
Minutes

Members' Assembly
July 11th -12th, 2015

List of Attendees

Name	Association
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Ariane Dugas-Angrignon	AéESG
Anthony Blond	AéESG
Anne-Sophie Lachapelle	AEETS
Stephane Jenkins	AEETS
Christian Djoko	AÉLIES
Adam Samson	AEP
Jérôme Laviolette	AEP
Romain Gayet	AEP
Marc-André Lecompte	AGEUQAT
Thierry Bouchard-Vincent	CADEUL
Rodolphe Giorgis	CADEUL
Gabriel Velasquez	CSU
Marie D. Gauthier	FAÉCUM
Nicolas Bérubé	FAÉCUM
Nicolas Lavallée	FAÉCUM
Armand Djavidi	FEUS
Simon Bouthillier	FEUS
Francis Gravel St-Pierre	FEUS
Mélanie Lemay	FEUS
Bradley Por	PGSS
Steve St-Pierre	REMDUS
Guillaume Raymond	REMDUS
Jean-Sébastien Gagné-Bisson	REMDUS
Emily Boytinck	SSMU

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1. Initials Procedures
 - 1.1. Opening of the Assembly

The meeting is opened with quorum at 10:17 a.m.

- 1.2. Appointment of the President and Secretary of the Assembly

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 01

That Vince Ducharme and Guillaume Girard be re respectively named as chair and secretary of the assembly.

AÉCSP seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

- 1.3. Presentation and adoption of the Agenda

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 02

That the agenda for the meeting of July 11th and 12th for the second working group of the Members' Assembly be adopted as modified.

AÉÉTS seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

1.4. Proposition and adoption of the minutes from last workgroup

CADEUL

Rodolph Giorgis' name is incomplete and the reference to CADEUL's proposal on page 5 is incomplete.

CADEUL proposes:

20150711 AM 02

That the minutes for the meeting of the Members' Assembly on the 30th and 31st of May be adopted as modified.

FAECUM seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

2. Round table

PGSS

This is my first time acting as a representative for PGSS at these meetings. I don't have much to say, but I'll continue acting as an observer.

CSU

We are here observing. In terms of an eventual affiliation, that would take place through a referendum.

SSMU

So nice to be here. Not much has changed. We don't hold any council meetings during the summer. I'm currently writing the by-laws that will cover the process for affiliations. I highly doubt that we could be one of the first associations to join.

AéESG

Things are going well on campus, and we expect an affiliation in January by means of a referendum.

AÉÉTS

For us, the process would pass through a General Assembly. There is also the possibility of doing it through a referendum. We're not sure how we would collect the fee. During our last General Assembly, I made a presentation on the PSM, people didn't seem to always understand. If the project concretizes by September, I will definitely need help on our campus.

FAÉCUM

For the time being we are contacting our associations via email to keep them up to date. For us, the 20th of November is the limit for adding a fee for our members, so we think we would affiliate before that cut-off.

FEUS

Currently our affiliations are done by referendum. However, it's possible that that could change.

REMDUS

For us, it's a referendum and it is our Board that decides whether we submit the question to our students. It would be possible to hold it in the fall. We are keeping our board up to date on the progress of our work here.

AÉLIES

We haven't had any meetings internally since the last working group, but I've written several reports. The next meeting will be in August. We'll probably hold a referendum with two choices.

AÉCSP

For us, it would be a referendum.

AGEUQAT

We'll be holding a General Assembly in the fall to discuss this. Our Board is waiting on news to continue our process internally.

CADEUL

We would be holding a referendum this fall.

AEP

I've been keeping my Board up to date. It would be good if the Coordinating Committee could come and present all of the proposals adopted to date and the overall project in more detail to our internal bodies. Normally, we're thinking of holding a referendum this fall, but if we put an electronic process for our consultations, it would be this winter.

Working Groups Coordinator

If you'd like us to come and make a presentation internally, we would be very happy to come and discuss everything. We are very at ease doing that. We've already made presentations for other members of the PPME, specifically for the decision-making bodies or members of the FEUS, CADEUL, and REMDUS.

CADEUL

We're likely going to request that the Coordinating Committee come and present to our internal bodies. It would also be interesting for others to come in the fall too. At our next working group, we should start thinking about how things will go in the fall.

3. Workgroup 3

AéESG

We'd like to talk about the dates for the third working group. We have two other meetings happening at the same time and we would like to know if it's possible to move the date forward. It renders our participation very difficult.

FAECUM

We also have a meeting that prevents us from attending. We'd also like it if the third working group could be moved up.

AÉÉTS

I'm going to be out of the country and there is no guarantee that another member of my executive will be able to replace me if the dates are changed.

AGEUQAT

We are not available before August 15th, 2015.

AECSP

It would be difficult for us as well if it were advanced.

AEP

For us, it would be preferable to move it forward, we have an activity with our executive.

FEUS

Moving it forward would work for us.

Indicative vote to advance the third working group to the 1st and 2nd of August, 2015.

Some reds

Indicative vote to advance the third working group to the 8th and 9th of August, 2015.

Some reds

Indicative vote to maintain the third working group on the 15th and 16th of August, 2015.

Some reds

Chair

There are always at least 3 red cards for each date proposed.

AEETS

The question that I am asking myself is: certain associations have more delegates. Is it really a problem for them to be there the 15th-16th?

REMDUS

For us, it would be impossible to make it to a meeting of the PSM before the 1st and 2nd of August.

AEP

We can have at least one person for all three weekends.

CADEUL

We can always have one person for all of the weekends.

AGEUQAT

We really cannot before August 15th, 2015.

AECSP

We can always have at least one person.

ALIÉS

After the 15th is difficult.

REMDUS

We could have someone for all of the weekends.

FEUS

We can for every date after August 8th, 2015.

FAECUM

It will be hard for us on August 15th-16th, 2015.

AÉÉTS

I prefer August 15th and 16th, 2015.

AéESG

The only weekend that we can't is August 15th-16th, 2015.

SSMU

I'll manage for any date.

CSU

I can't before August 15th.

PGSS

I can make sure someone from my executive will be there.

CADEUL

There is no perfect weekend. We propose that August 15th-16th, 2015 be maintained for the third working group.

FEUS

I've just been told that, finally, we could on August 8th.

AECSP

We need to think about whether anyone can host the third working group, on the 15th-16th.

REMDUS

We can host for the third working group.

CADEUL

We could also host on August 15th-16th.

AÉÉTS

We could also welcome you on August 15th-16th.

FAECUM

If it will be close to Montreal, we can organise ourselves for August 15th-16th.

REMDUS

REMDUS can host in our offices at Longueuil, August 15th-16th.

4. Financial Contributions

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 03

That the associations' contributions be accepted by the Members' Assembly.

AéESG seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

5. Review of the Coordinating Committee

5.1. Officers' reports

Working Groups Coordinator

We sent out the documents related to our reports. We won't read them aloud if it isn't necessary. Do you have any questions? We also changed the format of the reports since the last working group. If it doesn't suit you, we can change it again.

CADEUL

The format suits us. What do you mean by associative relations?

Working Groups Coordinator

It is when we contact an association or delegate. It can be by phone or in person.

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 04

That the Members' Assembly receives the Coordinating Committee's reports.

FAECUM seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

5.2. Work plan

Working Groups Coordinator

We have updated the work plan. Did you all have a chance to take a look? I invite you to come forward if you have any questions.

FAECUM

I propose a two minute break to review it.

CADEUL

We simply wanted to know, let's say this working group goes well and we cover all of the points, when could we expect to have a final draft of the by-laws to present to our internal bodies?

Regulations Coordinator

At the end of the third working group.

FEUS

What about the associations that aren't participating?

Working Groups Coordinator

Most of the information is collected in the document. Some associations are very difficult to reach, the situation differs from one association to the next. Generally, we're trying to get into contact with all of them. For AGEUQO, for example, we received confirmation to meet with their exec, but it is difficult to find a date, same thing for AGECAR.

AEP

For ADEESE and AGECAR it lists a meeting after the first working group. If there's no updates, is that because they didn't take place?

Working Groups Coordinator

That's an error. We did in fact meet with ADEESE and AGECAR, as I said it is difficult to find dates.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 05

That the Members' Assembly adopt the Coordinating Committee's work plan.

REMDUS seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

6. Coordinating Committee mandates

6.1. Participation of observers

Working Groups Coordinator

The following recommendations are based on the mandates given to us during the first working group. These documents are online. If you are satisfied with the recommendations we suggest that you take them up. If not, you can always formulate new ones.

AESCP proposes:

20150711 AM 06

That individual members be allowed to observe meetings of the National Association, without a right to vote, with the consent of their respective association.

AEP seconds

CADEUL

Does recommendation 1 include a way to identify between those designated as delegates and those who aren't?

Working Groups Coordinator

The proposal is vague so as to not be overly formalised.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

AECSP proposes:

20150711 AM 06

That non-member associations be allowed to observe meetings of the National Association, without a right to vote, with the unanimous consent of the member associations participating in that meeting.

AéESG seconds

REMDUS

I want to know what is meant by "unanimous consent".

Working Groups Coordinator

We suggested unanimity so that, if an association is ill at ease then it's best that we should know it.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

AECSP proposes:

20150711 AM 07

That individuals who are not members be allowed to observe meetings of the National Association, without a right to vote, with the unanimous consent of the member associations participating in that meeting.

FAECUM seconds

CADEUL

Just to clarify, we're not talking here about external organisations that would come to give presentations? If, for example, we invited Students Against Pipelines (ÉCO) [*Étudiant contre les oléoducs*] for a point on the agenda and then an association objected to their presence and applied a veto on it.

FEUS

We're talking about observers, so we think that that is correct.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

6.2. Local affairs Committee

Working Groups Coordinator

For the local affairs committee, there's a bit more text. We can proceed as we did for the previous point, that is by an omnibus adoption of the recommendations if they're satisfactory, otherwise you can modify them as you see fit.

AÉÉTS proposes:

20150711 AM 08

That the National Association provide for a solidarity fund for associations that require financial support to be present at the meetings of the National Association, and that modalities of this fund be defined in a policy.

CADEUL seconds

CADEUL

This talks about establishing a policy, can the coordinating committee create one, according to you?

Working Groups Coordinator

Yes, but we want you to provide its contours to us.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

REMDUS

We don't want to take up recommendation 2 as presented, since it isn't really in the spirit of what we want. Rather, we want a committee that manages the redistribution, where an internal coordinator and a researcher are managed. This committee would meet to coordinate on what, for whom, and at what time in the year.

FEUS

I have the impression that one requires the other. I don't think we can attribute work hours if we don't discuss issues. We need a body in which we will discuss.

AECSP

What do the regional associations want in relation to this?

Working Groups Coordinator

The associations who left haven't expressly mentioned this point, among those we've met. However, AGEUQAT asked that there be a space specifically for the regions to discuss the challenges they're living.

FEUS

We mandated you, as I recall, to define what a regional association is.

Working Groups Coordinator

A regional association is an association that comes from a university whose head office is located in a region.

AÉÉTS

We're not a regional association, but we have limited resources. Consequently, we would still need assistance in mobilisation.

Working Groups Coordinator

That preoccupation corresponds more closely to recommendation 4.

REMDUS

Still, we have trouble with the idea of it just being regional associations. I'm ill at ease that small associations like AECSP, the associations from INRS that will also need these resources, wouldn't have them. That sort of goes against what we think, we want it to be labour hours that are at the service of smaller associations. For me, it's not a decision-making committee, but a committee that shares human and financial resources.

FAECUM

We understand that recommendation 4 would allow us to talk about the issues faced by our associations, but if it concerns delocalised campuses. It's still coming from our members who want us to represent them.

Working Groups Coordinator

I think there is actually a bit of confusion with the interpretation of the propositions as formulated in the document. I will explain to you why it has been written this way. It's always up to you to make any modifications, but I just want to make sure everyone are on the same page. First, we propose to create a fund that will allow the small associations to actively participate to the structure of the national association. The fund can be accessible to any association in the province if they respect the condition that are included in the rules that circumspect this fund. Then, we propose a regional structure so the association of regions can manage the funds of the Association to realize the work the decided that needed to be done in their work plan by hiring a researcher or by making some mobilization material. And, at the last meeting we have decided to that these associations can have

access to a part of the FRAS and that it is their decision to create Ad-hoc committee that will include only a part of the association instead of in totality. Then it seems, in my opinion, that the ad-hoc committees are the best spaces to coordinate local campaign that are the same for any association.

REMDUS

I return to the issue of smaller associations not having their place in a redistributive system structured around the regions. As for the question raised by FAECUM wanting to work on the issues of their delocalised campuses, well that can pass through the CAPS or specific working committees. If we want to talk about public transportation in Saint-Hyacinth, it can take place in CASP. On one side, there is a space where we are talking about small associations, and on the other a space where we're talking about everyone together.

AECSP

There are two types of problems. That of the small associations and it is not the same as regional associations. For us, in Montreal, even as a small association, our problem is primarily in the cost of transportation for meetings. I think we need to set aside a space for regional associations to discuss their issues, which are different than those of small associations.

AEP

We could include in the redistribution policy that it not just be monetary, but that it could also be for human resources. In that way any small association could participate.

AÉÉTS

What do we consider to be a small association?

Regulations Coordinator

It's up to you all to define what a small student association is.

AéESG

In the workbook where we were discussing bodies, the local affairs committee had a defined role. I am asking myself why we're returning to other ideas.

REMDUS

The idea is to let the small associations talk amongst themselves and then they can decide what they prefer.

Pause

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 09

That the Committee of Regional Associations be constituted as a statutory committee of the National Association and that it be charged with handling all regional issues.

That the Committee of Regional Associations be able to manage human and financial resources dedicated to campaigns or a work plan specific to its field of competence.

All student associations, which are members of the National Association, that represent students registered in a university situated a region is a member of the regional committee, along with all small student associations that are members of the National Association.

All other student associations that are members of the National Association may act as observers with speaking rights on this committee.

REMDUS seconds

AEENAP

I find it odd that we would give speaking rights to associations that aren't members. There is a risk that the large associations come and direct the debates. I would therefore propose that they not be given speaking rights.

AEP

I would like to know whether the University of Montreal is an association situated in a region based on this proposal.

FAECUM

No.

REMDUS

We read this as meaning the head office.

AECSP

Is the city of Quebec a region?

REMDUS

No. After discussion, notably with AGEUQAT, the CASP needs resources for a sociopolitical campaign, but small associations and those from regions must have a particular space.

AÉÉTS

The management of resources seems vague.

REMDUS

That's wanted, it will change with time and experience.

FEUS

I'm looking at the list here and half of the associations have less than 10 000 members. I think that we need to have a body that is for the regions and not for small associations.

REMDUS

I have 7000 members and I don't consider myself to be a small association. We'll define later, in a policy, what it means exactly.

AEENAP

If we put the small associations in this committee, they'll sit in on discussions on regional issues. That doesn't seem to correspond to the desires of the regional associations.

AÉÉTS

REMDUS doesn't consider themselves as a small association. We have 8000 members, I feel that we would need additional help. I would therefore call them atypical associations.

FEUS

I'm looking at the associations that have less than 5000 members, and there are several of them from Montreal. I think we need to think about regional associations more specifically. Regional associations must have their place.

FAECUM

The idea was to understand what the needs are. Earlier, when we were discussing it, it was more for associations in need, less for regional issues.

AEP

I would tend towards splitting this in two, on one side giving resources and on the other creating a regional committee. I don't see AEP participating in either of these committees.

AELIÉS

We agree that there must be a space for the regions and a redistribution towards smaller associations. We shouldn't mix the two, since it could be dysfunctional. We must create a regional table, but not put the two together.

AECSP

Redistribution is recommendation 1, which we adapted. I think we're mixing two things by putting the small associations and the regions together. Small associations can be found in recommendation 4.

CADEUL

The idea of splitting them might be dangerous since we're multiplying bodies. I would find it heavy to now start thinking about another structure.

AÉÉTS

I understand, but we're trying to combine issues that don't really go together.

FAECUM

Listening to what's being said, well I would take out the small associations and we can move forward.

Working Groups Coordinator

If we make that amendment, we will return to the recommendations of the coco.

ACESP

I would put this inside the CASP instead of doubling structures.

AÉÉTS

If we are excluded from this then, well, I'm worried that we're just going to sweep associations like ours that need more help with mobilisation under the rug.

Working Groups Coordinator

Recommendation 4 would permit your inclusion.

REMDUS

Based on what the FEUS is putting forward, we're returning to the proposal made by the coordinating committee. The proposal that we had brought ensures that smaller associations don't need to multiply their attendance at multiple bodies, especially since their delegations are often quite small.

AENAP

I would change the committee's name to be the Special Allocations Committee. If we do that then we'll drop the space for regional associations to discuss their issues amongst themselves.

AELIÉS

The current proposal on the table seems to cover the different issues. Smaller associations still have recommendation 4.

FEUS

What would the smaller associations discuss in a committee that includes regional associations?

REMDUS

The problem with recommendation 4 is that it covers only issues that are common among several associations. That's problematic.

CADEUL

We'd like to hear from AGEUQAT on the subject.

AGEUQAT

For us, it is much more an issue of regional affairs and modifying the recommendation.

AECSP

If we simply remove the word 'common' from recommendation 4, that could solve the problem. At that time, it will be up to us to decide whether we support them in the CASP.

FAECUM

I agree with what AECSP was saying, yes CASP serves to discuss issues, but I don't see a problem if we also discuss certain more local issues there, but I just want to be certain that the CASP doesn't become an outlet for smaller associations.

REMDUS

In my opinion, it's not the role of the CASP. We don't want small associations to have to go begging to the large ones. We wanted a space where the small associations don't need to face off against the larger ones and where they can make decisions on their own.

Working Groups Coordinator

Do we want this to be a body whose membership includes the small associations and regions or just the regions?

Indicative vote on a mixed committee

4 reds, 10 greens

Indicative vote on a committee exclusive to the regions

Green/yellow

AGEUQAT

We want a table to discuss among ourselves, to discuss regional affairs.

Working Groups Coordinator

In the end, you want to modify recommendation 4 so that it will be more representative of your desires?

AÉÉTS

Personally, I think that I see myself soliciting this committee for help developing our argumentation. Our problem isn't monetary, we have members who are hard to reach.

CADEUL

We spoke about an administrative dimension to manage redistributions and a more political one for the regional associations. Could we imagine splitting the agenda in two? In the more administrative part, everyone participates, but only the regional associations participated in the second.

AECSP

Normally the national association produces the argumentation for the associations, they then just have to do a bit of mobilisation.

REMDUS

The solution proposed by CADEUL could work.

AÉÉTS

I find it problematic that we're now discussing the structure of an agenda while creating a committee.

FAECUM

Helping with communication and mobilisation on the ground is the role of the internal coordinators. If those are the needs of the smaller associations then let's go ahead and create a committee for the regions.

AéESG

What are the real needs of smaller associations? I'm asking myself how we can make a body function that treats such different issues.

AECSP

In any case, it's starting to get complex. Why don't we take up FAECUM's idea of returning to the original plan and having a good internal team.

AEP

I'm not sure that the internal team has the responsibility to do this.

FEUS

I think it's really important, and we've said it, to have a particular role and space for the regions with resources to bring their projects to fruition. I think that CADEUL's proposal doesn't work. We want a regional committee to allow the associations to work together.

AELIES

There are already measures in place intended to favour smaller associations. I can't agree with going all the way to voting on a level of detail that includes the composition of the agenda and processes for a committee.

AENAP proposes an amendment:

Remove all mention of small associations from the principal proposal.

FAECUM seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

Returning to the principal, as amended:

20150711 AM 09

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That the Committee of Regional Associations be able to manage human and financial resources dedicated to campaigns or a work plan specific to its field of competence.

All student associations, which are members of the National Association, that represent students registered in a university situated a region is a member of the regional committee.

All other student associations that are members of the National Association may act as observers with speaking rights on this committee.

REMDUS proposes to amend:

That the Regional Committee have the power to make recommendations to the Assembly.

CADEUL seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AéESG proposes to amend:

*All associations whose head office isn't located in a **major centre**.*

AECSP seconds

REMDUS proposes a sub-amendment:

*All associations whose head office is not located on **the island of Montreal or Quebec City**.*

SSMU seconds

AECSP

How would you consider the McGill campus in Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue? Do they have particular issues, are they a regional association?

SSMU

I don't represent them, but I am almost certain that they don't consider themselves a regional association.

REMDUS proposes a sub-sub-amendment:

*All associations whose university campus is not found on **the island of Montreal or Quebec City**.*

CADEUL seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AEENAP proposes a sub-sub-amendment:

All associations whose university campus is not found on the island of Montreal or Quebec City or contains members on a delocalised campus.

FAECUM seconds

REMDUS

I'd like to hold an indicative vote to know everyone's opinion on the status of associations that have some members in a region, are they regional associations?

*Indicative vote
14 reds*

AÉÉTS

Can we have an indicative vote on the question of whether faculty level associations can have a space on this committee?

*Indicative vote
14 yellows*

AECSP

Why do these associations want to participate, is it because they want to discuss with other regional associations?

REMDUS

I would invite you to defeat the proposal, they're already observers. I'm convinced that I can speak for those who quit the talks in this case. If we do this, it will no longer be a true table for the regions.

The vote is requested.

For: 0
Against: 10
Abstentions: 0

Defeated unanimously.

Returning to the sub-amendment:

*All associations whose university campus is not found on **the island of Montreal or Quebec City.***

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

Returning to the principal proposal as amended:

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All student associations, which are members of the National Association, whose university campus is not found on the island of Montreal or in Quebec City is a member of the regional committee.

All other student associations that are members of the National Association may act as observers with speaking rights on this committee.

That the Committee of Regional Associations has the power to make recommendations to the Members' Assembly.

The vote is requested:

For: 7
Against: 1
Abstentions: 2

Adopted by a 2/3 majority

AECSP proposes:

20150711 AM 10

That the ad-hoc committees created by the Socio-political Affairs Committee may notably serve as discussion spaces for the coordination of local campaigns common to several member associations.

AéESG seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

CADEUL

Will the coordinating committee create a redistribution policy?

Working Groups Coordinator

Yes.

6.3. Online Petitions

Working Groups Coordinator

You received the document on this subject. Would you like time to read it?

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 11

That online petitions not be a decision making process.

AECSP seconds

AÉÉTS

If it is a priority for the associations to have the individual members participate, then it is a question that we'll have to dedicate some time to. I'm not saying it's the most important issue, but I think it deserves more reflection.

AELIÉS

I understand the problems that are related to this, I would like to know why you chose the word 'encourage' rather than something stronger.

Working Groups Coordinator

The goal was to say that no, this isn't an option.

REMDUS

When I want to hold a GA, I'm not able to get a real up-to-date list of my members. I don't see how a national association would be able to do it. I think we do need to get closer to the individual members, but this isn't a good solution.

CADEUL

We agree with REMDUS' point.

FEUS

This idea was circulated at the post-mortem of the FEUQ. I don't think that it should be a decision-making process, but rather used to bring ideas to the national association. It could be as simple as a google drive with people's ID numbers.

Working Groups Coordinator

There are a 1000 ways to cheat in this context.

AéESG

It could delegitimise the member associations and their internal structures. It's the wrong solution to a real problem.

AELIÉS

It could be a means to bring a subject to the table.

FAECUM

The principle of having a monopoly on student representation is something that must be conserved and this solution breaches it. I think that it is the wrong solution, there are other means such as transparency that permit us to get closer to the members.

REMDUS

The opponents of the student movement are more organised than they used to be. We need to maintain some form of unity, petitions like these could have the effect of obligating us to constantly discuss increases to tuition.

AEETS

Is there any way of setting a minimum number of people signing, so as to limit that?

AÉCSP

It would be difficult to set a number, given the very different memberships between the associations.

SSMU

I like the idea of consulting the members but this is not a good option for us. Believe me, we have a very well organized right wing on campus and I can see lots of issues arising from that.

Working Groups Coordinator

If members of a member association make a proposal without it passing through their own structures, it can create problems internally. If the association is in favour, then it serves nothing given that they'll bring the point to the national association already.

CADEUL

We wanted to say the same thing as SSMU. We think that it is up to the associations to put in place their own measures for consultations. We're eager to see new proposals that would permit individual members to get involved.

AÉÉTS

If someone brings something up at their GA and it doesn't pass, and they want it to be treated by the national association, then they would need support from other associations.

FEUS

I don't pretend to represent all of my members.

AEP

I propose that we discuss this at another time, given the logistical problems.

AÉÉTS

Is it sufficient for us to simply have people acting as observers to solve the issue of getting individual members to participate?

Indicative vote on the question of petitions, *green/yellow*

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AEP

Could we ask the Coordinating Committee to examine this question?

AéESG

What are the local associations for if the national association has to also ask each of the individual members to position themselves on everything.

FEUS

I would like an indicative vote on the question of automatically placing an item on the agenda by petition.

Indicative vote

Red: 9
Green: 3
Yellow: 2

AELIES

Are we talking about petitions on local subjects or on national issues?

FEUS proposes:

20150711 AM 12

That the coco be given the mandate to find other solutions.

AEP seconds

Request to vote:

For: 2
Against: 8
Abstentions: 0

Defeated by majority.

6.4. Proposals without notice

FAECUM

We want this to function by two thirds of the brackets so that it's more restrictive.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 13

That all in-session amendments to the agenda of a meeting be adopted by a two-thirds majority, according to the logic of one vote per member association, as well as a majority of the brackets.

AECSP seconds

CADEUL

We are going to have to pose ourselves the question very soon of how we vote in permanence. We want to utilise representativity only on the issue of political positions.

FAECUM

We understand, but we want is for it to be more restrictive to change then agenda than to vote on political positions.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

6.5. Votation formula

Working Groups Coordinator

Explains the document that was transmitted to the associations.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 14

That the voting formula that frames the second majority read as follows:

$$\#votes = \left\lfloor \frac{R - 0.5}{\#max_membres} \#membres + 1 \right\rfloor$$
$$R = \min_{R \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ R \mid 0.4 < \min_{\{i\} \subseteq \{assos\}} \left(\frac{\sum_{\{i\}} \#membres}{\sum_{\{assos\}} \#membres} \mid \frac{\sum_{\{i\}} \#votes}{\sum_{\{assos\}} \#votes} > 0.5 \wedge \frac{|\{i\}|}{|\{assos\}|} > 0.5 \right) \right\}$$
$$0.2 < \min_{\{i\} \subseteq \{assos\}} \left\{ \frac{|\{i\}|}{|\{assos\}|} \mid \frac{\sum_{\{i\}} \#votes}{\sum_{\{assos\}} \#votes} > 0.5 \right\}$$

That the first majority (one association, one vote) requires a simple majority to adopt a proposal.

That the by-laws include a vulgarisation of the formula as well as the principles that underlie it.

AECSP seconds

CADEUL

We're satisfied by the work done by the committee as well as the presentation.

CSU

When will we need to reconsider the formula? Can you re-elaborate how the abstentions and percentages work?

Working Groups Coordinator

Explains the document

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

7. National executive

Working Groups Coordinator

This document is a product of the consultations that we held before this working group. I propose that we treat the synthesized proposals one by one.

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 15

That the National Executive be charged principally, but not exclusively, with:

- *Acting as official representatives of the Association with all relevant actors;*
- *Ensuring the advancement of its dossiers in respect of the orientations and mandates provided to them by the internal bodies of the Association;*
- *Ensure the production of research and advisory notes that support a rigorous and credible discourse;*
- *Monitor political news and inform the associations of issues that impact the condition of their members;*
- *Support the member associations in their mobilisation efforts;*
- *Watch over the organisation and proper operation of the Association's internal structures.*

AEP seconds

AÉÉTS

We'd like to see people working to make clear gains.

REMDUS

It's not present there because we decided to remove power from the executive to give more to the members associations.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AÉÉTS proposes:

20150711 AM 16

That the National Executive commits its time just as much to political representation and the development of its discourse as to mobilisation.

REMDUS seconds

SSMU

What does mobilisation look like in a national association? What is the role of the executive and what does it look like in practice?

CADEUL

The type of mobilisation that we want to see is: producing material, creating content and disseminating it, organising demonstrations, and coordinating campaigns.

SSMU

That's all really important work, I just want to know how much work is devoted to each part.

Working Groups Coordinator

It would be 50% for developing discourse and political representation, and 50% for mobilisation.

AGEUQAT

Mobilisation and also going to get non-member associations. Can we add that in here?

Working Groups Coordinator

It's included in the initial tasks.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AéESG proposes:

20150711 AM 17

That the National Executive must produce complete officers' reports that cover the level of advancement in the dossiers and the ongoing management of the Association, and that they produce a summary version available to all on the Association's website.

That the National Executive's work be frame by work plans produced in close collaboration with the member associations.

AECSP seconds

FEUS

There's no timeframe in which the executives can make their work plans and must submit them.

AEP

Same thing for us, we want these to be update regularly.

REMDUS

I was expecting to further define it when we know how often we'll be meeting. I see the work plan as something that will be updated and sent out to the associations before each meeting.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 18

That the National Executive be composed of 9 positions and that they be divided as follows:

- *President*
 - *Spokesperson and responsible for relations with external organizations and groups;*
- *Vice-president*
 - *Coordinates the Executive and follows up regularly on the work plans;*
- *Secretary General*
 - *Manages the finances, institutional affairs, and administrative affairs;*
- *Coordinator of Graduate Affairs*
 - *Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Graduate Studies Committee and spokesperson of that committee.*
- *Coordinators of Academic Affairs (2)*
 - *Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Academic Affairs Committees.*

- *Coordinator of Associative Affairs*
 - *Coordinates the team charged with mobilisation and associative relations and responsible for accomplishing the tasks set by the work plan of the Socio-political Affairs Committee;*
- *Directors of Mobilisation and Associative Relations (2)*
 - *Responsible for mobilisation, supporting the member associations, and relations with non-member associations;*

REMDUS seconds

FAECUM proposes an amendment:

- *President*
 - *Spokesperson and responsible for relations with external organizations and groups;*
 - ***Responsible for coordinating the Executive;***
- *Vice-president*
 - ***Provides support for coordinating the Executive and follows up regularly on the work plans;***

CADEUL seconds

No request to vote
Adopted unanimously.

REMDUS proposes an amendment:

Addition of another director of mobilisation and association relations.

AÉÉTS seconds

SSMU

I'm worried about the cost of having that many executives.

AÉÉTS

Would like for the internal team to be based more on an idea of being ambassadors to particular regions.

REMDUS

I understand SSMU's concerns. But everything that we have voted on since the beginning of this project demands that we have this many people. In our opinion, the internal team should be divided more by issue than by associations. If conflicts arise with certain associations, it will be easier to maintain contact.

AEENAP

I think that 10 is necessary.

AÉÉTS

We propose between 5 and 7. We want to limit the points of contact and facilitate coordination.

SSMU

I don't see the need to have a president and a vice-president, we could merge those together. And one academic and one mobilisation, we should start small and then look to expand.

FAECUM

It will serve us well later to have a large internal team, it will help us to have more people.

REMDUS

We see large. We also can't forget that it isn't just the student fee that will finance the association, there will also be the bursary for elected staff.

Indicative vote on the number as currently proposed
Green: 6, Yellow: 8

AECSP

We're talking about paying people close to the minimum wage, that's not where we're going to find an issue. There's no point in having something that does nothing because we want the fee to be low.

AéESG

Having it at 10 is the limit for us, it's still acceptable. We're a little stressed about not seeing external relations in a specific position.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

REMDUS proposes an amendment:

Coordinator of Graduate Affairs and President of the Graduate Studies Committee

FAECUM seconds

REMDUS

We have a certain independence within the committee. We have to maintain them in the dynamic of the executive and being part of the team. I still find it important that the word president be in their title, in terms of image while doing representation.

FAECUM

When we meet people like the Chief Scientist, it's important that it be a graduate student. We don't want the graduate studies committee to just be exclusive and for an enclave to be created between the two. I would invite the assembly to think of ways in which graduate studies can be kept from separating itself from the other issues of the national association.

AÉLIES

The current proposal is a little convoluted. Let's call them the president and figure out ways of keeping the position within the rest of the Executive.

REMDUS

I want this person to know that they are part of the team and not in a separate bubble.

AECSP

I would keep just the title of president, we think that if we want them to be less separate well then the rest of the team can support them in their work.

Request to vote:

For: 5
Against: 2

Abstentions: 3

Adopted by majority.

FAECUM proposes an amendment:

- *Coordinator of Higher Education Affairs*
 - *Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Academic Affairs Committees **relative to the issues of higher education (plagiarism, professional orders, etc.);***
- *Coordinator of Academic Affairs*
 - *Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Academic Affairs Committees **relative to academic issues (OIFs, AFE, etc.);***

AEP seconds

REMDUS

It seems more logical to me that the two would have the same title.

FAECUM

Having the same name becomes very confusing, we see it in other national associations that we interact with.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

CADEUL

Which executive will be responsible for the FRAS?

CADEUL proposes an amendment:

- *Coordinator of Associative Affairs*
 - *Coordinates the team charged with mobilisation and associative relations and responsible for accomplishing the tasks set by the work plan of the Socio-political Affairs Committee;*
 - ***Responsible for managing the FRAS.***

AéESG seconds

REMDUS

I understand why, but the Coordinator of Associative Affairs already has quite a lot to do. I would put it under the Secretary General, which would let them get out of their office from time to time and meet the associations.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

Returning to the principal proposal:

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That the National Executive be composed of 10 positions and that they be divided as follows:

- *President: Spokesperson, responsible for coordinating the Executive and for relations with external organizations and groups;*
- *Vice-president: Provides support for coordinating the Executive and follows up regularly on the work plans;*
- *Secretary General: Manages the finances, institutional, and administrative affairs;*
- *Coordinator of Graduate Affairs and President of the Graduate Studies Committee: Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Graduate Studies Committee and spokesperson of that committee.*
- *Coordinator of Higher Education Affairs: Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Academic Affairs Committees*
- *Coordinator of Academic Affairs: Responsible for accomplishing the actions set by the work plan of the Academic Affairs Committees.*
- *Coordinator of Associative Affairs: Coordinates the team charged with mobilisation and associative relations and responsible for accomplishing the tasks set by the work plan of the Socio-political Affairs Committee as well as managing the Social Action Resource Fund (FRAS);*
- *Directors of Mobilisation and Associative Relations (3): Responsible for mobilisation, supporting the member associations, and relations with non-member associations;*

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AEP proposes:

20150711 AM 19

That the candidates for the National Executive have their student status at the time of submitting their candidacy and that they conserve that status throughout their mandate.

Do not occupy any official function in a political party, labour union, municipal council, or student association.

That the election of the National Executive be organised during the Annual Members' Assembly in the spring.

That the length of a mandate within the National Executive be one (1) year.

That a transition period of one (1) month be provided for at the end of each mandate.

*That the members of the National Executive be remunerated for a full-time position.
That the Members' Assembly have the power to destitute members of the National Executive.*

That a budget be provided for expenses during the electoral campaign for the candidates to the National Executive.

FAECUM seconds

CSU

How does that last sentence work?

CADEUL

If the associations want the candidates to meet with them and their internal bodies it is necessary to cover those costs, otherwise it creates an inequality between certain candidates with the means to cover them over others.

SSMU

I would be in favor of this if we do a campaign, and I find it important. I wonder how we are going to pay though.

AEETS

We're very concerned about the possibility of an executive from an association who is only doing it for pecuniary advantages.

CADEUL

In the course of a campaign, a candidate who wanted CADEUL's vote would need to come present before our caucus so they could vote on it. For us, it's important to compensate people for the work they do. It's a question of making the positions accessible so that anyone could take a position, not only those who have the financial means to do so.

AELIÉS

As CADEUL is saying, we need to give ourselves the means for our ambitions. I have a question about the idea of remuneration: if we engage in a remuneration in terms of work or in terms of bursaries, because if it is anything other than bursaries many of our members (international students) would not be eligible.

FAECUM

For us, not paying or compensating students is unthinkable. It allows only the rich the opportunity to participate and to present themselves on the executive.

REMDUS

Remuneration is important to us. I'm paid to do my work and there are obligations for results that come with that. We already tried it and it didn't work, we can all think of the TaCEQ.

AéESG

Providing the means to our executives to do their job is primordial for us.

AECSP

They need to be paid, otherwise recruitment is difficult.

AECSP proposes an amendment:

That the members of the Graduate Studies Committee are able to recommend the person to be elected as the president of their committee to the Members' Assembly, but that the Members' Assembly nonetheless conserve their power to elect any candidate to that position.

That the process used in each case be the same.

AÉÉTS seconds

AÉÉTS

We also represent graduate students. To be clear, it is the Graduate Studies Committee that makes the recommendation to the Members' Assembly?

REMDUS

I'm not sure if it's a good idea.

AECSP

It's in the spirit of achieving a better cohesion among graduate students, to be able to choose who will represent us.

AéESG

I understand the idea behind it, but it seems to me that it crosses into the sovereignty of the Members' Assembly. I'm not sure if it's the best option.

CADEUL

We're interested in going to get an informal recommendation, but the final decision making power must rest within the Members' Assembly.

FAECUM

We think that reversing the logic may actually be better. Each elected executive represents the association. The Members' Assembly is sovereign, it must have the first word.

AELIÉS

I don't see the point of holding two elections. I understand the intention of FAECUM in inverting the original proposal, but it's a false good idea because it could create incoherency within the association in the long term.

Indicative vote on the amendment

Green: 5

Red: 2

Yellow: 7

AEENAP

Two points of view to take into consideration. I will propose that the graduate studies committee is allowed to provide its choice.

FAECUM

We don't want anyone to have a veto. Each officer is a guarantor of the National Association's image, I will reiterate.

REMDUS

Just so we're clear, the proposal means that: it is an indicative vote by the Graduate Studies Committee and then a vote in the Members' Assembly.

AELIÉS

If the Members' Assembly doesn't agree, well then the Graduate Studies Committee will go back to do their homework.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

AGEUQAT proposes an amendment:

That the election of the executive committee be held according to the system of 1 association, 1 vote.

AEP seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

CADEUL proposes an amendment:

That each candidate for the National Executive must be held to receive at least a simple majority of

the votes to be elected.

That we eliminate the candidate having received the least votes after each round of voting until a candidate receives a simple majority of the votes.

REMDUS seconds

AEP

Question on abstentions, what happens when people abstain?

REMDUS

Based on the modalities, let's send this to a later internal policy.

CADEUL

For the internal team, how will it function?

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

AELIÉS

Beginning in 2017, the pool for recruitment will primarily be international in graduate studies. Won't the current formula for their salary automatically push aside international students?

AECSP proposes an amendment:

That the members of the National Executive be financially compensated for their time as a full-time position.

REMDUS

There are students that could also be part-time.

SSMU

SSMU found a loop hole in the past where international student can be part time. So talk to SSMU if it happens.

The question is called.

Adopted unanimously.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

FAECUM proposes an amendment:

Strike "and that they conserve their student status throughout their mandate."

AéESG seconds

FAECUM

Before, at FAECUM, we had to do this and it had an impact on grades and eventually on the opportunity to access bursaries. The principle is good, but we lose the objective due to this negative effect. In terms of bursaries for elected staff, you lose the benefit if you're better off, it's not just a question of being a student or not.

AECSP

I think this is something where we need to watch out, it could become a problem. Not all universities allow breaks in your studies, especially in graduate programs.

AéESG

Someone who is finishing their program and wanted to get involved the following year could also do so at that time.

FAECUM

The criteria for the BPE are related to salary. But the biggest problem is related to bursaries from large granting agencies. We're removing the obligation, but we're not blocking anything by doing so.

AELIÉS

We're getting into a level of detail that is too little to be important in my opinion.

*The question is called.
Adopted unanimously.*

Request to vote on the amendment:

For: 7

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

Adopted by majority.

REMDUS

Since we just removed the student status, we need to make sure that individuals coming from student associations where they do not need to be students during their mandate are also eligible.

REMDUS proposes an amendment:

To add "or an outgoing executive of the national association or a member association".

AEP seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

REMDUS proposes an amendment:

A maximum of 2 complete mandates.

AEP seconds

AÉÉTS

I understand the desire, but if someone wants to do more mandates why would we block them so long as they are re-elected by the members?

FAECUM

Agreed, why block someone from presenting themselves if they're pertinent?

AEP

It's simply a question of the health of the organization, it could discourage certain new candidates from presenting themselves against someone who already has experience.

FAECUM

The Assembly is sovereign, why not leave them the option to make their own decisions.

Request to vote:

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstentions: 2

Adopted by majority.

FAECUM proposes an amendment:

That a transitional period of one (1) month be provided for during the month that follows the end of an executive's mandate and that the outgoing executive be compensated for the hours worked up to a maximum of 40 hours per week.

FAECUM

We think that the transition needs to be made after the mandate and that it be compensated so as to permit it to be done well and, what's more, it respects the labour code.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

Returning to the principal proposal:

20150711 AM 19

That the candidates to the National Executive have their student status at the time of submitting their candidacy or that they be outgoing members of the national executive or outgoing executives of a member association.

That a budget be provided for candidate's expenses during the electoral campaign of the National Executive.

That the elections for the National Executive be organised during the Annual Members' Assembly in the spring.

That the members of the Graduate Studies Committee are able to recommend a person to be elected as the president of their committee to the Members' Assembly, but that the Members' Assembly nonetheless conserve their power to elect any candidate to that position. That the process used in each case be the same.

That each candidate for the National Executive must receive at least a simple majority of the votes to be elected. That candidate who received the least votes be eliminated at the end of each round of voting until a candidate receives a simple majority of the votes.

That the members of National Executive be elected by the method of one member, one vote.

That the length of a mandate within the National Executive be one (1) year.

That the members of the National Executive not occupy any official position in a political party, labour union, municipal council, or student association.

That the members of the National Executive be compensated financially as full-time positions.

That a transitional period of one (1) month be provided for during the month that follows the end of an executive's mandate and that the outgoing executive be compensated for the hours worked up to a maximum of 40 hours per week.

That the Members' Assembly have the power to destitute members of the National Executive.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

Pause, re-opened Sunday July 12th.

FAECUM

We spoke yesterday about trying to ensure that the Graduate Studies Committee not be too independent so as to ensure a better cohesion. I would invite all of you to reflect on that for one of our following meetings.

8. PSM political positions

Working Groups Coordinator

The synthesis workbook is the product of combining your positions books, for those associations that have them. You can see that the positions in yellow are those that we felt are less consensual.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 20

That the financial aid system be improved, notably as regards student parents.

That Student Financial Aid serve to further reduce student debt and ameliorate the living condition of students.

AEP seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AéESG proposes:

20150711 AM 21

That the PPME express itself in favour of a better accessibility to higher education.

AEP seconds

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AÉÉTS proposes:

That PPME opposes all increase to tuition.

REMDUS seconds

SSMU

I am just wondering if people around the table want to take a position on free education or on the deregulation of fees.

REMDUS

Not sure if we can get ourselves to free education. I don't think we'll achieve unanimity on the subject.

AéESG

We can't be at ease with free education, we have a position for indexation. We are also not at ease with any increase in tuition fees, that doesn't respect our mandate either.

AEP

We'd like to discuss this issue today. How do people feel about the subject? We have clear positions, but we can at least discuss it.

AÉÉTS

We don't have a lot of positions, but this one we do have so we would like to put it forward.

CADEUL

We don't have a specific position on tuition due to our 2/3 system.

REMDUS

From what I understand, it is opposing all increases that is causing problems for AéESG.

AéESG

For us, it would need to be a position for indexation for us to be in favour.

AECSP

We are favour both for an indexation and a freeze of tuition fees, the two positions were voted on at the same time.

REMDUS

Would it help if we said that indexation was a freeze, for AéESG?

AEP

We are in favour of a freeze with a perspective towards free education.

AéESG

We could take a position along the lines of: that the PPME be opposed to all eventual increases.

FAECUM

Clearly we're not going to get a consensus. Is there any way of seeing it as a negotiating position?

AéESG

At this point, no. Our position is clear, our structures have decided. I could always go back to see with our internal bodies.

AÉÉTS

I see the work that we're doing today as finding the founding positions of the association. If there is opposition on the subject of tuition fees, then we need to face the fact that tuition fees will be not be in the founding positions of the national association, which isn't ideal in my opinion.

SSMU

I'm uncomfortable presenting to my members an affiliation to an organisation whose political positions we don't know.

FAECUM

Yes, we're seeking positions that have a clear consensus. Evidently we will have to have a position on tuition fees eventually. We can decide to join an association for its base positions which makes less sense than fighting for the positions that we've adopted internally.

AEP

Despite the fact that we're not taking a position today, I think that we're already positioning ourselves on the accessibility of higher education. If we take position on accessibility, then we're touching on tuition fees. I would ask AÉÉTS to withdraw their proposal.

REMDUS

We can't push the subject back. I can't sell the idea of an association if we don't have a position on tuition.

Working Groups Coordinator

Do you think you could return to your internal bodies to take a position on this subject?

AéESG

No, our next GA is August 24th.

AÉÉTS

I don't see how we could withdraw our proposal. This is the only impact that AÉÉTS can have on the positions. I will be able to demonstrate the contribution of my association if our position is taken up.

AéESG

If we take a position on tuition fees, I won't be able to tell my internal bodies to affiliate to the national association.

FAECUM

Does everyone have a position on the modulation of tuition fees?

*Indicative vote on: Do all the associations have a position on modulation?
Green and yellow*

FAECUM

We would therefore propose that we are against the modulation of tuition fees.

AÉÉTS

We consider that to be a good compromise position.

AÉÉTS proposes tabling the proposal.

REMDUS seconds

No request to vote
Adopted unanimously.

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 22

That the PPME opposes the modulation of tuition fees by program and the deregulation of fees between universities.

FAECUM seconds

AEP

If the modulation lowers fees in certain programs, what do we do?

FAECUM

It could be lower or higher. It's applied across programs.

CADEUL

On our campus, students in programs where their fees would be lowered by modulation still mobilise against it. It's the principle of universality that's being put into question.

AEP

We can position ourselves against modulation.

The vote is requested:

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

The FEUS' abstention is noted.

CADEUL proposes:

20150711 AM 23

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of a greater transparency in the management of university administrations and in the current accountability measures for universities.

20150711 AM 24

That the mandate of the Auditor General be extended to universities.

REMDUS seconds

FEUS

We would like to split the proposals.

AÉÉTS

The heads of major businesses are on the board of our university, and our students support this.

Associative Relations Coordinator

It's normal for socio-economic actors to be on the boards of directors. For universities in the UQ networks it's written into the law on the *Universités du Québec*, whereas for chartered universities, it's part of their normal operations. We're not asking here for modifications to the law, but rather for

a greater transparency in the management of universities. It's a question of transparency but also of accountability.

No request to vote on **20150711 AM 23**.
Adopted unanimously.

Vote requested on **20150711 AM 24**

For: 6
Against: 0
Abstentions: 4

Adopted by majority
FEUS, AÉÉTS, AEP and PGSS had their abstentions noted.

AéESG proposes:

20150711 AM 25

That the next government create the National Council on Universities, largely inspired by the Corbo report, and that it have as its objective the development of a coherent university network and to set in place accountability processes for universities towards the public.

REMDUS seconds

AÉÉTS

I am uncomfortable voting on this.

FAECUM

This is an historical demand of the student movement, we want this type of accountability to take place for universities. Students would be able to see to the management of universities. The Corbo report, one of the working groups that came out of the Summit on Education in 2013, was dedicated to this topic and proposed the National Council on Universities.

AEP

We have no position on this, so we will be abstaining.

CADEUL

We're comfortable with this position. To take on part of the mandate of that the CREPUQ had in terms of coordinating between universities as well as validating the probity of programs.

The vote is requested.

For: 6
Against: 0
Abstentions: 4

Adopted by majority.
FEUS, AÉÉTS, AEP and PGSS had their abstentions noted.

AéESG proposes:

20150711 AM 26

That the PPME express itself in favour of a revision to the financing matrix of universities in order to

reduce the impact of the weighted full time equivalencies (WFTEs) in the financing formula.

CADEUL seconds

The vote is requested.

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

Adopted by majority.

AESG proposes:

20150711 AM 27

That the PPME express itself in favour of a reinvestment in Quebec's universities.

CADEUL seconds

The vote is requested.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

Adopted by majority.

AESG proposes:

20150711 AM 28

That the government of Quebec add a budgetary envelope for postsecondary education to the Health Services Fund, by increasing it to make a new Health Services and Postsecondary Education Fund (FSSEP). That this additional revenue serve to resolve the collegial and university network's budgetary shortfall. That part the revenues generated by creating the FSSEP be invested so as to ameliorate the student financial aid program.

CADEUL seconds

Adopted unanimously.

AéESG proposes:

20150711 AM 29

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of the principles of sustainable development.

20150711 AM 30

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of using renewable energies.

20150711 AM 31

That the PPME opposes pipeline projects as well as the development of the fossil fuel industry.

REMDUS seconds

SSMU

I find this first position meaningless. These are just words. Being in favor of sustainable practices is not a position, it's good will.

AéESG

Sustainable development takes place in 3 spheres: economic, social, and environmental. This expression is often overused although it is possible to see it in as a whole, which represents a much more complete vision.

ACSP

We'd like to split the proposal so as to discuss the position on fossil fuels separately.

20150711 AM 29

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of the principles of sustainable development.

20150711 AM 30

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of using renewable energies.

No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.

AECSP proposes an amendment to **20150711 AM 31** :

That the PPME oppose pipelines that have no notable benefits for Quebec.

REMDUS seconds

REMDUS

I seconded the amendment so that we can discuss it. I also understand that none of the current projects are desirable.

AÉÉTS

I think that these positions are too large. What's more, we think that the most recent proposal is in contradiction with the second that we've already adopted.

CADEUL

We will be voting against the amendment.

REMDUS proposes to table the amendment.

AEP seconds

*Vote on tabling.
Defeated.*

CADEUL

We want to have a clear position on pipelines, we're members of ÉCO and it's a mandate that we have from our members.

AECSP

Without that amendment I cannot vote for the initial proposal.

AELIÉS

We want pipeline projects to be blocked.

AEP

We could vote in favour of the amendment.

AéESG

I'd invite you all to defeat the amendment.

REMDUS

Then let's take a position specifically against the projects currently underway and not on potential or future projects, given that those underway offer no advantages to Quebec.

The question is called.

Adopted by majority.

For: 2

Against: 5

Abstentions: 3

Amendment defeated by majority.

REMDUS proposes an amendment:

*That the PPME oppose the **current** pipeline projects as well as the development of the fossil fuel industry.*

CADEUL seconds

AECSP

We'll vote against this proposal.

AEP

We'll vote against as well.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

Returning to the principal proposal as amended.

AECSP proposes that it be tabled.

AETS seconds

Vote on tabling the proposal.

Defeated.

AEP

Give us the time to speak with our internal constituencies, for us these are not evident positions since we have members who work in these industries.

REMDUS

We should come to an agreement on the text in advance.

AéESG

We agree with REMDUS.

CADEUL

We understand the issue for certain associations for tabling.

AéESG proposes to table the proposal.

AEP seconds.

Proposal is tabled unanimously.

CSU

For those associations who will be going to take a position, we invite you to also take one in solidarity with first nations, who are fighting against these projects.

REMDUS

Thank you. If we don't take a position today it is not out of bad faith, but for the sake of democracy, in order to assure that everyone can go to get a mandate.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 32

That the PPME expresses itself in favour of improvements to the Supporting Funds for Federal Research.

20150711 AM 33

That the public financing of research granting agencies be increase in order to ensure the maintenance and development of research, especially as concerns direct support for students.

REMDUS seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

SSMU

We want the PSM to take a position on military research. We just recently adopted a position on this issue.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 34

That the space for students within research granting agencies be solidified, especially within the boards of directors of the federal research councils.

AéESG seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

CADEUL proposes:

20150711 AM 35

That the PPME opposes austerity policies, notably as regards budgetary compressions in the network of post-secondary education.

AéESG seconds

AÉÉTS

I'd much prefer it if the position didn't include the 'notably' clause, so that we oppose all of the compressions.

REMDUS

It serves as a reminder that we work before anything for our members, students.

CADEUL

We agree entirely with REMDUS.

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

9. Committee on by-laws

REMDUS proposes:

20150711 AM 36

That a committee be formed to undertake the revision of the by-laws before the next working group.

AéESG seconds

No request to vote.

Adopted unanimously.

10. Political issues for 2015-2016

Associative Relations Coordinator

If what I've heard on the subject of post-secondary education takes place this fall, we all risk being very occupied. I've heard talks about revising the financing matrix for universities, which could include several things. I believe it's possible that there could be a deregulation of OIFs, modulation of tuition fees. I've also heard talks about an overhaul of the law on the Ministry, which could spell the abolition of the CCAFE. I also need to inform you that this committee has two seats vacant, one for Masters and one for PhD, and something has to be done. What's more, consultations just got started for a new youth action policy, which is likely to end with a day-long forum at the end of September in my opinion.

FAECUM

These are subjects that are coming on very quickly. We're going to need people who will be able to work on them. The Coordinating Committee could produce a document. Monitor the political situation for the dates requested so we can present.

FAECUM proposes:

20150711 AM 37

That the Coordinating Committee undertake a monitoring of political events, notably as regards a renewal of the youth policy and of the financing of universities.

AEP seconds

CADEUL

The right to strike could well be a subject this fall. We'd like to speak about it with all of you eventually.

*No request to vote.
Adopted unanimously.*

AÉÉTS

How will affiliation to the new national association take place? And what will be the mobilisation necessary? I am guessing that I'll need some help.

FAECUM

We want to help. But we can't be on all the campuses, folks are going to have to help each other out. If you can reflect on successors for the Coordinating Committee as well, it would be wise.

CADEUL

It would make sense to do that at the next working group, to review the positions and to target people to fill them.

AEP

We'll try and find people who could take up roles on the Coordinating Committee.

11. Review of the process

Working Groups Coordinator

A big thank you to REMDUS and FEUS for welcoming us. Does anyone have any comments on the process for the second working group?

CADEUL

The work of the Coordinating Committee was very well done. We're satisfied.

AELIÉS

The documents submitted were very good. It would be best to seek consensus among everyone around the table, not just the members of the PPME.

FAECUM

Bravo Coordinating Committee, bravo REMDUS.

REMDUS

Thanks for coming all the way out to the end of the 10. This was a good partnership with the FEUS.

12. Varia

FAECUM

You're all invited to the Summer Maisonnée on July 23rd, starting at 4 p.m. It'll be a big event.

13. Closing of the Assembly