

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services
Monday, April 15, 2024 to Tuesday, April 16, 2024 • Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Monday, April 15, 2024 to Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (11:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET)

National Executive Members

Chairperson	Michelle Kambire
Deputy Chairperson	Armaan Dhillon
Treasurer	Gishleine
Oukouomi	
Circle' Representative	Beth Jacobs
Francophone Students' Representative	Cyrielle Ngeleka
Graduate Students' Representative	Navyashree Krishnareddy
Racialised Students' Representative	Yumna Abdelhameed
Women's Representative	Fatima Yakubi
International Students' Representative	Damanpreet Singh
Black Students' Caucus Representative	Abrar Abdelmahmoud
Student Disability Justice Commissioner	Antonia Francis
Part-Time and Mature Students	Jaime Kearns
2Spirit & Trans Representative	Brandon Rhéal Amyot
2Spirit & Queer Representative	Fallen Matthews
College and Institute Students' Representative	Sri Krishna Rajan
British Columbia Representative	Armaan Dhillon (<i>On</i>
<i>leave</i>) Manitoba Representative	Marie Paule
Ehoussou Ontario Representative	Adaeze Mbalaja
Nova Scotia Representative	Aideen Reynolds
Newfoundland and Labrador Representative	Mary Feltham
New Brunswick Representative	Trilok Singh Bawa
Saskatchewan Representative	Nadiya Ekhteraeetoussi
Alberta Representative	<i>vacant</i>
Prince Edward Island Representative	<i>vacant</i>
Quebec Representative	<i>vacant</i>

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2024/04:01 MOTION

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved.
Francis/Jacobs

AMENDMENT:

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Be it resolved that a National RISE Summit Update be added as the new agenda item 5, after National Executive/Staff Appreciation.

Francis/Kearns
CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Be it resolved that a motion to adopt the Decolonization Audit Working Group report be added to agenda item 6. C. Decolonization Audit/Strategic Plan.

Jacobs/Feltham
CARRIED

AMENDMENT:

Be it resolved that the National Executive consider amending motion 2024/02:10 under agenda item 6. 2024 National General Meeting Venue:

Whereas the 41st National General Meeting (2022) and 42nd National General Meeting (2023) have both required special general meetings to finish business;

Whereas the Federation, prior to COVID-19 and the Student Choice Initiative, used to hold two National General Meetings a year;

Whereas this second meeting (held in the summer, primarily in June), was 4 days in length and added extra time for delegates to meet each other, learn skills, and discuss business;

Whereas the cut of the second meeting has meant the condensing of business from 8 days per year to 4 days per year, resulting in frustration and confusion from the membership and unhealthy working conditions for staff members;

Whereas the timing of a November meeting does not work well with the schedules of our members' academic year nor is it an ideal time for traveling;

Whereas it is not fiscally possible to conduct two in person meetings a year but there were significant benefits to a summer meeting including better membership engagement and a chance to build skills with the membership prior to September;

Be it resolved that the National Executive submit a motion recommendation to the 2024 National General Meeting to move the regularly scheduled National General Meeting to June;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive submit a motion recommendation to the 2024 National General Meeting to add a second general meeting in November that is two days in length and virtual;

Be it further resolved that the National Executive submit a motion recommendation to the 2024 National General Meeting to amend Bylaw 2. Section 3 a) to read "Each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Gatineau area or Greater Toronto area. In extenuating circumstances the National Executive may select an alternative meeting location" to offer more flexibility in the meeting location.

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**Jacobs/Francis
CARRIED**

AMENDMENT:

Be it resolved that the National Executive (re)consider amending motion 2024/02:12 during agenda item 13: Services Reports:

Whereas the handbook program is a bulk-buying initiative where all participating locals' content is printed at the same time in order to achieve the low pricing advertised, and

Whereas locals must submit their content, whether the Federation is designing or the local designs, by a deadline in order for the printer to print all the materials, have it bound, and then shipped to locals across the country, and

Whereas the deadlines to submit content have typically been late May if the Federation is designing content and early June if the local is designing their content; and

Whereas many locals provide their content on time, however there are locals who ask for extensions or do not provide their content by the requested deadline; and

Whereas this places the Federation in a precarious position as the total quantity of handbooks have been reported to their printer and pricing has been confirmed, so an order cannot be cancelled or it will increase the price per book; and

Whereas Federation staff and at-large executive are placed in a position to try and meet the delayed local's requests to ensure the entire order pricing remains as agreed with other locals while attempting to not delay the entire printing process, resulting in significant overtime and unnecessary stress; and

Whereas attempting to work with late locals has resulted in the entire handbook order delayed, resulting in late deliveries of books well past September orientation; therefore

Be it resolved that the national executive set the absolute last date for a local to submit content if the Federation is designing their books be June 10th, 2024 and if the local is designing their books be June 17, 2024.

Be it resolved that the national executive set the absolute hardline for all handbook content to be submitted on July 1st, 2024 (Monday).

**Feltham/Jacobs
CARRIED**

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

2024/04:02 MOTION TO OMNIBUS

Be it resolved that all outstanding staff and National Executive reports from the February National Executive Meeting be adopted.

Ekhteraeetoussi/Jacobs

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CARRIED

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING (Joint)

- a. Meeting Procedures and Logistics

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS NE MEETINGS

2024/04:03 MOTION

Be it resolved that the minutes of the National Executive meeting on February 22nd and 23rd, 2024 be adopted.

4. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE/STAFF APPRECIATION

- a. National Executive/Staff Appreciation Update

Update from Kris Reppas that the National Executive and Staff are eligible for year end sweaters to show appreciation for their work throughout the year. Sweaters will take 8 weeks approximately once they are ordered.

5. NATIONAL RISE SUMMIT UPDATE

Update that the planning committee selected Deerhurst Resort from July 29-31 for RISE.

6. NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MOTION UPDATES

- a. International Students Caucus

2024/04:04 MOTION

Whereas the International Students Caucus Review Committee has not been able to meet to review the possibility of an International Students Caucus;

Whereas May 1st, 2024 marks the turnover of executives and representatives;

Be it resolved that the formation of the International Students Caucus Review Committee meetings be deferred to May 1st, 2024.

Kearns/Jacobs

CARRIED

- b. New Brunswick Component Staffing Report

2024/04:05 MOTION

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Be it resolved that the New Brunswick Component Staffing Report be adopted.

Matthews/Kearns
CARRIED

c. Decolonization Audit/Strategic Plan

2024/04:06 MOTION

Whereas the Decolonization Audit Working Group requires more time to review proposals from a wide variety of external organizations;

Whereas a final consultant has not been selected and the Decolonization Audit Working Group is unable to provide a preliminary review update to the membership as outlined in the National General Meeting motion;

Be it resolved that the deadline for the Decolonization Audit/Strategic Plan preliminary review be extended till June 30th, 2024.

Jacobs/Mbalaja
CARRIED

2024/04:N06 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Decolonization Audit Working Group Report be adopted.

Jacobs/Mbalaja
CARRIED

d. Exam Deferral Fees Report

2024/04:07 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Exam Deferral Fees Report be adopted and distributed to all members to support their advocacy efforts.

Mbalaja/Kearns
Abstentions: Oukouomi, Ekhteraeetoussi
CARRIED

6. 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING VENUE

i. NGM Venue Presentation

Reppas presented 3 venue options to the National Executive to review for the 2024 National General meeting.

2024/04:08 MOTION

Be it resolved that the National Executive move forward with the Brookstreet Hotel

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as the venue host for the 2024 National General Meeting.

Feltham/Ngeleka

CARRIED

2024/04:09 MOTION

Be it resolved that the National Executive schedule the 2024 National General meeting for Nov 8th-13th.

Jacobs/Matthews

CARRIED

2024/02:10 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

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Be it further resolved that a working group (comprised of provincial representatives/chairs, provincial staff (organizers), and national staff) be struck to assess the feasibility of moving the National General Meeting to June.

**Jacobs/Matthews
CARRIED**

7. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES

i. Prospective Membership Inquiry Update

Reppas and Ojewole updated the group that they had received two membership inquiries from Northlands College and from University of Alberta Graduates. The pair are going to continue following up for a membership presentation.

8. FINANCE Report (Joint)

i. Finance Report

li. Budget Updates

2024/04:10 MOTION

Be it resolved that the finance report be adopted.

**Kearns/Feltham
CARRIED**

9. INTERNAL (Joint)

i. Internal Report

2024/04:11 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Internal Report be adopted.

**Feltham/Jacobs
CARRIED**

10. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

i. Communications Report

2024/04:12 MOTION

Be it resolved that the communications report be adopted.

**Jacobs/Feltham
CARRIED**

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11. CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT

- i. Campaigns and Government Relations Report

2024/04:13 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Campaigns and Government Relations report be adopted.

Feltham/Kearns
CARRIED

12. SOLIDARITY REPORT

- i. Solidarity Report

2024/04:14 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Solidarity Report be adopted as amended.

Oukouomi/Kearns

AMENDMENT:

Be it resolved the following update be added to the solidarity report:

“At the November 2023 National General Meeting, a motion (2023/11:E02) was served calling for a \$5,000 donation to the Palestinian Youth Movement and a \$5,000 donation to the Community Defence Fund. As of April 9th, 2024, both donations have been made.”

Jacobs/Oukouomi
CARRIED

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Be it resolved that the national executive recess for a 1 hour lunch (return at 2:20pm)

Oukouomi/Feltham
CARRIED

Call back to order at 2:44pm.

13. SERVICES REPORT

- a. Presentation of the Services Reports.
 - i. National Student Health Network
 - ii. International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
 - iii. Handbook/Day Planner Publishing Service
 - iv. Ethical Purchasing Network
 - v. Digital Services

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2024/04:15 MOTION

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Feltham/Kearns
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2024/02:12 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

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Be it resolved that the national executive set the following deadlines for a local to submit their final content if the Federation is designing their books be June 10th, 2024 and if the local is designing their own books be June 17th, 2024.

Be it resolved that the national executive set the deadline for artwork proofs approved by participating locals be July 4th, 2024 (Thursday) in order to meet the middle to end of August delivery timeline.

Jacobs/Kearns

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14. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

a. Reports of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Treasurer (At-Large Executive)

- Chairperson (Michelle Kambire)
- Deputy Chairperson (Armaan Dhillon)
- Treasurer (Gishleine Oukouomi)

2024/04:16 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the At-Large Executive be adopted.

Jacobs/Feltham

CARRIED

b. Provincial Representatives' Reports

- British Columbia (Armaan Dhillon, *on leave*)
- Alberta (vacant)
- Saskatchewan (Nadiya Ekhteraeetoussi)
- Manitoba (Marie Paule Ehoussou)
- Ontario (Adaeze Mbalaja)
- Québec (vacant)
- New Brunswick (Trilok Singh Bawa)
- Prince Edward Island (vacant)
- Nova Scotia (Aideen Reynolds)
- Newfoundland & Labrador (Mary Feltham)

2024/04:21 MOTION

Be it resolved that the national executive extend the Saskatchewan Representative's term until CFS-Saskatchewan component's next general meeting.

Ekhteraeetoussi/Matthews

CARRIED

2024/04:17 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the Provincial Representatives be adopted.

Jacobs/Ekhteraeetoussi

CARRIED

c. Caucus Representatives' Reports

- The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (Beth Jacobs)
- Colleges and Institutes (Sri Krishna Rajan)
- National Graduate Caucus (Navyashree Krishnareddy)

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- Black Caucus (Abrar Abdelmahmoud)

2024/04:18 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the Caucus Representatives be adopted.

Kearns/Jacobs

CARRIED

d. Constituency Representatives' Reports

- Francophone Students' Representative (Cyrielle Ngeleka)
- Racialized Students' Representative (Yumna Abdelhameed)
- Student Disability Justice Representative (Antonia Francis)
- Women's Representative (Fatima Yakubi)
- 2Spirit & Trans Representative (Brandon Rhéal Amyot)
- 2Spirit & Queer Representative (Fallen Matthews)
- International Students' Representative (Damanpreet Singh)
- Mature and Part Time Students' Representative (Jaime Kearns)

2024/04:19 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the Constituency Representatives be adopted.

Mbalaja/Ekhteraeetoussi

CARRIED

15. IN-CAMERA

Matthews/Jacobs

CARRIED

MEETING MOVES IN CAMERA AT 4:03PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:44PM, APRIL 15TH, 2024.

CALL BACK TO ORDER AT 11:26AM, APRIL 16TH, 2024.

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved to an in camera session.

Jacobs/Kearns

CARRIED

QUORUM LOST AT 12:45PM, MEETING ADJOURNS.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

17. ADJOURNMENT

2024/04:20 MOTION

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Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.