



STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Amended September 2023

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Standing Resolution I

Standing Committees

1. General Meeting Standing Committees

a. Standing Committees

At each annual general meeting the following committees shall be struck:

- i. Budget, Bylaws, and Services Committee; and
- ii. Campaigns, Government Relations, and Policy Review and Development Committee.

b. Committee Composition

Each member local shall have one vote at each general meeting standing committee.

c. Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for annual general meeting standing committees shall be as follows:

- i. Budget Bylaws, and Services Committee.

The Budget, Bylaws, and Services Committee shall:

1. develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary of the semiannual general meeting;
2. review and make recommendations to the closing plenary on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Operations Policy.
3. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on the services of the Federation.

- ii. Campaigns, Government Relations, and Policy Review and Development Committee.

The Campaigns, Government Relations, and Policy Review and Development Committee shall:

1. make general recommendations concerning the implementation of campaigns and government relations;
2. review and make recommendations to closing plenary on proposed amendments to the issues policy of the Federation.

d. Committee Chairperson

As its first order of business each standing general meeting committee shall either:

- i. ratify as the committee chairperson(s) the National Executive member(s) appointed to the committee; or
- ii. elect a committee chairperson from within its membership.

e. Submission of Reports

Each general meeting committee will prepare and submit a report containing its recommendations to the final plenary for consideration.

f. Distribution and Presentation of Outstanding Reports

All committee reports, not presented in full at a given general meeting due to lack of time, natural disaster or other event beyond human control, shall be:

- i. distributed to the member local associations not less than four (4) weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled national general meeting; and
- ii. presented in the opening plenary of the next regularly scheduled annual general meeting prior to any new business.

Standing Resolution II

Constituency Groups

1. General Meeting Constituency Groups

a. Constituency Groups

At each annual general meeting the following constituencies shall meet:

- i. Indigenous Students Constituency Group
- ii. Racialised Student Constituency Group
- iii. Women's Constituency Group

b. Membership

- i. Membership of the Indigenous Students Constituency Group shall include all Indigenous students who are delegates of member associations at annual general meetings, and choose to be members. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the constituency group. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency Group may also include Indigenous students who are non-delegate representatives of member or non-member associations.
- ii. Membership of the Racialised Students Constituency Group shall include all racialised students who are delegates of member associations at annual general meetings, and choose to be members. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the constituency group. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency Group may also include racialised students who are non-delegate representatives of member or non-member associations.
- iii. Membership of the Women's Constituency Group shall include all women who are delegates of member associations at annual general meetings, and choose to be members. This membership shall participate and vote at all meetings of the constituency group. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency Group may also include students who identify as women and are non-delegate representatives of member or non-member associations.

c. Reports

Each general meeting constituency group will select a member to deliver a brief oral report of their meeting to closing plenary.

Standing Resolution III

Land Recognition

1. Policy to recognize traditional territory

- a. In all written materials, CFS-NS will refer to the following place names as such:

“Halifax” as “K’jipuktuk (Halifax).”

“Cape Breton” as “Unama’ki (Cape Breton).”

“Sydney” as “Kjikank (Sydney).”

“Mi’kmaq territory” as “Mi’kma’ki (Mi’kmaq territory).”

- b. CFS-NS will make an effort to use Mi’kmaq wherever possible when mentioning Mi’kma’ki place names, and to make the same effort in acknowledging Indigenous language place names when referring to other territories; both in written and oral use.

Standing Resolution IV

External Grassroots Funding

1. Preamble

CFS-NS is an organization rooted in the actions and participation of its constituents and partners, including but not exclusive to its member locals. CFS-NS's own history is grounded in grassroots action and community support, with recognition that many struggles intersect and overlap. Without solidarity and assistance from other organizations whose aims run parallel, new initiatives face significant barriers to accessing the resources, support, and funding to take large scale action.

2. Funding for Direct Action Groups and Projects

CFS-NS commits to providing funding to external student initiatives in order to facilitate direct projects and actions which otherwise may not be possible.

- a. Funding shall be provided in the form of grants of variable amounts. Approved applicants will also have access to CFS-NS resources and support.
- b. Application processes shall involve a description of the anticipated project or initiative, including particular goals or targets, activities, timelines, and a budget, which CFS-NS will be able to provide advice for.
- c. Applications shall be voted upon by the Executive Committee to a limit of [\$5,000]. Any applications in excess of [\$5,000] shall be voted upon by then membership at a General Meeting.
- d. Approved projects, groups, or initiatives shall produce a brief report to CFS-NS upon completion of their project or at a certain time determined when funding is voted upon.

3. Conditions of Funding and Release

- a. Funding for external organizations, initiatives, and direct action projects will be provided wherein it is reasonable within CFS-NS' annual budget.
- b. Applicants must demonstrate in their application a commitment and intention to adhere to the values and governing documents of CFS-NS, and any applications must adhere to these values.
- c. Approved applicants must attend an anti-oppression workshop and a CFS-NS orientation in order to access funding and resources. These will be provided within a timely manner by CFS-NS.