



Graduate Students' Association



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November 30th 2011 Council Meeting Agenda 5:00pm UMSU Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Approval of the Agenda**
 - 4. Approval of Minutes from October 28th 2011 GSA Council Meeting**
 - 4.1 Business arising from the minutes**
 - 5. Canadian Federation of Students Day of Action Proposal**
 - 6. Committee Updates and Ratifications**
 - 7. Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 Bylaws Committee**
 - 6.1.1 Motions to be approved**
 - 6.2 Finance Committee**
 - 6.3 Campaigns Committee**
 - 8. Executive Reports**
 - 8.1 President**
 - 8.1.1 Update from GSA Researcher**
 - 8.2 Vice President Internal**
 - 8.3 Vice President Academic**
 - 8.4 Vice President External**
 - 8.5 Senator Gagne**
 - 8.6 Senator Karari**
 - 8.8 Senator Reisacher**
 - 8.7 Vice President Health Sciences Report**
 - 9. Departmental Reports**
 - 10. Other Business**
 - 11. Announcements**
- GSA Annual General Meeting: Friday January 20th, 2012 in the GSA Lounge
- 12. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Wednesday January 25, 2012, 5pm in the GSA Lounge



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October 28, 2011 Council Meeting MINUTES 5:00pm GSA Lounge

1. Call to order at 5:05pm

2. Approval of the agenda

Freeman – suggested the removal of the agenda item pertaining to RBC, and to replace the presentation with a Special Project Grant presentation from Peace and Conflict.

Motion: BIRT the presentation from RBC be replaces with a Special Project Grant Presentation.

Karari / Ojo

Carried

Gagne – suggested to move the GSA Senator Council Election item to position number 4 of the Agenda.

Motion: BIRT the GSA Senator Council Position be moved to Number 4 on the Agenda

Gagne / Armstrong

Carried

Motion: BIRT the agenda for the GSA Council meeting of October 28, 2011 be approved as amended.

Freeman / Zapath

Carried

3. Presentation for a Special Project Grant

Maria Lusía Zapath of Peace and Conflict studies said she is working to organize a Women's World Congress event.

She said the idea came from research from students at NRI to look at environment and food sovereignty of indigenous peoples of Manitoba, including issues related to maternal health of women. She said the objectives are to view use within first nations communities and promote teamwork amongst those communities, including a gender perspective. The workshop consists of presentations, including Ka Ni Kanichihk, including student presentations.

She said that women from Cross Lake First Nations will talk about system of governance in Cree Nations, and a Gathering Hope Video on food security in Manitoba will be presented.

She said a Red Dress project will be organized to create awareness on gender-based violence facing aboriginal women. The agenda can be brought forward to a conference in Rio de Janeiro. The funding amount will be for \$500.

Motion: BIRT The GSA provide \$500 as a special project grant to the NRI group for the Women's World Congress in Manitoba
Mayanja / Freeman

Freeman – said we have spent \$2,600 of our \$6,000 budget, so funds are available.
Carried

Ojo – noted that there are no matters arriving from previous meeting's minutes on the agenda, and that this section should be included as a friendly amendment.

4. Election of GSA Senator by Council

Nawrot – noted that Sule Mundi wishes to be struck off the list.

Nawrot – said that each candidate will be provided one minute to speak, and that candidate presentations will be done in alphabetical order.

Motion: BIRT The election take place by secret ballot.

Gagne / Ekenna

Carried

Senator Candidate Presentations

Ali Azarbazin – not present

Solomon Boakye-Yiadomnot – not present

Richard Dyrkacs – not present

Nawrot – provided a written statement on behalf of Julia Gamble.

Afzal Hossain – not present.

Gurinderjit Kaila –not present.

Marion Kiprop – not present.

Lyndsay Managire – not present.

Sharon Mann – not present.

Pieter W. Prinsloo – provided a statement, and received questions.

Adam Reisacher – provided a statement, and received questions.

Ojo – asked for a limit of two questions per candidate.

Motion: BIRT that questions be limited to two questions per candidate.

Ojo / Khazenehei

Defeated

Nawrot – provided information on the reason why an election is being held at this time, and provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Senators. He noted that Office Manager Prokesch and Executive Assistant Jacks will be collecting ballots at this time, and the results will be announced following the counting of the ballots.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2011 GSA Council Meeting

Motion: BIRT the minutes from the September 28, 2011 GSA Council Meeting be approved as amended

Larson / Cardillo

Carried

Keller – noted inconsistencies that names in minutes should be just last names, rather than departmental names.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

Ojo – asked if committees have been filled, and if they are up and running.

Freeman – indicated that they are filled.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Finance Committee

Freeman – provided an overview of the Finance Committee Report. She said the committee has reviewed 12 applications, 10 approved and two rejected. She said that the final amount awarded at that meeting totaled \$2,400.

5.2 Campaigns Committee

Nawrot – noted that the campaigns committee chair is at a conference.

6. Executive Reports

6.1 President

Nawrot – provided an overview of his report.

He said that the Student Experience Committee is looking at increasing security at the Bannatyne campus, including swipe card access, in particular for students staying late at night.

6.2 Vice-President Internal

Freeman – provided highlights of her report, including the ratification of committees, organizing orientation, and attendance at the BSGSA social. She said she missed Senate Committee on Admissions due to personal reasons.

6.3 Vice-President Academic

Chen – provided an overview of her report.

She said that a new 24/7 student study space would be arranged at the 2nd Floor of University Centre. She said the University is looking to improve spaces for student study, as well as improving the tunnel and other spaces.

6.4 Vice-President External

Not present.

6.5 Senator Gagne

Gagne – noted that he had nothing to add to his report.

6.6 Senator Karari

Karari – noted that he had nothing to add to his report.

6.7 Vice-President Health Sciences

Salter – noted that the HSGSA social occurred last night, with 77 students, including a costume contest. He said they are working with UMSU to create a Bannatyne Student Caucus for graduate and undergrads.

7. Committee Updates and Ratifications

Freeman – said that changes to the IDR committee include Hillary Gaugh sitting as a Social Sciences delegate, and BeiBei Lv from Kinesiology and Recreation Management would also like to sit on IDR.

Chad Cowie – noted that he would like to sit on Bylaws.

Freeman – said she would include an updated list for the minutes.

Motion: BIRT the committee list be voted on omnibus amended

Freeman / Chen

Carried

Nawrot – announced that the GSA Senator election results have returned, and that that Adam Reisacher has been elected as the new GSA Senator.

Motion: BIRT Adam Reisacher be ratified as GSA Senator on the GSA Executive, ending April 30th, 2012.

Gagne / Ekenna

Carried

Motion: BIRT the ballots be destroyed.

Cowie / Keller

Carried

8. Departmental Reports

Haglund – said that the City Planning Department unanimously passed the budget, and that 100% of city planning students are part of City Planning GSA. She said a movie night and Corn Maze is being organized. She said a Christmas Party is being planned.

9. Other Business

Nawrot – said that there have been questions about the GSA's position on MSpace, and that the Senate Committee on Libraries deals with issues pertaining to MSpace. He suggested that this issue can be brought up to Campaigns committee and reported back to Council.

10. Announcements

Tursunova – said there will be a Valentines event downtown, and they used Valentines day can be used for missing and murdered women. She suggested that perhaps this issue can also be encouraging for aboriginal students to get more involved.

Nawrot – said that delegates will be at the CFS meeting, and can bring it up there.

Nawrot – said 9 delegates will be attending Student Leadership.

Cowie – noted that the U of M apologized for its role in the residential schools. He suggested that delegates to CFS meeting push student unions to encourage other universities to do the same.

Nawrot – said next meeting November 30, at 5:00pm.

Motion: BIRT the meeting adjourn

Freeman / Peace and Conflict

Carried

11. Adjournment 6:pm

Motion: BIRT the meeting adjourn

Freeman / Armstrong

Carried

Minutes prepared by D. Jacks

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October 28, 2011
5:00 pm
GSA Lounge – University Centre

<i>GSA Executive</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
President	Peter Nawrot	Present
VP Internal	Angela Freeman	Present
VP Academic	Jennifer Chen	Present
VP External	Tonia Bates	Regrets
VP Health Sciences	Neil Salter	Present
Senator1	Peter Karari	Present
Senator2	Olivier Gagne	Present
Senator3		Vacant
Council Chair (Non-voting)	Peter Nawrot	(Non-voting) Present
Office Manager (Non-voting)	Ruth Prokesch	(Non-voting) Present
Executive Assistant (Non-voting)	David Jacks	(Non-voting) Present
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Signature</i>
<i>Agric & Food Science</i>		
Agribusiness & Agric. Economics	Lynn Van De Spiegle Proxy: Jamie Poirier	Regrets Present
Animal Science	Hamidreza Khazanhei	Present
Biosystems Engineering	Senthinkumar Thiruppathi	Absent
Entomology	Graham Parsons	Present
Food Science	Havva Filiz Koksel Amin Eleimat	Present
Plant Science	Chami Amarasinghe	Regrets
Soil Science	Michael Cardillo	Present
<i>Architecture</i>		
Architecture	Paul Dollick Matt Trendota	Present
City Planning	Ashlyn Haglund Chris Larson	Present Present
Interior Design		

Landscape Architecture	Tamara Urben-Imbeault	Present
Arts		
Anthropology	Stephanie Armstrong	Present
Classics		
Economics	Murshed Chowdhury	Absent
English, Film & Theatre	Kendra Magnusson	Present
French, Spanish & Italian	Michelle Keller	Present
German		
History	Sarah Gauntlett Proxy: Susie Fisher Stoesz	Present
Icelandic Studies		
Linguistics	Kay Hamidzadeh	Present
Native Studies		
Philosophy		
Political Studies and Public Administration	Chad Cowie	Present
Psychology	Greg Bose	Present
Religious Studies		
School of Art	Monica Martinez	Absent
Sociology	Kyla Doll	Present
Canadian Studies St. Boniface		
Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice		
Peace and Conflict Studies	Laura Normand	Present
Management		
Management 1 (MBA)		
Management 2	Hamed Aghakhani Kasey Martin (Co-Councilors)	Present
Education		
Curr: Hum. & Soc. Sc.		
Curr: Math & Nat Sc		
Curr: Teaching & Learning		

Educ. Admin & Foundations		
Educational Psychology		
Educ. Adm. Fnd. & Psy		
Faculty based PhD		
Educ. St. Boniface		
Engineering		
Civil		
Electrical & Computer	Ahmad Byagowi	Present
Mechanical & Manufacturing		
Environment		
Geography & Environment	Cheryl Sobie	Present
Geological Sciences	Ryan Sharpe Kerry Bates: Proxy	Present
Nat Resources Institute	Jessica Lockhart	Present
Disability Studies		
Food & Nutritional Sciences		
Interdisciplinary		
Human Ecology		
Clothing & Textiles		
Family Social Sciences		
Human Nutritional Sciences	Sule Mundi	Present
Law		
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Nursing		
Nursing	Cathy Scofield Singh Kendra Ann Seenandan- Sookdeo	Regrets
Phys Ed & Rec Studies		
Recreation Management & Kinesiology	Beibei Lu Angela Comer (Co-Councilors)	Present

Science		
Biological Sciences	Andrew Olynyk	Present
Chemistry	Fatemeh Farazkhorasani	Present
Computer Science		
Mathematics		
Microbiology	April Gislason	Present
Physics & Astronomy	Kurt Hildebrand	Regrets
Statistics		
Social Work		
Social Work	Calistas Ekenna	Present
UMSU (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate		Absent
CUPE 3909 (Non-Voting)		
President or Designate		Absent

HSGSA Departments		
Pharmacology & Therapeutics	Stephanie Chu	
Immunology	Natascha Clark	
Pathology		
Human Anatomy and Cell Science		
Physiology		
Medical Physics (Non-Voting)		
Medical Microbiology		

Pharmacy	Casey Sayre	
Occupational Therapy & Medical Rehabilitation	Daniel Doerksen	
Community Health Sciences	Elsabe du Plessis Proxy: Neil Salter	
Biochemistry & Medical Genetics	Alexandra Kuzyk	
Oral Biology		
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery		
Orthodontics		
Periodontics		
Physicians Assistant Program		

Guests:

Evelyn Mayanja, Peace and Conflict Studies
Maria Lucia Zapath, Peace and Conflict Studies
Pieter Prinsloo, German
Doreen Moellenbeck
Omudhobus Oshobe
Adam Reisacher
Timi Ojo, Soil Science

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Note: Laura Copus was on last year's committee, according to the person who volunteered her name. I don't have her email address. If someone does, please advise me. Thnx - ruth

GSA Council - Committee Membership 2011-2012

Campaigns Committee

Chair

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Graduate Student	Elyas Tesfaye	umtesfae@cc.umanitoba.ca	
Graduate Student	Calistus Ekenna	ekennac@cc.umanitoba.ca	Social Work

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Bylaws and Policy Committee

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Professional Studies Designate	Laura Rempel	umrem44@cc.umanitoba.ca	city planning
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Graduate Student	Ahmad Byagowi	byagowi@cc.umanitoba.ca	ECE
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Chair			
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GSA Council - Committee Membership 2011-2012

Aboriginal Issues Committee

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Pub Committee

Chair	
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GSA Council - Committee Membership 2011-2012**Selections Committee (Ad hoc)****Chair**

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HSGSA Designate		
Senator		

Members

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GSA Council - Committee Membership 2010/2011		
Health Plan Committee		
Chair		
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GSA Council - Committee Membership 2011-2012			
GSA/HSGSA Committee (Ad hoc)			
Chair			
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Executive-at-Large			
Members			
Title	Name	E-mail	Phone Number
GSA Council Member			
HSGSA Council Member			
GSA			
HSGSA			
Members			
Title	Name	E-mail	Phone Number
GSA Council Member (req.)			
HSGSA Council Member (req.)			
Graduate Student			

Motions from Bylaws meeting on November 16th, 2011

Re: Leaves of Absence

In response to the council's wish to review the leave of absence policy, the Finance committee produced the following motion for council to discuss.

In the executive policy manual, under article III, a new subpoint under this article,

9. Leaves of Absence

- a) Authorized leaves of absence
 - 1. Are paid leaves
 - 2. Shall not exceed 3 weeks per leave, and are limited to 2 leaves per term of office
 - 3. Shall be authorized by the executive committee and reported in the executive reports at the next scheduled council meeting
- b) Unauthorized leaves of absence
 - 1. Are unpaid leaves
 - 2. Include all leaves greater than 2 weeks, which are not authorized by the executive committee
 - 3. Shall be reported in the executive reports at the next scheduled council meeting

Re: Special Project Grants

In response to the council's wish to review the process of awarding and following up with special project grants, the Finance Committee produced the following motion for council to discuss.

In the Financial Policy manual , under II Special Project Grants, under 4. General regulations, add the following

- i) Recipients of special project grants are required to send a brief report of the event to the vice president internal within one month of the event, to be included in the vice president internal's next report to council.

Re: The maximum time between attendance at a conference and submission of conference grant request forms.

The Finance committee recommends that the financial policy be changed; to add to under I travel grants, 1. General regulations, the following:

- i) Applications must be received within 4 months of the conference date.

Report

From: Peter Nawrot, President
To: GSA Council
Date: November 10, 2011
Re: Council Report Oct. 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

November 10, 2011.	Board of Governors Meeting	1.5 hours
November 9, 2011.	Associate Vice President of Administration	1 hour
November 9, 2011.	Luncheon with AUCC President	1.5 hours
November 9, 2011.	KIP Funding Announcement	1.5 hours
November 9, 2011.	Ancillary Services	1 hour
November 9, 2011.	Pub Advisory Committee	1 hour
November 7, 2011.	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
November 3, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	3 hours
November 2, 2011.	Physical Plant	1 hour
October 31, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	3 hours
October 28, 2011.	GSA Haunted Thesis Party	4 hours
October 28, 2011.	GSA Council	1 hour
October 28, 2011.	Strategic Enrolment Management Planning	2 hours
October 27, 2011.	CFS Manitoba Provincial Executive	3 hours
October 27, 2011.	Alcohol Advisory Committee	1 hour
October 27, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	3 hours
October 26, 2011.	Bison Football Alumni Dinner	4 hours
October 26, 2011.	GSA Bylaws Committee	1.5 hours
October 24, 2011.	Bannatyne Student Services Luncheon	1 hour
October 24, 2011.	Student Experience Committee	1.5 hours
October 20, 2011.	Celebrating Inner City Community Connections	1.5 hours
October 19, 2011.	Ancillary Services	0.5 hour
October 19, 2011.	Pub Advisory Committee	1 hour
October 19, 2011.	GSA Finance Committee	1 hour
October 18, 2011.	GSA Special Meeting	1.5 hours
October 18, 2011.	GSA Internal Development Review	1 hour
October 18, 2011.	Share Your Vision Luncheon	1.5 hours
October 18, 2011.	Bannatyne Working Group	1.5 hours

October 17, 2011.	GSA Executive	2 hours
October 14, 2011.	Student Experience Committee	2 hours
October 14, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	3 hours
October 14, 2011.	Council On Student Affairs	1 hour
October 14, 2011.	Presentation to COPSE	1 hour
October 12, 2011.	Student Experience Committee	1.5 hours
October 11, 2011.	Faculty of Graduate Studies Programs and Planning	1.5 hours

Meetings Missed:

November 10, 2011.	Bannatyne Student Services Open House	Regrets
November 9, 2011.	GSA Finance Committee	Regrets
November 9, 2011.	GSA Campaigns Committee	Regrets
November 7, 2011.	Military Heritage of MB Gala Dinner and Dance	Regrets
November 7, 2011.	FGS Programs and Planning	Cancelled
October 28, 2011.	Strategic Enrolment Management Planning	Regrets
October 27, 2011.	Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive	Cancelled
October 20-22 2011.	Board of Governors Retreat	Regrets
October 20, 2011.	Presidential Review Committee	Regrets

Absences in October were due to illness. Absences in November were due to scheduling conflicts with other meetings.

Executive Summary:

The GSA Lounge renovation begins November 14, 2011 and is expected to be completed by January 3, 2011. The cost of this project is set at \$76,000.00. The project consists of sound-proofing the lounge, new carpeting, frosting of interior windows, asbestos removal, and installation of audio visual equipment. Asbestos removal from the lounge will take one week to complete.

Board of Governors:

The Board of Governors has re-appointed Dr. David T. Barnard to a second five-year term as President and Vice-Chancellor, beginning July 1, 2013.

The Board made this appointment on the recommendation of the Presidential Review Committee. The Committee was established by the Board to invite submissions from members of the community and seek feedback on the President's performance and to recommend back to the Board on the advisability of re-appointment. The Committee received a good deal of feedback from members of the University community and on their behalf I wish to thank those who took the time to share their views.

The review has provided an excellent opportunity to hear from the University community on their impressions of the President's leadership and the challenges and opportunities

facing the University of Manitoba going forward. These impressions will be shared with Dr. Barnard to assist him in his ongoing leadership of the University.

The administration of the University of Manitoba and Professor G. Lukács have entered into a fair and mutually agreed upon settlement. The University has rescinded all disciplinary actions against Professor Lukács (including reprimand, suspension and denial of increment). All outstanding legal proceedings between the parties are terminated. The parties have also agreed that it is to their mutual benefit to end the employment relationship. The specific terms of the agreement are confidential and will not be disclosed.

The Board of Governors currently meets seven times yearly for business meetings and once yearly for a day-long retreat. The current meeting model does not fully allow the Board to organize its work around deliberately advancing the mission and strategic priorities of the institution. Some of the challenges that result are: a lack of time to discuss strategic issues, Board members who do not have the opportunity to be optimally engaged in the work of the University, no annually approved work plan for the Board or its Committees, many items brought to the Board that are narrow in focus and lacking the broader context, and insufficient opportunity to hear from the President regarding his broad vision for the institution.

At the April, 2011 Governance sub-committee meeting, the Committee considered a discussion paper on changing the structure and timing of Board meetings to allow for three 'strategy/policy' meetings per year and three 'business' meetings in addition to an annual retreat.

The meetings would be one hour longer, running from 4 - 7 p.m. Three of the meetings would be business meetings focusing on financial and transactional issues, and the other three would be strategy/policy meetings focusing on matters of importance that management knows will have to go to the Board at some point in the future for a major decision. Bringing those items to the Board early in the process will serve to alert and educate the Board while at the same time providing an opportunity for Management to benefit from directional feedback from the Board.

The Executive Committee would be used more regularly to approve the month to month transactional items which require Board approval, but do not necessarily require the Board's guidance, such as staff recommendations and routine purchasing contract awards. The topics to be pursued in the strategy/policy meetings would be determined annually by the Governance and Nominating Committee in consultation with Management.

Celebrating Inner City Community Connections:

The University of Manitoba had the distinguished honour to host His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada on October 20, 2011. The visit included the "Celebrating Inner-City Community Connections" event at Bannatyne campus which showcased a number of inner city activities that are offered in

partnership with the University of Manitoba. These activities, along with close to two hundred other examples of partnership between world class scholars, researchers and staff and local community organizations are described in the report, *UM Connecting to Kids*, that was presented to His Excellency. The report was written by the Faculties of Medicine, Social Work, Kinesiology and Recreation Management and represents just some of the work that members of the University of Manitoba community are involved with in the broader community.

Access Copyright:

The litigation before the Copyright Board over the proposed tariff continues. AUCC has applied for judicial review of two problematic decisions.

Student Referendums:

Human Ecology students voted to increase their contribution amount towards the Human Ecology Endowment and Equipment funds, to \$3.50 per credit hour for a two year term. This will result in a contribution of \$100,800 (pending enrolment) to the university. This contribution is to be collected from each student in each term when fees are paid, beginning in the fall of the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Dental Hygiene students voted to contribute \$2.00 per credit hour for a three year term, to the School of Dental Hygiene Student Lounge and the Computer Lab. This will result in a contribution of \$8,640 (pending enrolment) to the university. This contribution is to be collected from each student in each term when fees are paid, beginning in the fall of the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Office Hours:

Mondays: 12:00 - 16:00

October 13, 2011 – 3.5 hours
October 18, 2011 – 8 hours
October 20, 2011 – 2 hours
October 22, 2011 – 4 hours
October 25, 2011 – 3 hours
October 31, 2011 – 6 hours

October 17, 2011 - 4 hours
October 19, 2011 – 7.5 hours
October 21, 2011 – 5.5 hours
October 24, 2011 – Absent
October 28, 2011 – 4 hours

November 7, 2011 – 7 hours

November 10, 2011 – 4.25 hours

Time spent in the office: 58.75 hours

Time spent in meetings: 60 Hours

Does UMGSA Have an Outstanding Monetary Commitment to CFS(-MB)?
Report by Liz Gonsalves, UMGSA Researcher

Preamble: Rumours of a monetary loan or gift from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), presumably the Manitoba provincial component (CFS-MB), to the University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association (UMGSA) have remained unfounded for nearly a decade. The first question that must be answered is:

1. Was there a transfer of funds from CFS/CFS-MB to UMGSA? (and was it from the national or provincial office or both?)

If this is found to be true the following information must be clarified:

1. Was this a loan or a gift?
2. What was the value?
3. When did it occur and how many times?
4. If this was a loan has it ever been repaid?

The purpose of this evaluation is to determine what total monies, if any, are owed by UMGSA to CFS, with the aim to eliminate any such debt owed.

Methodology: UMGSA documentation (meeting minutes, letters, budgets, etc.) as maintained within the GSA office (and digitally archived) was reviewed. E-mail contact with CFS-MB via Elizabeth Carlyle was initiated. Select minutes from the University of Manitoba Board of Governors (BoG) and available UMGSA financial archives were also reviewed.

Synopsis: The only evidence of a loan to UMGSA from CFS exists in UMGSA budgets for an amount of \$5000 that occurred either during the academic years of 99/00 or 00/01. This is vaguely referenced by the National Chairperson of the CFS in a letter from fall 2001 and exists throughout the budgets available until the 05/06 academic year, though it may have been a \$0 value for a few years prior. It was a good faith agreement that has no other documentation. The current Prairies Organizer of CFS-MB, Elizabeth Carlyle, has confirmed the monetary transfer as per her recent communication with the past UMGSA president from that time, and has indicated that it has not been paid back yet. She did not confirm a monetary value. CFS-MB banking documentation confirming the transfer should be forthcoming. There has been no evidence thus far of any other funds transferred from CFS/CFS-MB to UMGSA for any purpose and no confirmation that the \$5000 loan has been repaid to date.

Findings: The date of the alleged transfer of funds was presumed to occur somewhere between 1999 and 2001 (based on discussions with previous UMGSA and CFS members). A review beginning with documentation categorized by these

dates revealed a level of file disorganization and absence that resulted in the need to ignore existent categories and spend time reorganizing and categorizing resources. Council documents from January 1990 to August 1997, May 1999 to January 2004 and 05/06 committee documents were reviewed. The documentation from 1990 to 1997 is relatively complete and organized while the remaining documentation was sparse for some years.

Chronology: *May 1999* – UMGSA President: Ed Janzen

UMGSA Director of Public Relations: Krishna Lalbiharie

President's Report highlights previous membership in the National Graduate Caucus (NGC) but not CFS indicating that UMGSA has since ceased NGC membership; CFS membership is being considered

August 1999 – President's Report similar content to above

February 2000 – CFS National Chairperson: Michael Conlon

CFS National Deputy Chair: Elizabeth Carlyle

GSA referendum for CFS members suspended

April 2000 - UMGSA President: Amanda Jones

UMGSA Director of Public Relations: Ana Frias

UMGSA Treasurer: Vinod Varadharajan

May 2000 – budgeted \$2000 for CFS membership fee pending referendum to be held in October 2000

- President's Report states "CFS has generously agreed to pay for all the costs of the referendum"

January 23 – 25, 2001 – referendum to join CFS with "YES" majority

April 2001 – President's year-end report states no letter was sent to CFS for full membership

March 26, 2002 – 2002-2003 Proposed Budget shows "CFS Loan" as OF-02.8 in Loans category at \$5000.00 both at the 2001/2002 Initial Budget as well as 2002/2003 Proposed Budget

April 25, 2001 – UMGSA Council Meeting chaired by Liz Carlyle: GSA will apply for full membership of CFS at 39th Semi-Annual General Meeting contingent upon item #4 of undated letter from CFS regarding fee collection; letter signed by Elizabeth Carlyle to UMGSA assuring that CFS:

1. will not collect fees for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003;
2. will not take legal action against UMGSA for membership fees not collected by the university
3. assures full membership is not contingent upon fee collection
4. will not seek retroactive payment of membership fees not collected by the university

May 12, 2001 – CFS 39th Semi-Annual General Meeting

- CFS National Chairperson: Ian Boyko

- UMGSA ratified as FULL members of CFS at opening plenary

May 30, 2001 – UMGSA Council unanimously carries motion to postpone CFS membership pending BoG decision on autonomy and CFS fee collection (Ian Boyko was in attendance)

June 4, 2001 – letter from Amanda Jones to Ian Boyko re above motion
June 13, 2001 – letter from Amanda Jones to Ian Boyko re: pressure tactics of CFS to obtain a signature on full membership agreement

July 16, 2001 – letter from Ian Boyko to Amanda Jones defending membership

October 15, 2001 – letter from Amanda Jones to Ian Boyko defending non-membership position

November 27, 2001 – letter from Ian Boyko to Amanda Jones validates that CFS is in receipt of membership letter signed by Vinod Vradharajan dated May 5, 2001; states CFS “willingness to waive membership fees until such time as that autonomy is achieved.” Refers to small budget subsidy that UMGSA is in receipt of as a benefit of full membership of the CFS.

March 26, 2002 – Increase in student fees collected for UMGSA approved at BoG

02/03 – UMGSA President Suzanne Ronald

- UMGSA Treasurer Vino K. Varadharajan

August 19, 2002 – *02/03* Initial Budget shows initial \$5000.00 for CFS Loan (OF 06.1) and Tentative Revised Budget is \$2800.00 for CFS Loan (this is not a result of payment but of discussion below)

September 26, 2002 – UMGSA Council discussion of informal loan of \$5000 made in good faith and \$2195.90 of UMGSA resources used by and invoiced to CFS for 2001 referendum that were never acknowledged. Therefore looked at repaying difference of \$2800 to CFS versus \$5000.

March 31, 2003 – 2002/2003 Revised Budget indicates \$5000 for CFS Loan

June 24, 2003 – BoG approves contribution of graduate students for fellowships, scholarships and bursaries

05/06 - UMGSA President: Meghan Gallant

January 29, 2005 – letter from George Soule (CFS National Chairperson) to Meghan Gallant re: outstanding membership fees (no amount stated)

May 9, 2005 – 2005/2006 Proposed Budget shows \$0.00 for CFS Loan

July 7, 2005 – UMGSA Executive carried motion to begin to levy fees for CFS membership dues

August 2, 2005 – UMGSA Finance Committee notes that CFS Loan line of budget has been empty “for the past few years”

September 6, 2005 – UMGSA Finance Committee proposes change in line “CFS Loan” to “Loan Repayment”

March 26, 2006 – BoG approves fee collection for CFS membership

September 2006 – first collection of CFS membership fees from graduate students at the university

Financial: Quickbooks financial software data available dates only as far back as May 29, 2005. From that time forward there is no evidence of a loan repayment in the value of \$5000, though other payments to CFS National, There are some unidentified payments as follows:

- Feb 8/07 \$85 to CFS-MB
- Dec 12/06 \$239 to CFS-Ontario
- Jan 23/07 \$239 to CFS-Ontario
- June 1/07 \$328.16 to CFS-Ontario
- September 26/07 \$984.60 to CFS-MB

Notes of Interest: There have been questions of “legal” membership from the moment full membership of UMGSA was approved at the 39th Semi-Annual General Meeting of CFS. CFS fees were not collected from graduate students until the 06/07 academic year and letters from CFS representatives assure that no retroactive fee payment will be pursued against UMGSA.

The date and reason behind the transferred funds is still unknown but severely strained relations between the Stephen Fletcher, 99/00 UMSU president, and UMGSA caused a constant threat to financial resources. Relations were mended in the 02/03 term of office but financial issues remained a problem for UMGSA as evidenced by a letter of request sent to UMSU for a loan of \$25,000.00 against the expected UMGSA revenue in order to continue to operate, as well as a capital loan (\$150,000 or \$250,000?) from BoG in 1994.

Autonomy from UMSU has been an issue of varying degrees and effort since the early 1970's. Other repetitious items include acquiring/renovating space for graduate students, a contentious relationship with CFS/CFS-MB to the degree that in one year they sought to ensure that no graduate students in any way affiliated with CFS could run in GSA elections, and the development of a graduate student/advisor agreement regarding roles, rights and responsibilities (this has been documented since 1999 so far)

Research Issues: Unfortunately not all scanned files have been appropriately itemized and filed electronically at this point and much research had to be conducted with the physical binders present in the UMGSA office. It became evident very quickly that binders do not necessarily contain what is labeled on their spines resulting in the necessity to review all documents page by page to ensure pertinent information is not missed. It also became an additional task to organize and categorize the documents accordingly. Thus far only the binders in the upper left corner shelf contain what they say they contain. The contracted time did not allow for review of any remaining resources. There is the potential that the questions of when and why the loan was requested and received and if and when it was ever paid back may still lie within the documents contained in the UMGSA office.

Report

From: Angela Freeman, Vice President Internal

To: GSA Council

Date: November 15, 2011

Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 17, 2011	Executive Meeting	1.5 Hours
October 18, 2011	IDRC meeting	1 Hour
October 18, 2011	Special Annual General Meeting	1.5 Hours
October 19, 2011	Office Hours	1
October 19, 2011	Finance Committee	1.5 Hours
October 20, 2011	Barrett-Hamilton Lecture (BSGSA event)	3 Hours
October 21, 2011	SCADM (Senate Committee on Admissions)	2 Hours
October 21, 2011	Office Hours	1.25 Hours
October 25, 2011	Emails (out of office)	1 Hours
October 26, 2011	Bylaws Meeting/Office Hour	2.25 Hours
October 27, 2011	Grabbing stuff for Bannatyne	.5 Hours
October 27, 2011	Bannatyne Halloween Social	1.75 Hours
October 28, 2011	Prep for Party (Driving)	1 Hour
October 28, 2011	Office Hour	1 Hour
October 28, 2011	Council	1 Hour
October 28, 2011	Halloween Haunted Thesis	3.5 Hours
November 1, 2011	Gradzette Meeting	.5 Hours
November 2, 2011	Office Hour	1.25
November 4, 2011	Office Hours	2 Hours
November 7, 2011	Executive Meeting	2.25 Hours
November 9, 2011	Office Hours	1.5 Hour
November 9, 2011	Finance Committee	1 Hour
November 10, 2011	Conference Grant/Dept. Grants	1.25 Hours

Meetings Missed:

Executive Summary:

Gradzette:

In November the VPI met with the editor of the Gradzette to discuss upcoming events to be featured in the upcoming issues of the Gradzette. The current issue is available online.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee met on October 19, 2011. We reviewed 15 applications, 1 was rejected because of insufficient documentation. The total amount awarded was \$5,037.59.

Bylaws and Policy:

The bylaws committee met for the first time and reviewed motions from council. The motions and changes are presented to council. Of special interest, the committee reviewed leaves of absence, and what constitutes an 'authorized' leave of absence. The committee also created a motion with regards to special project grants, and conference grants.

Social:

The VPI had the pleasure of attending both the Bannatyne and Fort Garry socials, which were both spirited (pun intended), and well-attended.

SCADM:

Many things were discussed with regards to proposals at the Admissions meeting, but little was actually put forward to vote. Of particular interest might be the idea of 'Manitoba residents' which is defined differently in many departments for admissions, but the committee is aiming for one cohesive definition for the University.

Sustainability Committee:

As of the 10th of November, the VPI was appointed to the UM sustainability committee. She attempted to attend the meeting in October, but a position on the committee was not available until the beginning of November. The VPI looks forward to this collaboration.

The VPI had family obligations from October 7-15th, and was away from the office, but in touch via phone and email.

Office Hours:

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4-5pm

Total: 9

Time spent in meetings: approx. 25.5 Hours

Report

From: Jenniger (Yijie) Chen, Vice-President Academic
To: GSA Council
Date: November 15, 2011
Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 11, 2011	Registrar's Office External Review Luncheon	1.5 hours
October 17, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	1.5 hours
October 18, 2011	GSA Special General Meeting	1.5 hours
October 19, 2011	Senate Executive Meeting	1 hour
	Fall Convocation (GSA Teaching Awards speech)	2.75 hours
October 20, 2011	Convocation Luncheon	2 hours
	Fall Convocation	2.75 hours
October 24, 2011	Senate Committee on Awards Meeting	0.75 hour
October 26, 2011	GSA By-laws Committee Meeting	1.5 hours
October 28, 2011	GSA Council Meeting	1 hour
	GSA Haunted Thesis Party	4.5 hours
October 31, 2011	Senate Planning & Priority Committee Meeting	1 hour
November 1, 2011	CFS-MB Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	2 hours
November 2, 2011	Senate Meeting	0.75 hour
November 7, 2011	Student Retention Sub-committee –	
	Student Year 2-4 Working Group Meeting	1.5 hours
	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
November 9, 2011	GSA Campaign Committee Meeting	1.5 hours
November 10, 2011	The Gradzette interview	0.75 hour
	Golden Dragon Citizen Year of Award (University of Manitoba VP External)	3 hours

Meetings Missed:

October 17, 2011	Student Retention Sub-Committee Meeting - Regrets
October 27, 2011	Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Meeting - Cancelled
	CFS Manitoba Provincial Executive Meeting - Regrets
October 31, 2011	Student Senate Caucus Meeting - Regrets

Executive Summary:

Academic:

Senate Meeting

- 1) Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors that it approve a Ph.D. Program in Nursing in the Faculty of Nursing.
- 2) Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors that the restructuring of the Committee on Animal Care and the Human Ethics Resource committee.
- 3) Senate approved the Manitoba Centre for Nursing and Health Research continue for a five-year period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016.

GSA Teaching Awards Presentation at Fall Convocation & Gradzette:

The GSA Teaching Award was officially presented at the University of Manitoba Fall Convocation on October 19 to Dr. David Watt, of the Department of English, Film and Theatre. The VPA had the honour of presenting this award in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, members of the Legislative Assembly, university officials, faculty, staff and graduands and their families. As a follow-up to this event, an interview was conducted with the Gradzette, highlighting the GSA awards process, recipients and value to graduate students at the university.

Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba Campaign & Government Relations Ad-Hoc Committee meeting:

The CFS-MB held the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on November 1, 2011 to discuss the upcoming Day of Action campaign issues. As part of the discussion within the GSA Executive Committee, the GSA invited the CFS-MB Chairperson to come to the GSA Council meeting on November 30 to give a presentation about it.

GSA Haunted Thesis party:

The GSA held the Haunted Thesis party on October 28, 2011 at GSA lounge. With DJ Mama Cutsworth (a popular local DJ) as well as the door prizes and best costume prize. Roughly 90 graduate students attended, which compared to around 135 in attendance at the orientation party in September.

Senate Committee on Awards:

A proposed revision of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Awards were submitted to the Senate Committee on Awards. Graduate students will receive details once it is passed in the Senate meeting.

Holiday Food Hampers:

The GSA has received an invitation to participate in the holiday food hampers from the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU). The GSA executives are looking at plans to cooperate with UMSU for this program which the GSA has contributed and

participated in over the last few years. The details about the food hamper application process will come out soon.

Student Advocacy

Confidential

Office Hours:

Wednesday: 14:00 - 16:00

October 11, 2011 – 2.33 hours October 12, 2011 – 3.5 hours October 14, 2011 – 2.33 hours

October 17, 2011 – 2 hours October 18, 2011 – 2.5 hours October 19, 2011 – 4.58 hours
October 20, 2011 – 2.08 hours October 21, 2011 – 1.67 hours October 24, 2011 – 1.25 hours
October 26, 2011 – 3.25 hours October 27, 2011 – 1 hour October 28, 2011 – 10 hours
October 31, 2011 – 1.17 hours November 2, 2011 – 0.5 hour November 7, 2011 – 5.5 hours
November 9, 2011 – 2 hours

Time spent in the office: 45.66 hours

Time spent in meetings (not included November party): 28.75 Hours

Report

From: Tonia Bates, Vice President External
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: November 15, 2011
Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 15, 2011	Slutwalk	3 hours
October 17, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	2 hours
October 18, 2011	GSA Special Council Meeting	2.5 hours
November 2, 2011	Senate Committee for Curriculum and Course Changes	3 hours
November 7, 2011	Senate Committee for Curriculum and Course Changes	3 hours

Meetings Missed:

October 21, 2011	Finance Committee
October 25, 2011	Senate Committee for Curriculum and Course Changes
October 27, 2011	Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation
October 28, 2011	GSA Council

Executive Summary:

Slutwalk:

An event to protest victim blaming for those individuals who are victims and/or survivors of sexual assault and/or rape. Approximately 350 attended the event as we walked down Portage Avenue then listened to moving speeches at the Legislature.

Senate Committee for Curriculum and Course Changes:

All alterations and changes to faculty and department curriculums must be approved by December in order for them to be implemented by the following September. For this reason there are six meetings schedule with this group from October 13 to November 21. We are working through 5 thick booklets of course changes to ensure alterations are in the best interest of students without taxing already rigorous academic schedules. As a GSA we are also ensuring that six credit courses are not merely being changed to three credit courses without reducing course content and materials covered.

Campaigns Committee:

During this time the campaigns committee was organized and initial emails were sent out to schedule our first meeting. As well, a number of conversations and smaller meetings have occurred in which conversations surrounding past campaigns and the viability of new campaigns were discussed with various in-house and off-campus groups. There will be more details forthcoming in the next few months.

Campaigns Sub Committee: Aboriginal Committee

Several students have expressed interest starting an Aboriginal Committee group to discuss and address related issues on campus. Angela Freeman, VPI, and Tonia Bates, VPE, will co-chair this committee with those sitting on the committee truly developing and coordinating the direction for this group. If you are interested in joining this committee or may know a graduate student who has expertise in this area please ask her/him to contact Angela at vpi@umgsa.ca or Tonia at vpe@umgsa.ca

Day of Action:

The Canadian Federation of Students National office is organizing a Day of Action on February 1 at post-secondary institutions across the country. We are currently discussing what the GSA's role would be, what message we want to send the government, how to most appropriately send this message with the CFS Manitoba Chapter.

Canadian Federation of Students, AGM 2011:

A student cohort was organized and conversations began surrounding the possible motions the GSA wished to create for the forthcoming AGM in Gatineau, November 22 to 25. Three motions were developed and submitted on behalf of the GSA and are attached for your perusal. Further meetings are planned to prepare for the AGM and a full report about the conference will be presented to Council in the forthcoming months.

Academic Conference:

From October 25 to 31 I was out of the province attending a professional and academic conference as part of my studies. For this reason I missed the four meetings above.

Office Hours:

Mondays:

October 17, 2011 - 2:30pm - 6:15pm

October 24, 2011 – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

October 31, 2011 – out of province at conference

November 7, 2011 – 10:45am – 12:45 pm

Time spent in the office: 7.25 hours

Additional Hours:

October 18, 2011 – 1.75 hrs

November 2, 2011 – 5.25 hrs

November 7, 2011 – 2 hrs

November 9, 2011 – 3 hrs

Time spent in additional hours: 12 Hours

Time spent in meetings: 13.5 hours

Report

From: Neil Salter, VP HSC
To: GSA Council
Date: November 15, 2011
Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 11, 2011	F of M Diversity Working Group	1.5 hours
October 17, 2011	HSGSA Exec Meeting	1.5 hours
October 17, 2011	GSA Exec meeting	2 hours
October 18, 2011	SS@BC meeting	1.5 hours
October 25, 2011	Student Services Lunch Meeting	1 hour
October 25, 2011	HSGSA Council Meeting	1.5 hours
October 27, 2011	HSGSA Halloween Party	3 hours
October 28, 2011	GSA Council Meeting	1 hour
October 28, 2011	GSA Halloween Party	2 hours
November 4, 2011	HSGSA Exec Party	1.5 hours
November 7, 2011	GSA Exec meeting	2 hours
November 9, 2011	Faculty Committee of G.S.	2 hours

Meetings Missed:

October 3 , 2011 GSA Executive meeting

Executive Summary:

Executive Duties:

As HSGSA President I have been scheduling and chairing ordering food services for meetings, working with the GSA and reporting to them through GSA executive and council meetings, as well as sitting on several FGS committees. Also, I have been working with my executive to make sure all events and plans are being managed properly and keeping everyone on the same page.

HSGSA Halloween Social:

The executive organized a Halloween social for the 27th of October, including the serving of alcohol and food. There were lots of great free prizes and fun games, including pumpkin carving, mummy wrapping, costume competitions, and tomfoolery.

HSC Student Caucus:

Through coordination with UMSU, the HSGSA will be co-hosting the Bannatyne Student Caucus, with the first meeting occurring on the 15th of November. These meetings will help to foster a better relationship between the grads and undergrads on campus, as well as provide a unified voice by which students can exert a more concerted message to administration.

HSC Communication Strategy:

Executive are working in concert with past-executive/president Meaghan Labine in forming a new proposal for the FofM for an improved campus communication strategy.

Office Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday 12-1pm

October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 1, 2, 8, 9

Additional time spent in office – 2 hours per week

Time spent in the office: 18 hours

Time spent in meetings: 20.5 hours

Report

From: Olivier Gagné, Senator
To: GSA Council
Date: November 15, 2011
Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 17 th	Executive Meeting	1.5 hours
October 18 th	Special General Meeting	1.75 hours
October 19 th	Finance Meeting	1 hour
October 27 th	Council Meeting	1 hour
October 31 st	Student Senate Caucus	0.5 hour
November 2 nd	Senate Meeting	0.75 hour
November 7 th	Executive Meeting	2 hours

Meetings Missed:

None

Executive Summary:

November Senate Meeting:

Over 2.5 years in the making, a new Ph.D. program in nursing has been implemented. Manitoba was only one of two provinces in Canada to not offer the program, while there was a strong demand and support for it from both employers and nursing students.

Two Senate committees that were deemed redundant by university administration (Senate Committees on Animal Care and the Ethics of Research Involving Human Subjects) were disbanded and are now incorporated under the umbrella of the Senate Committee on University Research.

Haunted Thesis Party: Worked the door and other tasks for 4.5 hours. The party was another good turnout of graduate students.

Office Hours:

Thursdays 14:00-16:00

October 13, 2011 – regrets October 20, 2011 – 4 hours October 27, 2011 – 2 hours
November 3, 2011 – 2 hours November 10, 2011 – 2 hours

Time spent in office hours: 10 hours

Time spent in meetings: 8.5 Hours

Time spent in others: 6 hours

Report

From: Peter Karari, Senator
To: Graduate Students of the University of Manitoba
Date: GSA Council
Re: Council Report –October 11 – November 10

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Meetings Attended:

October 11, 2011	Registrars office External Review	1.5 Hours
October 12, 2011	GSA AGM	2 Hours
October 18, 2011	IDRC committee meeting	1.5 Hours
October 18, 2011	Special AGM	1.5 Hours
October 26, 2011	By Laws Committee	1.5 Hours
October 28, 2011	Council meeting	1.0 Hours
November 5, 2011	Academic Appeals document reviews	6.0 Hours
November 6, 2011	Academic Appeals document reviews	6.0 Hours
November 7, 2011	GSA Executive	2 Hours
November 9, 2011	Academic Appeals Teleconference	1 Hour
November 9, 2011	Campaigns committee	2 Hours

Meetings Missed:

October 17, 2011	GSA Executive missed due to scheduling conflicts
November 2, 2011	Senate Meeting- Had a class presentation

Executive Summary:

1. Active involvement in admission/academic appeals senate committee meetings.
The key objective of this committee is to hear and determine appeals from decisions of faculty and school Selection Committees, administrative decisions affecting the admission process and decisions related to the transfer of credit policy of the faculty/school and the possible granting of advance standing. Once the Committee has determined jurisdiction of an appeal, any decision resulting from the appeal hearing is final and binding on all other committees and the parties concerned. Thus far, we have been able to hear three admission and two academic appeals.



Report

From: Adam Reisacher, Senator
To: GSA Council
Date: November 14, 2011
Re: Council Report

COMMITTEES, MEETINGS AND BUSSINESS MATTERS

Meetings Attended:

October 31, 2011	Senate Student Caucus	1 hour
November 2, 2011	U of M Senate Meeting	1 hour
November 7, 2011	GSA Executive Meeting	2.5 hours

Meetings Missed:

None

Executive Summary:

Attended first Senate, GSA Executive, and Senate Student Caucus meetings since appointment to current position. Completed UMSafe certification.

Senate Highlights

- Senate moved forward with a new Ph.D. program in Nursing.
- Senate approved the restructuring of the Research Ethics and Governance Oversight Committee (merged Animal Care and Ethics of Research Involving Human Subjects committees).
- Senate approved a change to the Donna R. Moore Bursaries in Medicine. It is now only open to Aboriginal women of lower income (was previously open to all women).

Office Hours:

Mondays: 9:00am - 11:00am

Time spent in the office: 2 hours

November 7, 2011 – 2 hours

Time spent in meetings: 4.5 Hours

Office Hours:

Mondays: 2:00 pm - 4:00pm

Time spent in the office: 8 hours

October 14, 2011- 2 hours

October 21, 2011- 2 hours

October 28, 2011- 2 hours

November 4, 2011- 2 hours

Time spent in Committees, meetings and business Matters: 26 hours

AGENDA

Opening Plenary

November 2011 National General Meeting

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Federation's Bylaws require that no less than one-half of the voting members of the Federation having voting rights be present in-person or by-proxy at the general meeting for business to be conducted. A roll call of the voting members will be taken to determine attendance and to confirm that a quorum of voting members is present.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROXIES

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

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

The plenary is the formal decision-making assembly at the general meeting. The Plenary Speaker chairs general meeting plenary sessions.

4. WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF THE PLENARY AGENDA

The plenary will consider the plenary agenda prepared by the National Executive. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

6. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The plenary will consider the proposed schedule for the four days of the general meeting. Any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

7. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The plenary will consider the minutes of the previous national general meeting.

8. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES

- a. Rules of Order and Plenary Procedures
- b. Anti-Harassment Procedures for the General Meeting
- c. Presentation by the Federation's Staff Relations Officer

9. PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

- a. Introduction of Electoral Officers
- b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

The Electoral Officers will provide an overview of the election schedule and procedures at this time.

10. ADOPTION OF STANDING PLENARY SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDAS

As per Standing Resolution 1, Section 1, the following plenary sub-committees and forum are automatically struck:

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- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Forum;
- Organisational and Services Development Committee; and
- Policy Review and Development Committee.

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

11. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

The Federation Bylaws require that all motions that seek to amend the Federation's Bylaws, Policy Manual, and Standing Resolutions or undertake campaigns be submitted no fewer than six weeks prior to the general meeting at which they are to be considered.

The following motions were served by member locals with notice and shall be considered at the meeting:

2011/11:N01 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY Local 78/

Be it resolved that the following policy on Research be adopted:

Research

Preamble

The federal government has established an agenda to commercialise university research agenda through the Expert Panel on Commercialisation, the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Science and Technology and the 2007 Science and Technology Policy. This agenda has resulted in a marked increase in the direct intrusion of the private sector into university research programs. In the government research labs and agencies it has been reported that government bureaucrats and officials are directly involved in muzzling scientists and preventing them from talking about their research if it may be seen to contradict the government's policy or positions. These moves undermine the role that public research, in both the government and the academy, plays in Canada.

Independence, openness and peer review are at the heart of establishing and maintaining good research environments. Researchers must have adequate resources and protections from private interests if they are to continue to produce unbiased results in the service of the public good.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- adequate funding for federal and provincial government research;
- all steps necessary to insulate public research from influence of the profit motive;
- academic freedom for all government and academic researchers;
- whistleblower protection and other policies that are designed to protect researchers who expose research misconduct;
- an environment where researchers may disclose misrepresentation, censorship, and other abuses of research without fear of reprisals;
- policies that seek to establish and maintain research integrity as one of the guiding principles of government and academic research;
- an environment where researchers may conduct their work without political or private-sector interference;
- an environment where researchers may candidly communicate their findings to all levels of government, the public and the research community;
- a government and academic research environment where researchers may publish their work and to participate fully in the research community;
- an environment where researchers have their technical work evaluated by research peers;

- the establishment of a network of progressive forces to counter any policies of the federal and provincial governments that undermine basic and curiosity-driven research within the academy and the governmental research labs.

The Federation opposes:

- government interference in the research process;
- Interference in the research process by private-sector funders;
- policies that directly tie public research funding to short-term, market-orientated product innovation;
- government policies that limit the freedom of speech of government researchers;
- government policies that, in any way, limit or come between researchers and the media when explaining or reporting research results;
- government interference in the distribution of research funds from federal or provincial granting agencies that have been decided through a peer review process.

2011/11:N02

MOTION

Local 98/

Whereas the Federation was founded to ensure the effective use and distribution of the resources of the student movement; and

Whereas there are hundreds of ISIC discounts across the country in various regions; and

Whereas maps could assist members to easily find ISIC discounts near their homes and schools; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to create ISIC discount maps for their regions and where possible do so in partnership with nearby member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to include ISIC discount maps in their Handbook; and

Be it further resolved that the possibility of centrally coordinating regional ISIC discount maps be investigated.

2011/11:N03

MOTION

Local 98/

Whereas the Federation has policy supporting the creation of a national urban transit strategy; and

Whereas the quality and affordability of public transit affects the ability of students to travel to class, work, home, and to access community services and activities; and

Whereas widely-accessible public transportation is essential to sustainable communities; and

Whereas, similar to education, to ensure universal access to mobility within a community, public transportation should be provided to all at no cost to users; and

Whereas Canada is the only member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) without a national transit strategy; and

Whereas access to public transportation is varied and inequitable from coast-to-coast; and

Whereas in absence of a fully-funded system of public transportation, important victories securing student access to affordable transit in Ontario and British Columbia have demonstrated the need for coordinated, student-focused campaigns for more funding for public transit; and

Whereas many member locals have been working at the municipal level to improve transit and secure affordable transit commitments for students and community members; and

Whereas Bill C-305, "An Act to establish a National Public Transit Strategy" has been tabled to the House of Commons on September 30, whose purpose is "to provide public transit that is fast, affordable and accessible"; and

Whereas Bill C-305, if passed, would mandate the federal government to provide a permanent investment plan to support public transit; therefore,

Be it resolved that Bill C-305 be supported; and

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Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in support of Bill C-305; and

Be it further resolved that member locals and members be encouraged to write letters to their Member of Parliament in support of Bill C-305; and

Be it further resolved that the Petition to the House of Commons being circulated by the Official Opposition's Critic for Transport, Infrastructure and Communities calling upon the government to enact a Public Transit Strategy be signed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals and members be encouraged to sign the Official Opposition's Critic for Transport, Infrastructure and Communities petition calling upon the government to enact a Public Transit Strategy.

2011/11:N04

MOTION

Local 98/

Whereas in October 2010, the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) released a report arguing that there exists a need in Ontario's post-secondary education sector for greater differentiation between institutions; and

Whereas differentiation would likely harm disciplines that do not have an obvious job-training component if they are not part of institutions' specialisation agendas; and

Whereas differentiation would likely limit regional access to certain programs and thus will limit access for many low-income and rural students; and

Whereas the discourse around differentiation includes separating the teaching and research functions within degree programs or post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas the Ontario Liberal Party was re-elected with a minority mandate in the 2011 Ontario election; and

Whereas the previous Liberal government announced prior to the election that specialisation priorities will drive the funding negotiations between the government and post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas new teaching-only satellite campuses are being built in Ontario; and

Whereas the dialogue around differentiation has not been limited to the province of Ontario, as evidenced by recent news articles in the mainstream media like the Globe and Mail; therefore

Be it resolved that policies that seek to narrow program diversity at any public institution be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that policies that seek to polarize and separate the teaching and research missions of post-secondary education institutions be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that faculty groups and unions be worked with in order to oppose the program of specialisation.

2011/11:N05

MOTION

Local 11/

Whereas the majority of members use one of several large corporate food service providers to administer food on campus; and

Whereas these corporations make the provision of local, sustainable, organic and ethical food a low priority in their food services; and

Whereas Local 11 recently waged a successful boycott against the food service provider Sodexo following failure to accede to students' dietary and ethical concerns, as well the constructive dismissal of a much-appreciated employee following her expressing concerns about the company's practices; and

Whereas Local 11 has a nascent food group on campus willing to provide weekly ethical and sustainable food servings but facing obstruction from administrators and inspectors; and

Whereas Local 11 is in the process of making a bid to the university administration to run the campus Canteen, located in the Union's space, and is in the process of constructing a business plan for submission; and

Whereas Local 11 recognises that many Locals are themselves experienced or interested in autonomous food administration, and that member locals may have valuable resources to share in order to promote sustainable and ethical food choices on campus; and

Whereas the capacity exists to facilitate communication between member locals concerning these issues through Federation-run services; therefore

Be It resolved that member locals be encouraged to share resources concerning food issues on campus through the member listserve or through the Federation's Communications Kit; and

Be It further resolved that the viability of a Federation-run members-only website or electronic forum dedicated to sharing resources and facilitating communication between locals concerning food issues on campus be explored.

2011/11:N06

MOTION

Local 105/

Whereas the environmental causes including Stop Site 41, bottled water-free campus initiatives, and endorsed the Declaration on the Rights of Mother Earth have been supported; and

Whereas on March 3, 2011 the Highland Companies filed an application with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township of Melancthon to create a 2,300 acre mega quarry on some of Ontario's best remaining farm land in Dufferin County, Ontario; and

Whereas the project is backed by the Baupost Group, a Boston-based billion dollar hedge fund, the Highland Companies have amassed about 7,000 acres of prime agricultural land in order to mine limestone to a depth almost 200 feet below the water table in an area recognised as a primary source of water recharge in two major Ontario watersheds; and

Whereas the escarpment is home to more than 350 bird species, 53 mammals, 36 reptiles and amphibians, 90 fish and 400 varieties of plants, including over 109 threatened or endangered species; and

Whereas the proposed mine site will destroy 1 of only 15 UNESCO world Biosphere reserves in Canada; and

Whereas the water source is a major aquifer of fresh clean water that feeds the Nottawasaga, Grand, Saugeen, and Beaver Rivers which supply Georgian Bay, Lake Huron and Lake Erie; and

Whereas the approval of the site will create the largest open gravel pit in Canada, over 2,300 acres, with eyes on 5,000 acres for future development, roughly 1/3 the size of Toronto and deeper than Niagara Falls; and

Whereas the mine will be 200 feet below the water table, use 20 tons of explosives daily and pump 600,000,000 litres of water daily, which is equivalent to 25% of daily fresh water use in all of Ontario; and

Whereas it will add 7,200 trucks on the roads, destroying the existing road network and creating a nightmare for local and regional traffic; and

Whereas ground water will be exposed to silt, explosive residue and heavy metals, as well as exposing the area to dust, noise, water pollution and greatly increase greenhouse gases; and

Whereas the plan calls for 24/7 operation of the mine with no blasting on statutory holidays; and

Whereas there is no economic impact statement on loss of farming jobs; and

Whereas there is no analysis on the impact of the loss of 2,400 acres of prime agricultural land or impact on food prices; and

Whereas a North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT), Citizens' Alliance for a Sustainable Environment (CAUSE), The Council of Canadians, and other groups have been fighting this project; and

Whereas on September 1, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, John Wilkinson announced an environmental assessment on the proposed Melancthon mega quarry will be conducted; and

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Whereas the federal MP from Dufferin - Caledon, David Tilson, has drafted a petition calling for a federal environmental assessment; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaigns to stop the Melancthon mega quarry be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of \$500 or equivalent cost of materials be donated in-kind to NDACT, CAUSE or Council of Canadians to fund their campaign to stop the Melancthon mega quarry;

Be it further resolved that David Tilson's petition calling for a federal environmental assessment of the Melancthon mega quarry be endorsed and promoted; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse the campaign to stop the Melancthon mega quarry and help raise awareness of the campaign on their campuses.

2011/11:N07

MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas the Kichenugmaykoosib Inninuwig (KI) First Nation, located in North Western Ontario, won their fight to protect traditional land against mining prospectors from Platinex after a long legal battle that saw their leaders jailed; and

Whereas the leadership of KI, along with Bob Lovelace from Ardoch Algonquin First Nation spent time in jail for refusing to allow companies access to traditional lands, a decision that would eventually be overturned after massive public pressure; and

Whereas KI has recently evicted Gods Lake resources who are trying to access traditional lands near KI in a similar manner to Platinex; and

Whereas upon their release in 2008, then-Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry Michael Gravelle promised to create a joint-panel to resolve disputes; and

Whereas on October 2, 2011, the KI leadership demanded that Minister Gravelle uphold his commitment to creating a joint-panel to settle outstanding disputes with KI; therefore

Be it resolved that the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig Nation's call for the Ontario government to create a joint panel to resolve outstanding disputes, be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty expressing support for a joint panel as recommended by the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig Nation; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write letters to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty expressing support for a joint panel as recommended by the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig Nation.

2011/11:N08

MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas water is a human right and the bottled-water free campaign provides a platform for locals to challenge the privatisation of this public resource; and

Whereas nine campuses have successfully lobbied their administrations to ban the sale of bottled water but continue to work on the issues on their campuses; and

Whereas in Canada, there are over 81 municipalities, 7 school boards and 9 campuses that have committed to ending the privatisation of water and phasing out the provision and sale of bottled water in their sectors; and

Whereas there is a need to extend the campaign beyond our campuses, into our communities, and organising beyond signing a pledge; therefore

Be it resolved that resources be created for member locals on how to effectively lobby and work with their administrations on best practices for improving water infrastructure, including, but not limited to, water fountains versus refill stations, recommendations on access, and administrative costs; and

Be it further resolved that endorsement packages be developed including but not limited to fact sheets, petitions and pledges for member locals to outreach to their specific communities, local governments and agencies for support and commitments for improving water infrastructure; and

2011/11:N09

Be it further resolved that coalition partners be actively engaged to lobby the federal and provincial governments to take the bottled-water-free pledge(s).

MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 24/

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Pride Festivals

Preamble

Homophobia, transphobia, and heterosexism are barriers faced by queer and trans students and members of the community. Organisations and services are crucial to challenge these forms of oppression. Among these services are community agencies, coalitions, and not-for-profit organisations, include Pride festivities. Pride festivals are community-based events that celebrate queer and trans-identified people, provide spaces to take action on social issues faced by such communities, and challenge the hegemonic and heteronormative views of love and sexuality. They take on many forms, some a march, and some multiple events and actions spread across multiple days. Pride is a time for community organisations that serve the queer and trans community to outreach and queer and trans people and allies to take up public space and demand access and equity for all.

Pride festivals and other queer/trans services exist in many Canadian cities, but for many rural, northern, and smaller towns and regions, lack of resources have restricted their visibility and influence. Unfortunately, most Pride festivals and queer/trans service organisations (HIV/AIDS Prevention, youth shelters, suicide prevention, and health promotion organisations) are urban-centric and usually only receive support and funding in major urban centers, leaving queer and trans students in those smaller communities without adequate community and public support.

The cities and communities that do have Pride festivities and LGBT services oftentimes face unpredictable public funding, censorship of political or sexual messaging, diminished support from elected officials, and threats from homo/transphobic members of the community.

Pride and services for the queer and trans communities provide crucial spaces for celebration, political action, and safe spaces for queer and trans-identified people, specifically students. Adequately funded Pride organisations ensure that the work extends beyond one march, but into year-round community support, resources, programming, and action. As homophobia and transphobia manifests on campuses and communities, it is important for students to take the lead in demanding public, accessible, and properly-funded queer/trans services and Pride festivals.

Policy

The Federation supports:

- Pride festivals that are publically supported and funded;
- Pride festivals that are community-focused, not-for-profit, and political;
- Pride festivals that acknowledge the intersection of identities, and the different and distinct barriers by those who identify as "queer", LGB, or trans;
- Pride festivals that include the meaningful participation and spaces for all members of the community, including women, trans, racialised, Status and Non-Status First Nations, Metis, and Inuit, and people with disabilities;
- Pride festivals that include alternative programming: actions, awareness events, and activities to include the diverse voices of voices of the queer and trans community;
- Pride festivals and LGBT services publically funded and supported to serve rural, northern, and smaller regions in Ontario.

The Federation Opposes:

- Censorship of community organisations that explore political, social, and global issues;
- Pride festivals that prioritise the needs of corporate sponsors over community;

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- Government bodies that cut funding for Pride festivals, and LGBT services and community organisations.

2011/11:N10

MOTION

Local 24/

Whereas at the May 2011 national general meeting, the membership resolved to hold a national day of action; and

Whereas the National Executive, as directed by the membership, resolved to hold the national day of action on February 1, 2012; and

Whereas the Federation is committed to ensuring a successful campaign on campuses and in communities across the country; and

Whereas a National Day of Action should be visible across the country; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise actions on February 1st; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to seek endorsements from campus and community groups for the Day of Action; and

Be it further resolved that a variety of promotional materials be developed to make the campaign visible on campuses and in communities across Canada; and

Be it further resolved that the strategy investigate the feasibility of including television commercials, web videos, billboards, and/or print advertisements in different media forms; and

Be it further resolved that a tip sheet on engagement using social media (Twitter, Youtube, Facebook) be developed and circulated to member locals as soon as possible.

2011/11:N11

MOTION

Local 96/Local 103

Whereas the Federation was founded to ensure the effective use and distribution of the resources of the student movement; and

Whereas in the 2012 fiscal year more than 10% of the Federation's expenses were allocated to the campaigns strategy budget line; and

Whereas no information was provided to clarify how this money is distributed amongst the Federation's various campaigns; and

Whereas it is understandably difficult for students to judge the effectiveness of a given campaign without knowing how much money is being spent on that campaign; therefore

Be it resolved that the campaigns strategy budget line be further itemised to make clear the proportion of funds allocated to each of the Federation's campaigns.

2011/11:N12

MOTION

Local 96/

Whereas the student movement has traditionally used sit-ins and occupations as a tactic bringing public attention to an issue; and

Whereas 1 in 4 North American women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime; and

Whereas of every 100 incidents of sexual assault, only 6 are reported to the police; and

Whereas over 80% of sex crime victims are women; and

Whereas about 50% of sex assaults occur on dates and only 1 - 2% of "date rape" sexual assaults are reported to the police; and

Whereas only 2 - 4% of all sexual assaults reported are false reports; and

Whereas 80% of assailants are friends or family of the victim; and

Whereas any campaign used to combat such institutionalised violence needs to have a clearly defined mission statement and goals, to be built on current research and evidence, and reach the target audience (potential perpetrators of violence); and

Whereas the No Means No phrase is a motto used worldwide by many organisations and agencies aimed at increasing awareness of, and taking an active stance against man-to-woman violence based in a sexual context; and

Did not add
this statement
to motion.

Whereas the No Means No campaign does not currently include awareness or education about same sex violence, trans sexual violence, or victim blaming; and

Whereas there has never been a research based study on the effectiveness of the No Means No campaign; and

Whereas research can be completed efficiently at a distance and by multiple researchers using modern technology and Web 2.0; therefore

Be it resolved that a thorough research based review of the effectiveness of the No Means No Campaign's at post-secondary institutions across Canada be completed; and

Be it further resolved that one to three graduate students, with experience in quantitative and qualitative research, be hired to complete the review of the campaign's effectiveness; and

Be it further resolved that individuals hired to complete research on the effectiveness of the No means No campaign receive a fair honorarium, scholarship or payment, to be taken from the unused portion of the Campaign's budget, and to be hired by the semi-annual general meeting in Spring 2012; and

Be it further resolved that the awareness component of the No means No campaign be updated based on completed research, and develop an additional education component for this campaign to be used during the post-secondary student orientation weeks and other student trainings across the country, ready for the 2013-2014 academic year.

2011/11:N13

MOTION

Local 96/

Did not add
this statement
to motion.

Whereas the student movement has traditionally used sit-ins and occupations as a tactic bringing public attention to an issue; and

Whereas many of the members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) are part or full time employees of their respective post-secondary student organisations/unions; and

Whereas the legislation for provinces and territories in Canada limits the number of work hours per day to eight hours (8), and additional work hours limited to an additional four per day (4); and

Whereas the current national annual general meeting and semi-annual general meeting extends the day the Graduate and Aboriginal Caucuses meet to sixteen (16) hours, with the final meeting beginning after a fourteen (14) hour day; and

Whereas extended work days lead to decreased performance in work-related tasks and can lead to a deprivation of sleep; and

Whereas extended periods of deprivation of sleep can lead to decreased ability to multi-task, affects learning capacity and the ability to develop memories; and

Whereas elements of the work environment which could compound the fatiguing effects of extended work shifts, include increased workload, noise, or duties and responsibilities outside of the regular workplace; and

Whereas sleep research suggests that these extended schedules should be instituted cautiously and evaluated carefully; and

Whereas a well rested contingent of graduate and Aboriginal students will lead to a more robust discussions and improved healthy debate of current issues; therefore

Be it resolved that no predetermined meeting or workshop commence after eight-thirty PM during any national general meeting; and

Be it resolved that the meeting of the National Graduate Caucus be held at each national general meeting on the first full-day of the meeting, after the lunch hour, from 2 – 4 PM; and

Be it further resolved that the National Aboriginal Caucus meeting be moved to the second full-day of each national general meeting after the lunch hour, from 2 – 4 PM; and

Be it further resolved when graduate students are in meetings of the National Graduate Caucus at each national general meeting, any workshops held for students not in this meeting, receive leadership training and information sharing with an undergraduate focus; and

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Be it further resolved when Aboriginal Caucus at each national general meeting is meeting, that workshops during this time have the potential to focus on improving the knowledge and skills of non-Aboriginal students, when collaborating with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

2011/11:N14

MOTION

Local 41/

Whereas the Federation is an organisational member of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC) and an active participant on its steering committee; and

Whereas the CYCC brings together organisations and movements that connect youth and climate change and encourage the active participation of youth in the political process; and

Whereas climate change will have a major impact on students' realities in the next decades in a variety of ways including rising sea levels, weakened food security, flooding and droughts, and dangerous weather patterns; and

Whereas addressing this climate change requires a number of important measures including a shift away from the use of fossil fuels and towards sustainable, renewable energy; supporting and encouraging sustainable developments in infrastructure and industry; educating the population on sustainable resource management, food production, and environmental stewardship; and creating opportunities for people, particularly those who are marginalised, to make a living without destroying their communities, among others; and

Whereas the CYCC has created five key campaign demands that encompass these issues and others and read as follows:

1. Justice across generations - Young people today, and future generations, have the right to live on a healthy planet that is free from the dangerous impacts of climate change.
2. Justice between people of the same generation - Climate change is disproportionately harming the health and livelihoods of those least able to influence decisions made at national and international levels. Efforts to tackle climate change must take into account the needs of those at greatest risk, such as Indigenous peoples, women, people of colour, workers and communities across the Global South, and to do this effectively, decision-makers need to start listening to their voices. Such efforts must address the injustices we see across the world today, not enhance existing inequalities. Everyone deserves a healthy community and environment in which they can live safely.
3. Youth participation and deliberation in government decision-making - As youth, we are inheriting the legacies of past generations. The impacts of climate change and the responsibility for mitigating them will fall squarely on our shoulders. Policies on climate change mitigation and adaptation will have long-lasting impacts on the lives of young people and we must be actively involved in shaping them.
4. Just transition to a Green Economy Communities – urban and rural, Indigenous peoples, and workers must not be forced to choose between making a living and preserving the planet. As more and more youth struggle to find meaningful employment and pay down mounting debt, we expect an immediate strategy for a just and timely transition towards meaningful, green jobs for all.
5. Energy for today, tomorrow and the future - Fossil fuel extraction is feeding the system of production and consumption that in turn fuels climate change. Justice across and between generations, on the other hand, requires an immediate plan to transition to a zero carbon economy. As a nation with a large supply of oil and gas reserves, it is our responsibility to become a leader in transitioning away from fossil fuels in order to become a leader in renewable energy production; therefore

Be it resolved that the five campaign demands of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition be endorsed; and

Be it further resolved that member locals also be encouraged to endorse the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition campaign demands.

2011/11:N15

MOTION TO AMEND THE DECLARATION OF STUDENT RIGHTS

Local 94/

Whereas the student movement has traditionally used sit-ins and occupations as a tactic bringing public attention to an issue; and

Whereas the international youth and student movements are currently engaged in mass occupations of public spaces to bring attention to the current situation of high unemployment of youth and insufficient funding for post-secondary education resulting in high debt among students; and

Whereas the student movement has identified other tactics in the Declaration of Student Rights; and

Whereas political sit-ins are a non-violent and an historically successful tactic to encourage public political discussion; and

Whereas the use of sit-ins and occupations should be a right in a democracy to express political dissent; therefore

Be it resolved that the section "The Right to Organise" in the Declaration of Student Rights be amended to include the phrase "occupations, sit-ins" under item number 5.

2011/11:N16

MOTION

Local 94/

Whereas the student movement has traditionally used sit-ins and occupations as a tactic bringing public attention to an issue; and

Whereas the Federation is one of the oldest and most established student organisations in the world; and

Whereas the Federation has a long and proud history of building solidarity with student movements around the world; and

Whereas the Federation is the voice of the student movement in Canada; and

Whereas the Federation continually acts in solidarity with student organisations around the world to promote education as a right; and

Whereas the Organizacion Continental Latinoamericana y Caribena de Estudiantes (OCLAE) represents millions of students in the Americas; and

Whereas the Federation and OCLAE have a history of mutually beneficial collaboration on international campaigns supporting student rights; and

Whereas OCLAE promotes similar aims and engages in similar campaigns on education, specifically access to post-secondary education as a right; and

Whereas OCLAE continues to develop and support student movements throughout the Americas and around the world; and

Whereas OCLAE officially represents the student movement to governments in the Americas; therefore

Be it resolved that membership in the Organizacion Continental Latinoamericana y Caribena de Estudiantes be sought; and

Be it further resolved that representatives be sent to the Organizacion Continental Latinoamericana y Caribena de Estudiantes annual congresses.

2011/11:N17

MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recognises education as a fundamental human right necessary to participate effectively in a free society; and

Whereas the response to budget shortages and prices increases caused by the economic crisis is to cut and eliminate public services like education and increase user fees like tuition fees while investing more into corporate bailouts and tax cuts; and

Whereas students protests have surged over the past year in the UK, Scotland, Chile, Germany, Egypt, Kenya, the Philippines, the United States of America, and Bangladesh in

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opposition to cuts to public education, tuition fee increases, and privatisation schemes;
and

Whereas youth and students are subject to exorbitantly high tuition fees and student debt while youth unemployment rates are staggeringly high across the world; and

Whereas the Federation under the banner of the Education is a Right Campaign will be organising a national day of action on February 1 in defence of the public university and college system; therefore

Be it resolved that a statement be issued in solidarity with global student protests in defence of public education; and

Be it further resolved that global solidarity and endorsements from student organisations for the February 1 Day of Action be sought; and

Be it further resolved that member locals organise educational events on their campuses to raise awareness about education struggles happening internationally.

2011/11:N18

MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas ten years ago Canada invaded Afghanistan as part of the U.S.-lead War on Terror; and

Whereas despite the tens of millions already spent on the war in Afghanistan, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page estimates that Canada's ongoing support for police and other training will cost \$3 billion; and

Whereas \$3 billion could reduce every Canadian student's tuition fees in half; and

Whereas since 2001, there has been no progress made to improve human rights or women's rights in Afghanistan by foreign, occupying troops; and

Whereas even after the withdrawal of Canadian Troops, more than 1,000 troops will remain in Afghanistan; and

Whereas the majority of Canadians support withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be sent to Stephen Harper and the federal government calling for an end to any role currently being played by Canadian troops, including training, in Afghanistan; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send similar letters.

2011/11:N19

MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas the line-up of people wanting to immigrate to Canada has grown steadily under the Conservatives' watch, and is now more than a million names long; and

Whereas the federal government has cut back on the overall number of immigrants allowed into Canada this year, lengthening the waiting list, and also taking the federal government further away from its goal of fuelling the Canadian workforce with new labour; and

Whereas since 2008, the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Jason Kenney, limited applications in certain categories including foreign skilled workers and the investor program; and

Whereas some categories of workers — people who have a job lined up, or professionals needed in Canada — can be approved within months, but others—parents and grandparents of permanent residents — can spend up to eight years waiting to learn whether they are accepted or rejected; and

Whereas the long list means many years of uncertainty for some families, and a tarnished reputation for Canada in the global competition for skilled workers; and

Whereas Immigration Canada has taken steps in the past few years to control the waiting list and the House of Commons immigration committee has agreed to hold eight hearings on the matter; and

Whereas in the absence of increasing immigration it is likely that the number of applications will be limited for the first time in history; therefore

Be it resolved that the limiting of the number of applications for immigration to Canada be opposed; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be written to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Jason Kenney, calling on the government to dedicate more resources to processing immigration applications and refrain from limiting the number of applications; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to send letters to the Minister for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Jason Kenney, calling on the government to dedicate more resources to processing immigration applications and refrain from limiting the number of applications.

2011/11:N20

MOTION

Local 68/

Whereas Bill C-10, "An Act to enact the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act and to amend the State Immunity Act, the Criminal Code, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and other Acts" or the "Safe Streets and Communities Act" was tabled on September 20; and

Whereas Statistics Canada states that Canada has the lowest overall crime rates since 1973, rates which continue to decline; and

Whereas Bill C-10, if passed, will criminalise more behaviours and force harsher sentences; and

Whereas Bill C-10, if passed, will cost \$5 billion over 5 years, as estimated by the Parliamentary Budget Officer; and

Whereas Bill C-10 proposes a massive, 102-page overhaul to the justice system that is being pushed through Parliament in an omnibus package over 100 days, preventing careful consideration by stakeholders, the public and opposition parties; and

Whereas most of the crime legislation proposed by Bill C-10 focuses on incarcerating more people and increasing the length of prison sentences, rather than on crime prevention and victim and survivor services; and

Whereas Bill C-10 fails to improve social health and promote safe communities, and instead seeks harsh, costly punitive measures for petty offenses; and

Whereas Bill C-10 will impose mandatory minimum sentences, a measure that is being repealed in many US states because it causes overcrowding in jails, increased incarceration of youth and does not allow judges to rule based on context; and

Whereas incarceration is disproportionately levelled against racialised people, indigenous people, low-income communities, people with disabilities and people with mental health issues as punitive measures; and

Whereas initiatives that focus on social health, such as poverty reduction, public housing, child care, health care, mental health services, victim and survivor services, alternative sentencing, addiction counselling, community-based accountability programs, rehabilitative and reintegrative programs, and access to education can more effectively create safer communities; therefore

Be it resolved that a letter be written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper opposing Bill C-10, and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to write similar letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and local Members of Parliament opposing Bill C-10.

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12. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

As per Bylaw V, Section 2-f., the National Executive will present a report to the plenary detailing the work of the Federation undertaken since the previous national general meeting.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. RECESS

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MOTION

Local 96/Local 103

Whereas 1 in 4 North American women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime; and

Whereas of every 100 incidents of sexual assault, only 6 are reported to the police; and

Whereas over 80% of sex crime victims are women; and

Whereas 80% of assailants are friends and family of the victim; and

Whereas, about 50% of sex assaults occur on dates and only 1 - 2% of "date rape" sexual assaults are reported to the police; and

Whereas 60% of sexual abuse/assault victims are under the age of 17; and

Whereas 80% of sexual assault incidents occur in the home and 17% of girls under 16 have experienced some form of incest; and

Whereas 83% of disabled women will be sexual assaulted during their lifetime; and

Whereas 15% of sexual assault victims are boys under 16; and

Whereas 57% of aboriginal women have been sexually abused; and

Whereas 63% of victims suffer physical harm and 9% of victims are disfigured from the attack; and

Whereas half of all sexual offenders are married or in long term relationships; and

Whereas only 2 - 4% of all sexual assaults reported are false reports¹; and

Whereas the No Means No phrase is a motto used worldwide by many organizations and agencies aimed at increasing the awareness and taking an active stand against man to woman sexual violence, especially towards women 16 – 24 year olds; and

Whereas this campaign does not currently include awareness or education about same sex violence, trans sexual violence, or victim blaming; and

¹ Please note that all the statistics in the first thirteen statements are direct or assembled quotes from the website SexualAssault.ca, <http://www.sexassault.ca/statistics.htm>

Whereas there has never been a academically based study on the effectiveness of this campaign; and

Whereas research can be completed efficiently at a distance and by multiple researchers using modern technology and Web 2.0; therefore

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students complete a *thorough* and *research based* review of the effectiveness of the No Means No Campaign's awareness program at post-secondary institutions across Canada; and

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students hire one to three graduate students, with experience in quantitative and qualitative research, to complete the review of the campaign's effectiveness; and

Be it resolved that a fair honorarium, scholarship or payment schedule be created for graduate students to complete the research with regards to this campaign's effectiveness from the unused portion of the Campaign's budget; and

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students develop and create an additional *education component* for this campaign based on the completed research, to be used during post-secondary student Orientation weeks across the country.



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Thursday, November 3, 2011

Honourable Theresa Oswald, Minister of Health and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Seine River
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Dear Minister Oswald,

It has been reported in the news media that the provincial government plans to extend public health insurance to international students. I am writing to express my support for such a policy. Much has been done in Manitoba and also federally to recognize the rights of international students, including provisions for them to work off-campus and to facilitate more permanent residency and citizenship.

As you know, international students currently contribute at least \$90 million to the Manitoba economy. International students attend school, pay taxes, and help make Manitoba a better place. Beyond the contributions they make, it is Manitoba's responsibility to ensure that everyone who lives here has access to public services, including health care.

In addition to supporting the move to include international students under public health insurance, I hope the Selinger government will continue to establish policies on tuition fees. International students pay up to three times as much as Canadian students, and I believe the same logic applies to that issue as to access to health care. International students live here and should not face barriers to accessing public services.

I thank you for your work for students' health and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Peter Nawrot
President

Cc. Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier
Honourable Erin Selby, Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy