

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services
Tuesday, August 5th - 7th, 2025 • Hybrid Conference

Land acknowledgement

Equity Statement

Roll Call quorum is 12 people

CALL TO ORDER : 1:33 PM EST

National Executive Members

Chairperson	Mary Feltham
Deputy Chairperson	David Ohene-Amoako
Treasurer	Gishleine Oukouomi
Circle' Representative	Cheyenne Schmidt-Harlick
Francophone Students' Representative	Rafael Yassine
Graduate Students' Representative	Shakib Mahamud
Racialised Students' Representative	Zanira Manesiya
Women's Representative	Hawa Diallo
International Students' Representative	Amir Moghadam
Black Students' Caucus Representative	Francisca Idigbe
Student Disability Justice Commissioner	Natalie Wilkinson
Part-Time and Mature Students	Suanny Aranguren
2Spirit & Trans Representative	Brandon Amyot
2Spirit & Queer Representative	Miranda Planetta
College and Institute Students' Representative	Ibrahim Hatia
British Columbia Representative	Vacant
Manitoba Representative	Joy Chikezie
Ontario Representative	Omar Mousa
Nova Scotia Representative	Alexina St. Pierre Farrow
Newfoundland and Labrador Representative	Nicolas Keough
New Brunswick Representative	Shauntelle Nurse
Saskatchewan Representative	Mahad Ahmad
Alberta Representative	<i>vacant</i>
Prince Edward Island Representative	Prantor Mondal
Quebec Representative	<i>vacant</i>

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AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING

- a. Meeting Procedures and Logistics

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025/08:01 MOTION

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved.

AMYOT/ MONDAL

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS NE MEETINGS

2025/08:02 MOTION

Be it resolved that the minutes of the National Executive meeting be adopted.

MAHAMUD/CHIKEZIE

CARRIED

4. APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE

2025/08:03 MOTION

Be it resolved that Lesley Griffiths be appointed as the employers representative for Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students services.

SCHMIDT-HARLICK / MONDAL

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS (Joint)

- a. Reports of the At-Large Executive
 - Chairperson
 - Deputy Chairperson
 - Treasurer

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2025/08:N04 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the at-large executive be adopted.

SCHMIDT-HARLICK / AMYOT

CARRIED

b. Provincial Representatives' Reports

- British Columbia (vacant)
- Alberta (vacant)
- Saskatchewan (Mahad Ahmad)
- Manitoba (Joy Chikezie)
- Ontario (Omar Mousa)
- Québec (vacant)
- New Brunswick (Shauntelle Nurse)
- Prince Edward Island (Prantor Mondal)
- Nova Scotia (Alexina St. Pierre-Farrow)
- Newfoundland & Labrador (Nicolas Keough)

2025/08:N05 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the provincial representatives be adopted.

SCHMIDT-HARLICK/ CHIKEZIE

CARRIED

c. Caucus Representatives' Reports

- The Circle of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (Cheyenne Schmidt-Harlick)
- Colleges and Institutes (Ibrahim Hatia)
- National Graduate Caucus (Shakib Mahamud)
- Black Caucus (Francisca Idigbe)

2025/08:N06 MOTION

Be it resolved that the reports of the caucus representatives be adopted.

CHIKEZIE/FELTHAM

CARRIED

d. Constituency Representatives' Reports

- Francophone Students' Representative (Rafael Yassine)
- Racialized Students' Representative (Zanira Manesiya)
- Student Disability Justice Representative (Natalie Wilkinson)
- Women's Representative (Hawa Diallo)
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**CHIKEZIE/MAHAMUD
CARRIED**

6. NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

- a. NGM 2024 Motions Adopted by Plenary
 - i. NO1- Anti War Campaign

- 1. Committee Report Update
- 2. Motion

2025/08:N07 DONATION MOTION

Be it resolved that the CFS-National Anti-War Committee collaborate on the Soirée Congo, a student-led, community-rooted fundraising event taking place on August 9, 2025, in Ottawa;

Be it further resolved that the committee recommends a donation of \$500 from the campaigns budget to support the event as a collaborating partner;

Be it further resolved that the Committee provide an additional \$250 donation directly to Focus Congo to support their ongoing work in Eastern Congo

NB: Motion was not voted on as the donation already happened under the direction of the at-large due to the time sensitivity of the event mentioned on the motion.

- ii. N02- Education for All: Expanding Student Advocacy Ahead of the Federal Elections
- iii. N03- Affordable Housing Coalition
- iv. E04- Support for the creation of Sudbury University as a University “by, for and with” francophone students.
- v. E01- National General Unlimited Student Strike
 - 1. Strike Committee Update
 - 2. Motion

2025/08:N08 MOTION -

Whereas the CFS *National Strike Committee* has been struck, and has, as part of its business, carried out research on the topics of student strikes, the history of student strikes, the risks associated with student strikes, and safety measures that can be taken throughout the course of student strikes, and;

Whereas it is in the interest of the student movement in so-called “Canada” for information about all the tactics within the portfolio of all student organizing bodies, such as unions, federations, and associations, to be shared with all students, therefor;

Be it resolved that the National Executive authorizes the CFS National Strike Committee to develop and pursue an *information*

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campaign, beginning with no delay, and;

Be it further resolved that the Strike Information campaign will continue until the conclusion of the 2025 CFS National General Meeting, which will result in either the initiation of a Strike *Action* Campaign, or a defeated strike motion, and;

Be it further resolved that the CFS National Strike Committee will develop materials to be distributed at 2025 SKILLS workshops and 2025 Orientation, and;

Be it further resolved that the CFS National Strike Committee will, if any funding is required for the carrying out of this information campaign, request funding of the National Executive of CFS, with all potential materials being paid for by the CFS National *Campaigns* budget line, and;

Be it further resolved that the CFS National Strike Committee will, through this information campaign, deliver to students across the country educational materials regarding how student strikes work, the history of student strike, the risks associated with student strikes, and the safety measures that can be taken during student strikes to increase safety for all students.

SCHMIDT-HARLICK/ OHENE-AMOAKO

DEFEATED

vi. N09- Restructure and Resource Allocation for Provincial Offices and Constituencies

The Ontario provincial Component does not want to be part of this conversation and does not want to be affected by any possible restructuring that comes from this.

vii. N10- Framework for National Consultation and Accountability to Locals

1. Discussion of Draft Framework

BREAK- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

b. Motions Referred to the NE

- i. N11- Decertification Timeline
- ii. N12- Voting by Electronic Means
- iii. N13- Voting Threshold

The bylaw committee will write a report following the recommendation to defeat as agreed at the Feb 2025 NE Meeting for N11- N13.

iv. E03- Respect of Bilingualism in the Canadian Federation of Students

v. E06 - AD-HOC Committee Punctuality Review

- 1. Committee Report Review
 - a. Proposed 2025 Block Agenda
 - b. Programming and Presenters
 - c. Dates and Timelines

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2. Recommendation

2025/08:N09 MOTION

Be it Resolved that the AD-HOC Committee Report be adopted

Be it further resolved that this motion be recommended to plenary for adoption at the 2025 NGM

SCHMIDT-HARLICK/MONDAL

CARRIED

- vi. E02- Boycott Divestment Sanctions Movement
- vii. E05 Response To Recent Changes In Immigration Policies In Canada
- viii. E07 Voting Rights for Provincial Association Delegates

7. DECOLONIZATION AUDIT UPDATE

MOTION TO RECESS TILL TOMORROW

FELTHAM/ MONDAL

CARRIED

ADJOURNED BY 5:58PM

END OF DAY 1

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DAY 2:

CALL TO ORDER BY 9:19 AM

8. CAMPAIGNS RESEARCH AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS -

- a. Presentation of the Campaigns and Government Relations Report
- b. Research update
- c. Lobby week update

2025/08:11 MOTION

Be it resolved that the campaigns, research and government relations report be adopted.

IDIGBE/FELTHAM

CARRIED

2025/08:N10 MOTION

Whereas National Lobby Week must align with Parliament's sitting schedule and budgeting preparation timeline to ensure meaningful engagement with Members of Parliament and government officials on behalf of our membership;

Whereas more members will be able to participate in a virtual capacity,

Be it resolved that the NE approve the recommendation to host the 2025–2026 National Lobby Week as a virtual event from Monday, November 24 to Thursday, November 27, 2025

AMYOT/IDIGBE

CARRIED

9. SOLIDARITY REPORT

- a. Presentation of the Solidarity Report

2025/08:12 MOTION

Be it resolved that the solidarity report be adopted.

MAHAMUD/KEOUGH

CARRIED

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Presentation of the Communications Report

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2025/08:13 MOTION

Be it resolved that the communications report be adopted.

YASSINE/MONDAL

CARRIED

11. FINANCE

- a. Presentation of the Finance Report
- b. Presentation of Budget

2025/08:14 MOTION

Be it resolved that the finance report be adopted.

KEOUGH/IDIGBE

CARRIED

12. INTERNAL

- a. Presentation of the Internal Report
- b. Federation Membership and Legal Updates
 - i. University of Manitoba Student Union and University of Manitoba Graduate Student Association
 - ii. Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students
 - iii. Brock Graduate Students Association
 - iv. University of Alberta of the Arts student Association
 - v. Local 88 Investigation Update
 - vi. CFS Ontario and CFS National Conflict Resolution Update

2025/08:15 MOTION

Be it resolved that the internal report be adopted.

AMYOT/MAHAMUD

CARRIED

13. SERVICES

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

2025/08:16 MOTION

Be it resolved that the services report be adopted.

CHIKEZIE/IDIGBE

CARRIED

BREAK: 11:-30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

RESUME PROGRAMMING 1:00PM EST

14. FALL OUTREACH UPDATE

- a. Membership Outreach Training
- b. Membership Pamphlet

15. OUTSTANDING NGM 2024 MOTIONS DISCUSSION

- o Motions Adopted by Plenary
 - N09- Restructure and Resource Allocation for Provincial Offices and Constituencies

The Ontario provincial Component does not want to be part of this conversation and does not want to be affected by any possible restructuring that comes from this.

A subcommittee was struck to focus on the honorarium and the conclusions from the committee will be effective in the 2026 -2027 term:

Members of Committee are as follows:

Nic Keough, Prantor Mondal, Zanira Manesiya, Shakib Mahamud , Joy Chikezie, Rafeal Yassine

All at large And staff support

BREAK: 3:30PM- 4:00PM

PROGRAMMING CONTINUES: 4PM - 6PM

- o Motions Referred to the NE
 - E07 Voting Rights for Provincial Association Delegates

Recommendation is to send this to the bylaw committee for further discussion on this.

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IDIGBE / OHENE-AMOAKO

Motion to bring forward the discussion on the membership strategy from other businesses to be addressed at this time.

MOTION PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Withheld Fees from Locals:

- Some Locals withhold fees as a strategy for movement or change, **however, as members of the same community, this approach is not ideal.**
 - **Open a Dialogue:** Initiate a conversation with locals who are withholding fees to understand their reasoning, concerns, and goals. Ensure this conversation is non-punitive and rooted in accountability and solidarity.
 - **Accountability Framework:** Create a framework for acceptable timelines taking strict measures like taking legal action.
 - Offer a framework for accountability, Similar to the national consultation framework, we could develop a model of progressive accountability for fee collection, one that balances responsibility with relationship-building. This framework should outline the steps for engagement and follow-up, emphasizing dialogue before escalation.
 - Additionally, we should engage our labour partners in these discussions to ensure a shared understanding and coordination.
 - Do a more indepth analysis
 - Many locals have a wrong perception of the Federation's role, offer conversations to clarify, then propose a timeline to resolve fee issues collaboratively.
 - Draft a plan strategy to acquire fees back without being punitive
 - Go after the institution directly as some locals remit through their institution - Revisit our membership agreements with locals
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- #### 2. Continuous Absence of NE Members at NE Meetings
- NE members who continuously miss meetings with or without regrets will be sent an email telling them their positions will be vacant

MOTION TO RECESS AT 5:53PM

KEOUGH/ MONDAL

MOTION CARRIED

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END OF DAY 2

DINNER- 6:00PM

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DAY 3:

BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM EST

PROGRAMMING: 9:00 AM- 3:15 PM

16. POTENTIAL NGM 2025 MOTIONS DISCUSSION 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM

BREAK 11:30 AM- 12:00PM

LUNCH: 12PM- 1PM

RESUME PROGRAMMING: 1 PM EST

17. IN CAMERA MEETING: 1:00 PM EST- 2:45 PM

Motion For A 10 Minute Recess

MOUSA/SCHMIDT-HARLICK

2025/08:17 MOTION

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved In Camera at 10:44 AM EST.

ST. PIERREE FARROW / MANESYIA

CARRIED

2025/08:18 MOTION

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of Camera at 2:52 PM EST.

AYMOT / SCHMIDT-HARLICK

CARRIED

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

- **FALL PROGRAMMING- Judith**
- **NEXT NE MEETING**
 - **September 16 and 17**
- **STRATEGY ON MEMBERSHIP FEES**

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Executive strikes a new Executive Director Hiring Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee include: a member of the At-Large who is bilingual; two members of the National Executive, with at least one being bilingual; and two unionized staff members, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the National Executive appoints [insert At-Large Member name here], Rafael Yassine, and Joy Chikezie ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the At-Large Member sends out an email soliciting interest from the staff in serving on the Committee, and that the Committee be tasked with appointing those two remaining members; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hiring Committee be tasked with reviewing the existing job description and report back on a final posting, including any changes, for the National Executive's approval at its meeting on September 16 and 17.

AMYOT / YASSINE

CARRIED

AMENDMENT -

Be it further Resolved that the a Director be appointed to the committee without voting rights in this hiring process

CHIKEZIE/ OUKOUOMI

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

MOTION

Be it resolved that the CFS National office donate 40,000 to the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial Election Campaign

KEOUGH / CHIKEZIE

DEFEATED

AMENDMENT :

Be it further resolved that the National office cover the full cost of the Newfoundland and Labrador Election Campaign

OHENE-AMOAKO/ CHIKEZIE

DEFEATED

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

Be It Resolved That The National Office Support The Cost Of The Newfoundland And Labrador Election Campaign Based On The Consultation With The Director Of Finance

OHENE-AMOAKO/ SCHMIDT-HARLICK

MOTION DEFEATED

16. ADJOURNMENT

2025/08:19 MOTION

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Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 PM EST.

MANESIYA/MONDAL

CARRIED

END OF DAY 3