive Committee meetings shall be formally scheduled by:
 - the Executive Committee;
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer in the absence of a prior Executive Committee resolution; or
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, at the direction in writing of six (6) members of the Executive Committee.
- l. The Executive Committee shall only exclude members or staff of the Federation’s member local unions from its meetings by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, or by a simple majority when moving in-camera.
- m. The most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Executive Committee meetings.
- n. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote on any resolution.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5 be amended to add:

5.5 Executive Committee Teleconference/Videoconference Meetings

- f. The Executive Committee may meet by teleconference or videoconference between regularly scheduled in-person meetings.
- g. Teleconference or videoconference meetings of the Executive Committee shall be formally scheduled by:
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer; or
 - the Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer, at the direction in writing of four (4) members of the Executive Committee.
- h. Notice of a teleconference or videoconference meeting shall be provided by e-mail to each member of the Executive Committee not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the meeting.
- i. Provision outlined in Bylaw 5.4, clauses e., f., and g. shall apply to teleconference or videoconference meetings.
- j. Should a one-third (1/3) of voting members of the Executive Committee object to a teleconference or videoconference being held, as demonstrated by a submission in writing

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to the Chairperson by e-mail, the proposed teleconference or videoconference meeting shall not proceed, and matters scheduled for discussion at the meeting shall be referred to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

Be it further resolved that Bylaw 5.5 Remuneration of Executive Committee Members be renumbered Bylaw 5.6; and

Be it further resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section L, Executive Committee Meetings, be amended to delete Article 4, "Phone Around" Motions; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 4, "Phone Around" Motions be repealed, and subsequent standing resolutions be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

g. Proposal to Update Language Regarding Indigenous Students

2018/01:031 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS, POLICY AND STANDING RESOLUTION

Local 13/Local 17

Whereas 'Aboriginal' has become an outdated term; and

Whereas many in the community prefer the term Indigenous; and

Whereas the term Indigenous forces the Governments to acknowledge the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas the Federation's bylaws use the term Aboriginal throughout and have a representative named the 'Aboriginal Students' Representative' and a caucus named the Aboriginal Students' Caucus; therefore

Be it resolved that the term 'Aboriginal' be changed to Indigenous in all applicable policies, bylaws, and standing resolutions; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Students' Representative be changed to the Indigenous Students' Representative; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Caucus be renamed Indigenous Students' Caucus.

CARRIED

h. Proposal to Amend Policy Regarding Budgeting Process

2018/01:033 MOTION TO AMEND INTERNAL AFFAIRS POLICY

Local 13/Local 17

Whereas the Federation adopted a requirement to budget for a contingency in the 1990s when the organization's finances were far less stable than they are currently, and the organization did not have a healthy amount of cash equity; and

Whereas the Federation current requirement to budget for a contingency has created institutionalized annual surpluses that have contributed to a large amount of cash equity; and

Whereas the Federation's ongoing requirement for a budgeted contingency has led in recent years to artificial projected deficits; and

Whereas budgeting for a deficit due to the requirement for budget for a contingency equal to 3% of projected revenue is counter-productive; and

Whereas a contingency line based on 3% of projected revenue leads to an over-estimation of revenue thereby making the contingency allocation redundant; therefore

Be it resolved that Internal Affairs Policy Section D, Article 8 be amended to read:

8. Contingency

The Federation shall maintain not less than \$750,000 in cash net assets as a contingency against interruptions in revenue and unforeseen expenses. Should the Federation's net assets fall to less than \$750,000, the Federation shall incorporate a planned surplus of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in its annual budget until the minimum cash net assets are restored.

CARRIED

i. Proposal to Amend Executive Committee Composition

2018/01:042 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Local 14/Local 10

Whereas the Executive Committee has submitted a motion to expel Local 9–Kwantlen Student Association; and

Whereas should Local 9 be expelled, the Representative–Local 9 Members position on the Executive Committee becomes redundant; therefore

Be it resolved that Bylaw V Article 5.2 be amended to strike Representative–Local 9 Members.

CARRIED

2018/01:054 MOTION

Local 1/Local 6

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

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Mental Health

2018/01:011 MOTION

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas mental health is a huge barrier to students starting and completing their education, gaining meaningful employment, and having a good quality of life; and

Whereas mental health services in British Columbia are woefully inadequate to provide the level of care people require in society; and

Whereas mental health services on campuses are some of the first to be reduced or eliminate because of budget shortfalls and lack of post-secondary education funding; and

Whereas 3 out of 4 children that have been diagnosed with mental health condition are not receiving the resources they need; and

Whereas mental health and additions cost our province \$6.6 billion dollars each year; and

Whereas early prevention and early intervention is key in helping those who need support; and

Whereas BC lacks in both crisis and addiction services and those services that do exist are either full or run through a privatized system; and

Whereas the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has launched the b4stage4 campaign that calls on government to invest in an accessible and preventative mental health support system; therefore

Be it resolved that the CMHA's b4stage4 campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with the Canadian Mental Health Association to produce materials for the campaign.

CARRIED

b. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Cellphone Bill Prices

2018/01:013 MOTION

Local 6/Local 17

Whereas Canadians pay some of the highest prices for cellphone among the G7 nations and Australia; and

Whereas the big three telecoms (Bell, Rogers, and Telus) block smaller and more affordable independent providers from using services; and

Whereas Open Media is advocating to reduce the barriers to internet access cause by unaffordable plans and the removal of data caps in all provinces; and

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Whereas nearly one in five Canadians do not have a home internet connection, and low income homes are forced to be mobile-only, and more vulnerable to telecoms and their punitive data caps and unfairly high prices; and

Whereas that these high prices disproportionately impact rural, remote, and indigenous communities and their access to information; and

Whereas the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has opened consultation that could increase competition by opening up the big three telecoms networks to mobile virtual network operators (independent startup companies); and

Whereas Open Media has launched a campaign called *Lower my Cellphone Bill* to encourage individuals to participate in the CRTC's consultation on cellphone prices; therefore

Be it resolved that Open Media's *Lower my Cellphone Bill* campaign be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to promote the *Lower my Cellphone Bill* on their campuses.

CARRIED

c. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Universal Pharmacare Coverage

2018/01:021

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas Canada is the only developed country in the world with a universal health care program that doesn't include a universal prescription, resulting in a multiple-payer system that has the second highest prescription drug costs in the world next to the United States.

Whereas at least 3.5 million Canadians are estimated to have no coverage for prescriptions, and even many with coverage have incredibly high co-pays or deductibles.

Whereas there is very little in the way of subsidy that exists and it varies wildly from province to province.

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives estimates that pharmacare would mean almost an \$11 billion a year in savings for federal, provincial, and territorial governments as well as the private sector and individual Canadians.

Be it resolved that the Canadian Labour Congress' campaign *A Plan for Everyone* be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a letter of support be written to the Canadian Labour Congress, including a request for information on how the Federation can be more involved; and

Be it further resolved that national pharmacare coverage be included in the Federation's federal lobby document; and

Be it further resolved the member locals be encourage to support the campaign and hold signature drives for A Plan for Everyone at www.aplanforeveryone.ca.

CARRIED

d. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Proportional Representation in BC's Electoral System

2018/01:023

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas current elections in Canada and British Columbia are conducted with the first-past-the-post system which allows for a candidate to be elected without reaching the majority of support; and

Whereas many say that the first-past-the-post system leads to citizens being forced to vote for a strategic candidate, a candidate that could beat an incumbent, over a candidate they would like to support; and

Whereas proportional representation is any voting system designed to produce a representative body (like a parliament, legislature, or council) in which the number of seats is proportional to the share of votes obtained by each representative or party; and

Whereas the British Columbia government will be holding a referendum on proportional representation in 2018 and has committed to educate and campaign for a yes vote; therefore

Be it resolved that the Federation join the Fair Vote Coalition and endorse the call for proportional voting in British Columbia; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with Fair Vote to produce student specific materials for campaigning on campus for the 2018 referendum; and

Be it further resolved that the Federation work with Fair Vote Canada and other coalition partners to lobby the Federal government to use proportional representation in the next federal election.

CARRIED

e. Proposal to Endorse Campaign on Net Neutrality

2018/01:027

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Whereas net neutrality is a principle that internet service providers must treat all data on the internet the same, and not discriminate or change it different for users, content, websites, platforms, etc; and

Whereas net neutrality blocks telecommunications companies from doing things such as intentionally blocking, slowing down, or charging additional fees for specific online content; and

Whereas there is an important battle for the Internet taking place in the United States wherein the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) plans on eliminating Net Neutrality; and

Whereas Congress is intending to have a vote on allowing FCC to eliminate net neutrality; and

Whereas that would allow Big Telecoms in the United States to do things like carve internet packages into packages for specific usages, promote their content over others, and charge people to pay extra for specific serves; and

Whereas about 70% of the world's internet traffic gets routed through the United States, without net neutrality there would be no guarantees that content would be given equal treatment; and

Whereas the elimination of net neutrality could cause a devastating domino effect in other countries as internet service provides try and compete; therefore

Be it resolved the Federation endorse the *The World for the Web* campaign created by Open Media; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to support the campaign by encouraging signatures at act.openmedia.org/worldfortheweb.

CARRIED

f. Proposal to Include Tuition Fees in the 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

2018/01:035

MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas the Federation relies on effective campaigns towards its ultimate goal of universal affordable accessible quality post-secondary education; and

Whereas the absence of campaign work to this end discredits the necessity and effectiveness of the Federation to not only the membership, but also coalition partners and our enemies; and

Whereas tuition remains the most immediate barrier towards accessing a post-secondary education in British Columbia; and

Whereas during this period of de-federating from the Canadian Federation of Students it is vital that we demonstrate how student organizing ought to operate and what the Federation's values are; and

Whereas in the past the Federation has consistently campaigned for: lower tuition fees, increasing grants for students, increased funding for post-secondary institutions and the removal of student loan interest with campaigns such as Squash the Squeeze and Education Shouldn't Be Debt Sentence; and

Whereas the Federation does not have a campaign to address tuition specifically; therefore,

Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 Campaigns and Government Relations Strategy to be prepared by the Executive Committee for the Summer 2018 general meeting include a central campaign calling for a freeze or reduction of tuition fees in British Columbia.

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2018/01:055 MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

Local 06/Local 16

Be it resolved that the Motion (2018/01:035) to post-pone indefinitely.

CARRIED

2018/01:035 POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

g. Proposal to Investigate BC Government Implementation of UNDRIP Protocols in Education

2018/01:037 MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Whereas the BC Federation of Students is committed to supporting Indigenous students across the province; and

Whereas the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training stated in her mandate letters to post-secondary institutions last year that the government is committed to reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia and fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

Whereas not all post-secondary institutions are signed on to implementing the UNDRIP Protocols on Education; and

Whereas there are 7 calls to action regarding Education from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to Minister of Advanced Education Mark requesting an update on the progress of the adoption and implementation across the province; and

Be it further resolved that the BC Federation of Students commit to holding institutions accountable to committing to the UNDRIP protocols and the TRC's Calls to Action by requesting that Minister Mark outline such an expectation to post-secondary institutions in writing.

CARRIED

f. Proposal to Endorse Campaign to Increase Sexual Health and STI Services in BC's Interior

2018/01:039 MOTION

Local 1/Local 17

Whereas the Living Positive Resource Centre has reached out for student support on a petition for the provincial government regarding the lack of sexual health and STI services in the interior of BC;

Whereas most of those services were shut down in 2012 due to a lack of funding.

Whereas student members often do not have a healthcare provider;

Whereas student members often do not feel comfortable discussing their gender identity or sexuality with their healthcare provider if they have one;

Whereas the petition is already endorsed by Pacific AIDS Network, Community Based Research for Gay Men's Health, Options for Sexual Health, ANKORS, ASK Wellness Society, Living Positive Resource Centre and Kelowna District Pro-Choice Action Society on board with the Men's Health Initiative;

Whereas the petition language is as follows:

Increase Sexual Health and STI Services in BC's Interior

Whereas there is a lack of safe, non-judgmental and confidential sexual health and sexual transmitted infection (STI) services including but not limited to prevention, testing and treatment with the Interior of BC for people who:

- 1) Do not have a healthcare provider;
- 2) Do not feel comfortable discussing their sexuality with the healthcare provider they have.
- 3) Do not feel comfortable discussing their gender identity with the healthcare provider they have;
- 4) Do not have a healthcare number

We, the citizens of British Columbia, petition for sexual health and sexually transmitted services that are safe, non-judgmental and confidential.

Be it resolved that the Living Positive Resource Centre's campaign to increase sexual health and STI services in BC's interior be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged provide copies of the petition for members to sign; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to advertise the petition through social media channels.

CARRIED

2018/01:056

MOTION

Local 1/Local 14

Be it resolved that the Revised 2017-18 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/01:057

MOTION

Local 4/Local 16

Be it resolved that the Campaigns Committee Report be adopted.

CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE REPORT

2018/01:058

MOTION

Local 14/Local 20

Be it resolved that Santanna Hernandez (Local 2) be ratified as Aboriginal Students' Representative for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2018/01:059

MOTION

Local 13/Local 5

Be it resolved that Amal Alhuwayshil (Local 12) be ratified as Campaigns Coordinator for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2018/01:060

MOTION

Local 2/Local 5

Be it resolved that Aran Armutlu (Local 6) be ratified as Chairperson for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2018/01:061

MOTION

Local 5/Local 2

Be it resolved that Phoebe Lo Patigdas (Local 13) be ratified as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2018/01:062

MOTION

Local 16/Local 17

Be it resolved that Telka Pesklevits (Local 6) be ratified as Services Coordinator for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

2018/01:063

MOTION

Local 17/Local 6

Be it resolved that Zahra Hashemi (Local 16) be ratified as Women Students' Representative for the 2018-19 term and for the remainder of the 2017-18 term.

CARRIED

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2018/01:064

MOTION

Local 14/Local 12

Be it resolved that Aran Armutlu (Local 6) be ratified as BC Representative on the National Executive for the 2018-19 term.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: LOCAL 20

2018/01:065

MOTION

Local 2/Local 17

Be it resolved that the ballots be destroyed.

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 and/or Special Needs.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

9. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A series of logistical announcements was provided.

10. ADJOURNMENT

2018/01:066

MOTION

Local 15/Local 17

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

11:05 the meeting adjourned.