



REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

The past year has been tough for post-secondary students in British Columbia. Students have continued to face significant challenges caused by the cost-of-living crisis, including food insecurity and navigating unaffordable rental housing environments—issues that deeply impact students' ability to succeed in school. On top of this, students have also experienced challenges caused by the funding crisis in the post-secondary system—rising tuition, cut programs, longer waitlists, and reduced services—which heighten the barriers to accessing education. Despite these hardships, the Federation has remained steadfast in its advocacy efforts for sustainable and equitable distribution of funds to post-secondary institutions, predictable tuition fees by maintaining current affordability measures, and fairness by providing fulsome support to international students. The annual report highlights these and further efforts of the Federation in campaigns, government relations, membership outreach, and services.

For years, the Federation warned of the negative impacts overreliance on international students' tuition fees would have on the post-secondary education system. This year, those warnings became a reality. International students' tuition fees masked provincial underfunding and kept institutions running for years, but the Federal government's decision in 2024 to limit international study permits, without increased operational funding, has created a serious financial crisis. Most public colleges and universities have projected multi-million-dollar deficits, and essential services and programs are being reduced. Without action and investment from the government, the system will continue to fail and students will continue to suffer.

The Cuts Suck. Fix Education. campaign was created to respond to this critical moment by pushing back against and documenting the increase in cuts to programs, services, and staffing in BC's public post-secondary institutions. When services are cut, students lose access to the supports they need to succeed academically, and when courses and programs are cut, waitlists prevent students from taking the classes they need to graduate on time. This new campaign gives students the tools to connect what they're experiencing on campus to provincial underfunding, channel their frustration into action, and stand in solidarity with their peers across the province. Thousands of postcards and emails have already been sent by member local students' unions and members to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, to local MLAs, and the Premier, calling for the government to strengthen the Tuition Limit Policy, increase funding and reduce tuition fees.

Beyond advocacy and campaigns, the Federation maintains robust services to ease the financial burden of students and to enhance their educational experience. The Deals App's over 300 discount partners expands the affordability of everyday life for thousands of members. The BCFS' coordinated bulk purchasing of membership development materials, and extended health and dental benefits contribute to building supportive infrastructure for students, no matter where they live, learn, or work across the province. Additionally, the Federation's Annual Skills Development Symposium, which provides training to student leaders across the province, has seen increased participation over the past year.

This report highlights a year of bold, powerful advocacy, from pushing back against rising tuition fees to protecting students' rights on campus. The Federation has increased its efforts to garner support from members, coalition organisations, and the public to advocate to protect post-secondary education in BC. There is still much to do in our continued fight for a sustainable post-secondary system, but by taking the lessons of our past 50 years with us and drawing inspiration from past student leaders, we have the strength and knowledge we need to win.

We look forward to building upon our work together in the coming year—engaging students, lobbying decision-makers, strengthening coalitions, and forging new partnerships—to make the student experience better, together.



CAMPAIGNS & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

2025-27 ADVOCACY PLAN

Each year at the Federation's general meeting, delegates discuss and vote to adopt a campaigns and government relations plan, which then guides the advocacy work of the Federation and member locals. The 2025-27 Advocacy plan divides the Federation's campaigns and advocacy work into four categories: Access to Education, Affordability, Equity, and Representation. This section of the report highlights the Federation's campaign and government relations work over the last year.

ACCESS TO EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

Access to Education campaigns address the structural barriers that prevent students from entering and completing post-secondary education, including institutional funding shortfalls, tuition and fee pressures, and the crippling effect of student debt.

After more than two decades of stagnant provincial operating grants, British Columbia's public post-secondary institutions have become increasingly reliant on domestic and international tuition fees to finance core operations. This overreliance has been intensified by the absence of a viable long-term funding strategy from the provincial government and the sudden Federal reforms to immigration and international study permit allocations. Together, these pressures are projected to push nearly every public post-secondary institution in British Columbia into a structural deficit in the next three years, prompting widespread programme cuts, reduced course availability, service reductions, and staffing losses that directly affect students' access to education.

CUTS SUCK. FIX EDUCATION.

Cuts Suck. Fix Education. is the Federation's primary student-facing access to education campaign. It was launched in response to the rapidly escalating financial crisis across British Columbia's public post-secondary system, caused by persistent underfunding, inconsistent provincial and federal coordination, and a long-standing reliance on tuition revenue. These pressures have translated into real impacts on campus, including programme cancellations, reduced course sections, layoffs, shortened service hours, and diminished student supports.

For decades, provincial operating grants have failed to keep pace with inflation, enrolment growth, and rising service demands. As a result, institutions have increasingly relied on domestic and international tuition fees to balance their budgets. This model became even more unstable following federal changes to international study permit allocations, which reduced enrolment without corresponding increases in public funding. Cuts Suck. Fix Education. frames these outcomes not as isolated institutional decisions, but as the predictable result of sustained public underinvestment in post-secondary education.

Cuts Suck. Fix Education. calls on the province to strengthen the tuition limit policy and progressively reduce tuition fees, modernise the outdated funding model, and increase public funding so colleges and universities don't balance their budgets on students' backs.

Campaign Development and Materials

Each member local received a suite of physical and digital materials to support on-campus implementation of the campaign. Physical materials included multiple posters featuring values-based messaging about funding cuts, postcards designed for the photo-based action directed at the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, stand-up banners for use at high-visibility events and tabling, and informational handouts that explain the systemic causes and consequences of post-secondary cuts. Member locals were also provided with customisable templates that allowed them to highlight institution-specific programme cuts, service reductions, or staffing impacts, ensuring the campaign reflected local realities.

Digital materials included editable social media templates, graphics, and messaging tools to support online outreach and coordination across campuses. To support effective organising and consistent messaging, the Federation also developed a campaign message box outlining key framing and talking points, as well as a training guide to assist member locals in delivering the campaign confidently and coherently.

Member Actions and Engagement

The campaign prioritised visible, accessible actions that centred student voices and connected personal experiences to systemic policy issues.

- **Postcard Action:** Members were invited to take a photo holding a campaign sign reflecting an issue affecting them on campus. The printed photo was affixed to a postcard displaying the campaign's policy asks and mailed to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. This action, which serves as the campaign's primary action, was designed to humanise the impacts of cuts while demonstrating the scale of student concern. Since September 2025, Member locals collectively mailed an estimated 2,000 postcards, with hundreds more collected and ready to send as another provincially coordinated action.
- **Digital Action Tool:** The email tool is a secondary action that enables members, faculty, staff, and community allies to send pre-written or personalised messages to the Minister, the Premier, and their MLA. The tool was designed to assist member locals in in-person and online outreach initiatives. Additionally, it supported lobbying efforts by facilitating members to engage directly with decision-makers. Since September 2025, nearly 600 emails have been sent.
- **CutsSuck.ca:** The campaign website, CutsSuck.ca, serves as a central hub for information and engagement. The site hosts the email tool, background information on the causes of cuts, a provincial Cuts Tracker documenting programme and service reductions, and short student interviews describing the impacts of cuts on campus.

Campaign Launch

The Federation launched the Cuts Suck. Fix Education. campaign at Local 13, intentionally choosing Vancouver Island University as the site of the launch due to the scale of program and service cuts students have already experienced. The event featured the campaign's instant postcard action, giving students a direct way to call on government to fix chronic underfunding. Remarks were delivered by the Federation's Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold, Local 13 Chairperson Lyana, and the President of the Vancouver Island University Faculty Association, highlighting the shared impacts of cuts on students, workers, and communities. Media were in attendance, helping amplify the campaign's message. At the same time, member locals across the province participated digitally, sharing the launch on social media and coordinating the mailing of postcards collected throughout September—demonstrating province-wide solidarity and momentum behind the call to fix education funding.





Campaign Support

Cuts Suck. Fix Education. received endorsements from faculty and labour organisations, reflecting shared concerns about underfunding and institutional instability. Endorsers include the Camosun College Faculty Association (CCFA), the Vancouver and District Labour Council (VDLC), the New Westminster and District Labour Council (NWDLC), and the Canadian Union of Public Employees British Columbia (CUPE BC). The British Columbia Federation of Labour (BCFED) also shared the campaign's digital action in their November 2025 newsletter. Increasing external endorsements will be an integral part of the Advocacy Plan in 2026.

INDIGENOUS FUNDING CAMPAIGN (TO BE DEVELOPED)

The Federation identified the need for a dedicated Indigenous Funding campaign to address longstanding and ongoing inequities faced by First Nation, Métis, and Inuit learners in accessing post-secondary education. This work is grounded in the Federation's commitment to reconciliation and its responsibility to advocate for public systems that support Indigenous learners equitably and sustainably. Despite repeated federal commitments to reconciliation, post-secondary funding programmes that support Indigenous learners remain chronically underfunded and oversubscribed. Federal supports such as the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP), as well as Métis and Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategies, have not kept pace with demand. As a result, many Indigenous learners face barriers to accessing and completing post-secondary education, including limited funding availability, inconsistent administration, and long waitlists.

The Federation recognises that these inequities are structural and cannot be addressed through institutional or individual-level interventions alone. A coordinated, national approach to Indigenous post-secondary funding is necessary to close persistent access and attainment gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

Development Approach

The Federation will develop the campaign over the coming year, with a planned launch ahead of the 2026-27 academic year. The campaign's development will include meaningful engagement with stakeholders including ongoing consultation with the Indigenous Student Caucus and Indigenous members wherever possible. The Federation will also pursue relationship building with leading advocacy organisations such as the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), whose policy recommendations will be central to the campaign's framing. The Federation will strive to develop physical and digital materials, and mobilisation tools tailored to national-level advocacy.

AFFORDABILITY CAMPAIGNS

Affordability campaigns focus on the financial pressures students face beyond upfront tuition costs, recognising that the rising cost of living has become one of the most significant barriers to completing post-secondary education. Students across British Columbia are navigating increasingly challenging circumstances, shaped by skyrocketing housing costs, food insecurity, transportation expenses, and the growing price of course materials. These pressures do not exist in isolation. Broader economic conditions, shifts in federal and provincial policy, and institutional budget constraints all contribute to a reality in which students are expected to shoulder more of the financial burden required to access post-secondary. For many, these costs directly influence programme choice, course load, work hours, and overall well-being.

FAIRNESSFORINTERNATIONALSTUDENTS

The Fairness for International Students campaign addresses the systemic inequities experienced by international students in British Columbia's post-secondary institutions. International students contribute significantly to campus communities, workforce development, and the provincial economy, yet they face some of the highest tuition fees in Canada—often paying up to five times more than domestic students. These inequities have deepened in recent years as institutions have increased their reliance on international tuition to offset chronic underfunding.

The federal government's 2024 study permit cap introduced new instability across the sector, magnifying the consequences of this overreliance. At the same time, the province has not introduced a comprehensive international education strategy, leaving institutions, international students, and communities without coordination to guide recruitment, student supports, and long-term stability. In response, the Federation is redeveloping Fairness for International Students with a focus on fairness, equity, and more stability and accountability in the system for international learners.

Redevelopment Approach

In line with the 2025-27 Advocacy Plan, the Federation began redevelopment of Fairness for International Students following the decision to retire the RISE UP campaign. At the 40th Annual Skills Development Symposium in May 2025, member locals participated in a Campaign Working Group session that evaluated previous materials and identified opportunities for improvement. Feedback highlighted the need to make the campaign more relatable and personalised, ensuring international students see their experiences reflected in the materials and messaging. The redevelopment of this campaign will focus on the fight for fair limits on international tuition increases, protecting supports for international students, and calling on both levels of government to develop international education strategies that put students' well-being ahead of profit. The Federation paused the development of this campaign at the end of 2025 while awaiting the results of the provincial government's sector wide sustainability review, which are anticipated in March 2026. The Federation's goal is to relaunch the Fairness for International Students campaign ahead of the 2026-27 academic year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAMPAIGN (TO BE DEVELOPED)

The Federation has identified the need for an affordable housing campaign to address the critical housing challenges faced by students in British Columbia, in the context of the larger affordable housing crisis in the province and in Canada. Members are increasingly required to live in overcrowded or unsafe conditions, undertake long and costly commutes, and are burdened by significant financial strain to remain housed while in their programmes. The exclusion of on-campus housing from the BC Residential Tenancy Act and limited protections for student renters also contribute to housing instability and vulnerability faced by students in BC.

Recent federal and provincial decisions have not adequately responded to these concerns. While the 2025 Throne Speech reiterated the federal government's desire to attract talent and highlighted the importance of skills and trades, the Federation noted that it did not reaffirm previously announced student housing commitments nor introduce new measures to address student housing affordability. This context furthers the need for a student-centred housing campaign that focuses specifically on the realities students face in the rental market and on campus.

This campaign is intended to equip member locals with the materials and resources necessary to advocate for affordable housing policies that work for students and making sure student voices are included in housing decisions.

Development Approach

The Federation intends to design a flexible, umbrella-style campaign that can be adapted to regional housing contexts and emerging issues. Campaign development will include collaboration and consultation with expert-led housing initiatives such as Affordable BC, Vacancy Control Now, and the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC). The Federation also anticipates collecting student-specific housing data to better document the conditions and pressures faced by members to aid future lobby efforts. The Affordable Housing campaign will be developed after the Equity for All and Fairness for International Students campaigns are launched, with a planned rollout ahead of the 2026-27 academic year.

OPEN TEXTBOOKS NOW!

Open Education Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain and permit free use and re-purposing by others. These resources commonly include textbooks and open-access journals but can also include modules, tests, videos, and study guides. The cost of textbooks and course materials has long been a financial challenge for students. Constantly changing versions of textbooks and skyrocketing prices have put many textbooks beyond the reach of students. These unchecked cost increases add another financial barrier to low- and middle-income students. Further, the funds paid by students for these materials frequently end up in the pockets of major publishing houses and do not flow back to the creators of the academic materials. This system is the product of a copyright law regime that benefits knowledge owners to the detriment of creators and users.

Open Textbooks Now! aims to better connect knowledge users and creators through a well-funded system of OER that are free to students and instructors in BC. The campaign goals include increased provincial funding to support the creation and adoption of OER and increased on-campus adoption of OER by faculty. To achieve these goals, the Federation works with member locals and BCcampus, the mandated provincial coordinator of open education resources, on issues regarding OER. To date, OER has saved students in BC over \$41 million.

Over the past year the Federation has worked closely with BCcampus to provide updates to member locals on opportunities to advance OER advocacy, including the implementation of course markings by institutions so students can better estimate the costs of courses. The Federation also participated in a national webinar hosted by the Canadian Coalition for Affordable Learning, offering a student perspective on interprovincial efforts to strengthen access to open and affordable educational resources.

EQUITY CAMPAIGNS

Equity campaigns focus on raising awareness of systemic barriers and supporting social change initiatives that align with the values of the Federation's membership. These campaigns address issues that affect students' experiences both within and beyond the classroom and aim to promote safer, more inclusive, and more just learning environments. Work in this area has historically included campaigns related to racial justice, accessibility, gender equity, harm reduction, climate issues, and other intersecting social concerns that impact members' lives and academic success. Equity campaigns aim to support member locals in their on-campus advocacy and education efforts while reinforcing the Federation's commitment to promoting inclusion, safety and social justice across the post-secondary sector.

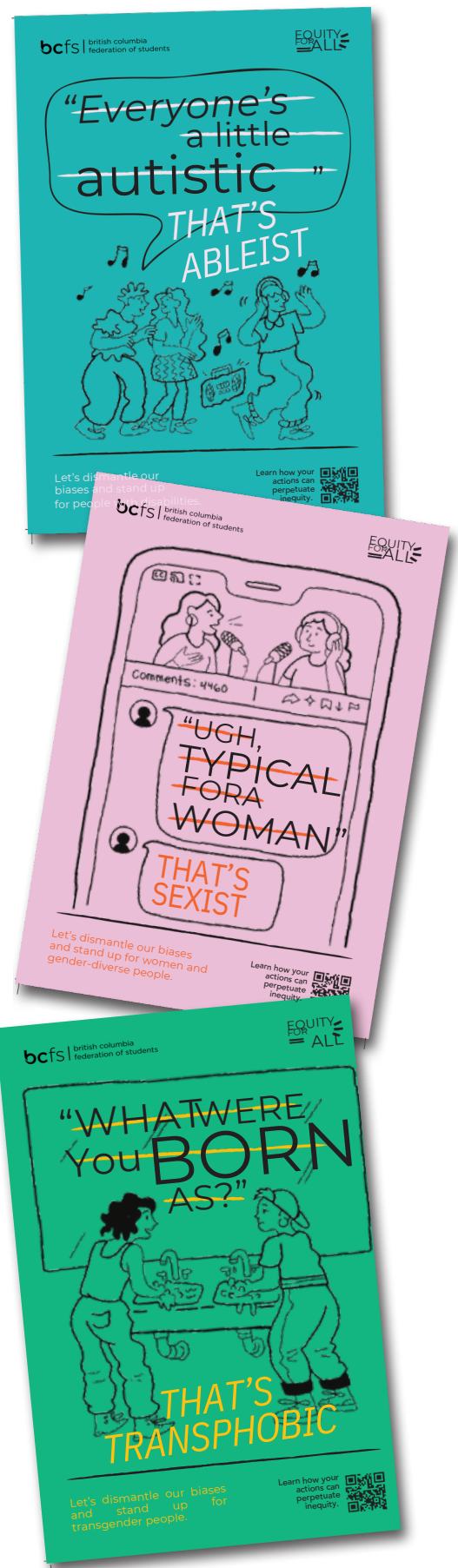
EQUITY FOR ALL

The Equity for All campaign, formerly known as Unlearn, has been redeveloped to support member locals in raising awareness of equity issues and facilitating conversations that promote safer and more inclusive campus environments. The campaign aims to empower members to reflect on and address biases, stereotypes, and forms of discrimination that impact students' experiences in post-secondary education and beyond. Equity for All focuses on key areas including ableism, homophobia, racism, sexism, and transphobia.

Campaign Development and Materials

While Unlearn was effective as an awareness-raising tool that encouraged individual reflection, it increasingly centred equity as a matter of personal attitudes rather than collective responsibility. Equity for All reframes the campaign to emphasise that equity is a core condition of a safe, accessible, and high-quality post-secondary education. The updated framing allows the Federation and member locals to more clearly connect everyday harms, and micro- and macroaggressions to systemic impacts on student access, safety, and success, while advancing stronger action-based advocacy directed at institutions and governments.

The Federation and member locals have a long history of creating various materials like buttons, stickers, leaflets, banners and postcards to promote social equity. These materials are meant to be used as tools on-campus to raise awareness of equity issues and spark education and awareness conversations with members at events throughout the year. The Federation developed 5 posters—one per campaign pillar—and 6 handbills, including one that speaks directly to Indigenous racism. Physical materials are expected to arrive on member local campuses by January 2026. The Federation also created a campaign training guide to ensure directors are confident speaking about each of the campaign pillars, as well as a member facing website, Equity4All.ca, with



additional learning resources. The Federation continues to make stickers and buttons focused on building consent culture, being anti-racist, anti-ableist, and anti-transphobic, showing support for the queer community, promoting workers' rights, and destigmatizing mental health, available at no cost to member locals.

LET'S GET CONSENSUAL

One of the initiatives that the Federation undertakes is providing member locals with support implementing the Let's Get Consensual campaign from the Anti-Violence Project and the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS). Let's Get Consensual aims to combat rape culture, advocate for sexualised violence training, and build a culture of consent on campus. The Federation works with these groups to create physical materials, such as posters and rack cards with QR codes, that direct members to resource centres. These materials are designed for use on campuses to initiate and normalise conversations around these topics. It is typical that these materials are used during orientation, welcome week and Frosh event tabling, as well as during consent weeks hosted or participated in by member locals.

REPRESENTATION CAMPAIGNS

GET OUT THE VOTE: SHAPE THE VOTE

With the snap federal election called for April 28, 2025, the Federation launched Shape the Vote, a non-partisan Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign designed to increase youth voter participation and support students in navigating the federal electoral process. With 20% of the electorate being under 35 years old, the campaign emphasised the collective influence of young voters, highlighted the importance of informed participation, and encouraged students to recognise their voting power in shaping national outcomes.

Campaign Materials

The Federation produced physical and digital materials to support member locals in providing accurate and accessible voting information to students during the campaign period. Physical materials included three posters, an information card outlining the top three reasons to vote, pop-up tent cards for tabling activities, and stickers to promote voter engagement. Digital materials included social media templates for outreach, news release templates for media engagement, and email templates for membership communication. Locals also received a campaign training guide and branding guide to assist with consistent implementation across campuses.

The campaign website, Vote-Now.ca served as a central hub for voting information. The site included voter registration links, party platform summaries, a voting FAQ, and a reminder-to-vote sign-up tool that enabled members to receive voting information by email.

Campaign Implementation

Throughout the campaign period, member locals promoted voting through tabling, social media outreach, and on-campus engagement initiatives. Shape the Vote was endorsed by the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS), further supporting efforts to increase youth voter participation. The Federation worked with Elections Canada to support on-campus voting access for students. As a result of this work, 8 of 14 member locals' institutions hosted on-campus voting stations. To help members understand their voting options before and during election day, the Federation sent two reminder emails to individuals who opted in to receive election updates. These emails provided information on where, when, and how to vote, including advance voting, voting by mail, and voting at assigned polling stations.



RELATIONS WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AGENCIES

PROVINCIAL ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

SPRINGLOBBYWEEK2025

Following the October 2024 provincial election, the Federation organised an introductory Lobby Week and extended invitations to non-member student unions to show unity across the student movement. From March 31 to April 2, 2025, representatives from the Federation, Alliance of British Columbia Students (ABCS), British Columbia Institute of Technology Student Association (BCITSA), Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS), and the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS), met with 33 Members of the Legislative Assembly, Cabinet Ministers, the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, and the Premier. This included 21 British Columbia New Democratic Party (BC NDP) members, 11 BC Conservative members, and 1 BC Green member.

The Federation made a clear case that the future of the province's workforce, social cohesion, and regional equity relies on a stable, publicly funded post-secondary system. MLA familiarity with the systemic funding crisis varied widely, and the meetings provided an opportunity to increase awareness and deliver a cohesive set of policy recommendations.

The full list of meetings is included in Appendix II of this report.

The Federation's Lobby Week document included the following asks:

- Strengthen the Tuition Limit Policy: Strengthen the enforcement of the Tuition Limit Policy to maintain the 2% cap on domestic fee increases, and ensure that institutions do not increase fees beyond the prescribed limits in the form of new ancillary fees, or realigning existing ancillary fees.

- Implement a New Funding Model for Public Post-Secondary Institutions: Complete the Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review and implement a new funding model that provides long-term financial stability for institutions, accounts for inflation and does not rely on student fees as the primary source of revenue.
- Restore Provincial Funding: Restore provincial funding to BC's public institutions to not less than 75% of institutional budgets.



FALL LOBBY WEEK 2025

The Federation held its annual Lobby Week October 20 to 22, 2025. Federation Representatives met with 46 Members of the Legislative Assembly and Cabinet Ministers, including 30 BC NDP members, 13 BC Conservative Party members, 1 BC Greens member, 1 Independent member, and the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. Representatives from Local 1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21 and the BC Office participated.

Meetings focused on the impacts of systemic underfunding across BC's post-secondary institutions and advanced recommendations to improve funding and stability, protect affordability, and ensure the sector can meet workforce and community needs. Notably, MLAs seemed to have an increased awareness of the funding issues and the resulting on-campus and community impacts compared to the Spring Lobby Week.

The full list of meetings is included in Appendix II of this report.

The Federation's Lobby Week document included the following asks:

- Strengthen the Tuition Limit Policy:
 - Maintain current affordability measures through the 2% cap on domestic tuition and ancillary fees.
 - Close existing loopholes to ensure institutions do not circumvent the Tuition Limit Policy for any reason including rebranding existing programmes, introducing new ancillary fees, or realigning existing ancillary fees.
- Develop a New Funding Model: Develop a funding model that provides long-term financial stability for institutions, distributes funds equitably, accounts for inflation and reduces dependency on student fees as a primary source of revenue.
- Restore Provincial Funding: Restore provincial funding to BC's public post-secondary system to not less than 75% of institutional operating budgets.
- Modernise International Education Policy:
 - Create a new International Education Strategy to provide sufficient support for international students to assist in their cultural, social and academic integration.
 - Include international tuition and fees in the Tuition Limit Policy to ensure fairness and predictability for students, and institutional stability.

BC BUDGET CONSULTATIONS: PRESENTATIONS TO THE SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The Federation and member locals participated in the British Columbia Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services' Budget 2026 consultation process. This annual consultation provides an opportunity for organisations and individuals to submit recommendations to inform the provincial government's budget priorities.

During the consultation period, the Federation submitted a written brief outlining student priorities for post-secondary education funding and affordability. The submission called on the provincial government to restore operating funding to at least 75% of institutional budgets, complete the Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review and implement a stable, inflation-responsive funding model, and strengthen enforcement of the Tuition Limit Policy to uphold the 2% cap on domestic tuition fee increases and prevent circumvention through ancillary fees.

Member locals were encouraged to participate directly in the consultation process by delivering in-person presentations, allowing students to share institution-specific examples of the impacts of underfunding, and to personalise the Federation's recommendations. Local 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 16, and 21 presented to the Committee, while Local 6 provided a written submission.

Following province-wide consultations, the Select Standing Committee released its Budget 2026 Consultation Report. The report reflected widespread public concern regarding affordability, service stability, and long-term economic resilience. Recommendations relevant to the post-secondary sector included:

- Conducting a comprehensive review of post-secondary funding, including the exploration of innovative and flexible funding models, assessing the Tuition Limit Policy, and reviewing practices that circumvent tuition limits, to support institutional sustainability and accessible, affordable education.
- Prioritising funding for post-secondary institutions that are advancing innovative programmes aligned with local and regional workforce development priorities.

The Federation is highly concerned about the recommendation to assess the Tuition Limit Policy as it is one of the province's most effective affordability measures that students across the province rely on to ensure education remains accessible and affordable. The Federation has been vocal in its support for protecting the Tuition Limit Policy.

TARGETED DIGITAL ADVOCACY

During the spring legislative session, the Federation implemented a targeted digital advocacy campaign designed to reinforce its policy asks during key decision-making periods. The first phase coincided with government preparations for Budget 2026, the second phase aligned with member locals' presentations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, and the third phase aligned with the Federation's Fall Lobby Week.

Rather than broad public outreach, the campaign focused on ensuring sustained visibility among MLAs, ministerial staff, senior policy advisors, and political media. Advertisements were delivered across digital platforms commonly used by political decision-makers, including X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Google Search and Display, and BC Today, a daily briefing widely read within the provincial political ecosystem. Geo-targeted advertisements were also bought around the physical locations of the Committee's public meetings, reinforcing student priorities at moments when MLAs and staff were engaging directly with budget submissions.

The messaging adopted a sharp economic and workforce-oriented narrative, highlighting that today's students are tomorrow's workforce. Messaging also made direct connections between post-secondary investment and British Columbia's capacity to address labour shortages in healthcare, skilled trades, housing, and childhood education. This shift in perspective reflected

the Federation's assessment of the political environment and aimed to align student advocacy with broader government priorities, while maintaining a clear call for increased public funding.

RELATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF POST-SECONDARY

EDUCATION AND FUTURES KILLS

Throughout the reporting period, the Federation maintained regular engagement with the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to receive updates on government initiatives, raise concerns identified by students and member locals, and advocate for greater transparency and consultation on decisions affecting the public post-secondary sector. The Federation engaged with the Ministry on several key issues: ministerial transitions, the status of the 2022 Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review, and the province's response to growing financial instability across institutions – including the launch of the 2025 Post-Secondary Sector Sustainability Review.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

In July 2025, Jessie Sunner was appointed Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills as part of a cabinet reshuffle, replacing Minister Kang. Shortly after, the Minister's mandate letter was released. While it acknowledged the changing federal context affecting international enrolment, the Federation was concerned by the absence of clear commitments to address chronic underfunding in the public post-secondary system or to complete the Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review. The mandate letter instead emphasised reviewing existing ministry programs to ensure efficiency and cost containment, foreshadowing a broader shift toward sector restructuring rather than new public investment.

The Federation met with the new Minister to introduce its advocacy priorities and to emphasise the importance of meaningful student input, particularly as ministries were directed to conduct efficiency reviews. Throughout the year, the Federation also held regular meetings with the Ministry's Chief of Staff and senior political staff to share updates on emerging issues.

STATUS OF THE 2022 POST-SECONDARY FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW

The Federation continued to raise the status of the 2022 Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review in meetings with the Ministry. Both Minister Kang and Minister Sunner stated that the work of the funding review would not be completed due to the shifting financial realities and growing revenue losses experienced by institutions as a result of the federal government's reduction to study permit allocations in 2024. The Federation was clear in voicing its opposition to the decision to not publish the review's What We Heard report or move forward with developing a more equitable funding model.

During the reporting period, the long-awaited What We Heard report from the funding review was released through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request initiated by the Federation. In early November 2025, the Federation discovered discrepancies between the documents provided to the Federation and a more complete version later identified through a media investigation. The more fulsome version included a copy of the What We Heard report as well as Don Wright, the consultant leading the review's, recommendations to government.

The Federation was pleased to see that Don Wright concluded that there is no funding model and that claims of government underfunding are substantiated: increases to operating grants only reflect negotiated wage increases, and do not account for inflation, rising costs of delivering education or increased demand. Additionally, Don Wright's recommendations to government included two options related to increasing operating grants, one option to provide no new investment and instead redistribute existing funds more equitably, and one option to quietly abandon the review. The Federation is deeply concerned by the government's handling of the funding review and its decision in 2023 to shelve the funding review and not take action to address the systemic underfunding of public post-secondary institutions through providing

adequate operating grants. Notably, this decision was made in a year that the province held a surplus at the end of the year.

The Federation sent letters to Minister Sunner and Premier Eby to express their concerns.

Federation representatives met with Minister Sunner to express students' dissatisfaction with the handling of the funding review and the need for increased government accountability and transparency. The Federation has yet to hear back from Premier Eby's office.

LAUNCH OF THE POST-SECONDARY SECTOR SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

In late November 2025, the Ministry announced a new independent review of British Columbia's public post-secondary sector. Unlike the 2022 Review, this process is broader in scope and shorter in duration: it intends to examine sector-wide sustainability, governance structures, program delivery, and operational efficiency across institutions. The Ministry indicated that this new review would assess how institutions are operating within existing resource constraints and explicitly stated that new public funding would not be considered as part of the review's mandate. The review is being led by Don Avison, KC, and is expected to deliver recommendations by March 2026.

The government has stated that conditions in the post-secondary system have changed substantially since federal immigration policy changes began in 2024, resulting in a significant impact on the financial health of B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions and an estimated \$300 million annual revenue loss. Government reporting further indicates that, for the first time, sector-wide revenues are no longer consistently exceeding expenses. Within the next three years, 19 of B.C.'s 25 public post-secondary institutions are forecasting at least one annual deficit, with nine institutions currently in an accumulated operating deficit position. Institutions are also projecting a consolidated deficit at the sector level, which government has noted will affect its fiscal position. The government has also disclosed that unrestricted cash reserves across the sector are declining rapidly. By 2028–29, reserves are projected to fall by more than \$1 billion (over 50%), with approximately 40% of remaining cash balances expected to be held by the three largest institutions. Much of the remaining cash is restricted for specific purposes, limiting its availability for day-to-day operations. It has concluded that the current state of the system is no longer sustainable and that decisive short-term stabilization and long-term planning are required to support a financially sustainable system aligned with B.C.'s economic and workforce needs.

While the Federation recognises the value of understanding the pressures facing the post-secondary sector, it remains concerned that launching a system-wide review without also addressing chronic underfunding risks reframing a funding crisis as a management or efficiency issue. The Federation has consistently raised concerns that focusing on restructuring and cost containment, in the absence of commitments to stable public investment, could legitimise further program cuts, service reductions, and staffing losses. The Federation is also concerned that the review includes reviewing tuition policies within the context of exploring revenue generation and the government's continued preference for downloading costs onto students and families in BC in place of providing adequate operating funding, that considers inflation, to institutions.

Despite the Federation's displeasure with the rushed nature of the review – occurring over the December exam period and holiday break, and offering limited consultation sessions – it provided a written submission and assisted member locals in doing the same to ensure that student perspectives are represented and to advocate for outcomes that protect affordability, regional access, and the public role of post-secondary education. The Federation coordinated online regional engagement sessions and collected member local input through JotForm to ensure all member locals' perspectives could be reflected in the Federation's submission. The Federation also coordinated a small delegation of member local representatives to participate in the in-person consultation with Avison, selecting at least one director and one staff from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, the Interior and the North. Overall, the Federation was pleased with its discussions with Avison and carries a mix of optimism and concern in anticipation of the review's recommendations.

BCCAMPUS

The Federation maintains a strong relationship with BCcampus, a provincial agency that supports open education, teaching and learning innovation, and system-wide collaboration. Throughout the reporting period, the Federation engaged with BCcampus as part of its broader work to advance affordability, access, and quality in post-secondary education, particularly through initiatives related to open educational resources (OER). Students have now saved over \$41 million through OER – a success that can be attributed to the continuous work of the Federation, member locals, BCcampus, and the faculty members who have adopted OER. There are now 347,669 BC students using OER and 1,020 known faculty who have adopted OER.

During the reporting period, the Federation engaged with BCcampus on ongoing and emerging initiatives, including efforts to expand OER adoption and improve the visibility of low- and no-cost learning materials within course registration systems through a province-wide pilot. The Federation also discussed future collaboration opportunities, including BCcampus' exploration of emerging technologies to enhance the accessibility and usability of OER for students and faculty, and participated in conversations on national collaboration aimed at reducing financial barriers and strengthening interprovincial coordination on affordability initiatives.

BC SEXUALISED VIOLENCE ADVISORY GROUP

The Federation continued to participate in the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills' Sexualised Violence Advisory Group to provide the student perspective. The Advisory Group provides ongoing feedback and recommendations to the Ministry on its strategic direction, policies, and initiatives related to the prevention of and response to sexualised violence in the post-secondary education system. The Advisory Group received updates from the Ministry on ongoing provincial work related to sexualised violence policy implementation and student safety, including the administration of a province-wide student perceptions survey. While preliminary findings were discussed within the Advisory Group, full survey results had not been publicly released during the reporting period. The Federation emphasised the importance of transparent reporting, meaningful student access to findings, and ensuring that survey results lead to adequately resourced, student-informed action at institutions. The results have since been released publicly.

The Advisory Group also provided feedback that was considered by the Ministry in its replacement of the Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy Act. The new policy expands its scope beyond students to other members of the campus community; outlines that institutional policies must promote prevention, a culture of consent and accountability; and strengthens consultation and accountability measures with a goal of better meeting survivors' needs. The new Act was accompanied by a Post-Secondary Sexual Violence Action Plan that outlines 12 key actions in 5 key areas: lifting up Indigenous approaches, increasing prevention through awareness and training, improving responses to sexual violence, improving data collection and reporting on sexual violence, and strengthening privacy and confidentiality.

STUDENT HOUSING WORKING GROUP

During the reporting period, the Federation was invited to participate in the Student Housing Working Group through its Residence Advisor Subcommittee. This subcommittee was established to examine the evolving landscape of residence life staffing across British Columbia's public post-secondary institutions, particularly in the context of expanded student housing capacity across the province. The work of the subcommittee focuses on identifying leading practices for residence life staffing models that are safe, inclusive, and responsive to student needs. The committee is scheduled to meet for the first time in late January 2026. Federation Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold is currently appointed to the Working Group.

RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Throughout the reporting period, the Federation monitored and responded to federal policy changes affecting post-secondary students, with a particular focus on immigration policy, international education, and federal budget priorities.

IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES, AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC)

During the year, IRCC announced several changes to Canada's international student and immigration programs. Notably, the federal government confirmed a permanent increase to the number of hours eligible international students may work off campus while classes are in session, allowing students to work up to 24 hours per week. While the Federation welcomed greater clarity and stability following years of temporary measures, it continues to raise concerns that international students are being required to rely on employment to cover rising tuition and living costs. IRCC also introduced additional changes affecting international students and their families, including adjustments to post-graduation work permit eligibility, updates to eligible fields of study aligned with labour market priorities, and new restrictions on open work permits for family members. These changes reflect an increasing emphasis on workforce alignment and labour market needs within federal immigration policy. The Federation remains concerned that frequent policy shifts and narrowing eligibility criteria create uncertainty for students and institutions while undermining Canada's reputation as a welcoming destination for international education.

STUDY PERMIT CAPS AND PROGRAM CHANGES

The federal government continued to implement changes to the issuing of international study permits on a national level, including further reductions in the number of visas issued for the 2025 intake and expanded requirements for provincial or territorial attestation letters. While some exemptions were introduced, the continued use of caps has placed additional pressure on public post-secondary institutions that have become financially dependent on international tuition revenue due to long-term underfunding. The Federation raised concerns through written submissions that these federal decisions, made without corresponding increases in public investment, have contributed to growing financial instability across the post-secondary sector. Institutions facing declining enrolment have continued to report deficits, programme reductions, and service cuts, with direct impacts on students' educational experiences.

FEDERAL BUDGET AND PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Federation participated in federal pre-budget consultations during the reporting period, submitting recommendations focused on student affordability, institutional sustainability, and equity. Key priorities raised by the Federation included increasing operational funding for post-secondary institutions through existing federal transfer mechanisms, expanding supports for Indigenous learners, modernising immigration policies to better support international education, removing exclusions limiting students from participating in the Canadian Dental Care Program, and tackling generational fairness. The Federation also reviewed federal fiscal commitments related to housing, health care, and employment supports for young people. While some measures were framed as benefiting students, the Federation noted the absence of targeted investments to address the underlying funding challenges facing public post-secondary institutions or to improve affordability for students more broadly.

The Federation has noted growing uncertainty around the future of the Canada Student Grant, which currently provides up to \$4,200 per year to eligible students. This amount was temporarily increased to \$6,000 during the pandemic and later reduced to its current level. The 2025 federal budget does not clearly allocate funding to maintain the \$4,200 amount, and the federal government has publicly stated that no decision has been made regarding Canada Student Grant or Canada Student Loan amounts after July 31, 2026.

The Federation is concerned that a potential reduction to \$3,000 annually would disproportionately affect low- and middle-income students and create new barriers to accessing post-secondary education. This issue emerged after the conclusion of the federal budget consultation process and was therefore not included in the Federation's budget submission, but is a key emerging concern for students moving forward.

Federal policy decisions over the past year have reinforced the Federation's concerns about the growing disconnect between immigration policy, education funding, and student affordability. The Federation will continue to advocate for a more coordinated federal approach that recognises post-secondary education as a public good, protects international students from instability and exploitation, and supports institutions through stable, predictable public funding rather than reliance on volatile revenue sources.

MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

During the year, the Federation met with Members of Parliament from British Columbia to raise the profile of the Federation and highlight the challenges students are facing at the federal level. These meetings are ongoing and the full list of meetings are included in Appendix II.

The issues and recommendations discussed mirror what was included in the Federation's budget submission and are outlined below.

- Increase operational funding for post-secondary institutions through existing funding mechanisms, such as the Canada Social Transfer.
- Expand support for Indigenous students by increasing funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and Métis and Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategies.
- Modernize immigration policies to better support international education by aligning post-graduation work permits with regional labour market needs.
- Remove the eligibility requirement from the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) that excludes students who have access to dental care through student organisations.

The issues that have generated the most interest have been the expansion of funding for Indigenous students and the eligibility requirements for the CDCP.



**COALITION
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BC FEDERATION OF LABOUR (BCFED)

The BC Federation of Labour is one of the Federation's oldest allies representing over half a million workers in every part of BC through over 50 affiliated unions with over 800 locals. They have a long history of fighting for the rights of all working people to have safe workplaces and fair wages. Students are often workers, and the health of BC's public post-secondary system is closely tied to the strength of public services and working conditions. Throughout the reporting period, the Federation engaged with BCFED through standing committee participation, reinforcing shared priorities related to underfunding, affordability, and protecting public education.

YOUNG WORKERS COMMITTEE

The BC Federation of Labour represents unionised workers throughout British Columbia and has historically been one of the Federation's strongest allies. The Federation has represented student voices on the YWC for many years and actively provides a student perspective when speaking about the realities for young workers and their communities. Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold is currently appointed to the YWC.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HEALTH COALITION (BCHC)

BCHC is a democratic, non-profit, and non-partisan network that brings organisations and over 800,000 individuals across BC together to strengthen, defend, and improve public health care. Together, the BCHC runs campaigns, educates the public and lobbies the government to improve the public health care system. The Federation has been a member and ally of the Coalition for many years, working on initiatives and campaigns together. During the reporting period, the Coalition elected its Steering Committee, and while the Federation did not seek re-election to the Steering Committee this cycle, it remained engaged as an ally and continues to support advocacy efforts that intersect with student well-being and access to services.

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BRITISH COLUMBIA (CUPE BC)

CUPE BC represents over 700,000 workers nationwide in public services including healthcare, emergency services, education, early learning and childcare, libraries, municipalities, transportation, and airlines. CUPE represents many students' union staff and post-secondary staff across the province, and the Federation's staff are also represented by CUPE Local 2396.

The Federation and CUPE met regularly during the reporting period to discuss issues facing members, in particular issues affecting students and workers as a result of programme cuts, service reductions and staff layoffs across the province.

TENANT RESOURCE ADVISORY CENTRE (TRAC)

Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC) is a non-profit organisation that provides free legal education, representation, and advocacy on residential tenancy matters. The Federation has represented young people on TRAC's Board of Directors for many years. TRAC remains an important partner for student renters and member locals navigating housing instability. The Federation continued its connection to TRAC and promoted it as a resource for tenancy education and support, particularly for students living off campus. Director-Membership Outreach Gauld currently sits on the TRAC Board as an elected Director.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DISABLED STUDENTS (NEADS)

NEADS is a national, cross-disability organisation that advocates for equitable access to post-secondary education and employment for students and graduates with disabilities. NEADS advances this work through research, policy advocacy, partnerships, and the delivery of national

programs and resources that support student success and recognise the achievements of disabled learners.

The Federation supported NEADS' work to strengthen disability rights and accommodation advocacy in post-secondary education by contributing student union perspectives to NEADS' advocacy tools, including the Student Rights Toolkit, and by amplifying national disability rights resources to member locals to support on-campus advocacy. During the reporting period, NEADS developed toolkits aimed at empowering disabled students and supporting student unions in navigating duty-to-accommodate frameworks and institutional processes.

FACULTY AND EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIPS

The Federation strengthened relationships with provincial faculty and educator organisations that share concerns about institutional instability, staffing pressures, and the impacts of service reductions on teaching and learning.

CONFEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (CUFA BC)

CUFA BC represents over 5,500 faculty members, including professors, academic librarians, instructors, and sessional lecturers at British Columbia's research and doctoral universities. CUFA BC advocates for quality public post-secondary education, academic freedom, and fair working conditions, and is a key partner in advancing shared concerns related to institutional stability, funding, and the impacts of sector-wide cuts on teaching and research.

The Federation met with CUFA BC leadership to discuss shared priorities and opportunities for collaboration, particularly in the context of funding pressures, sector instability, and the downstream impacts of federal immigration changes. The Federation also participated in CUFA BC's Distinguished Academics Awards Gala as part of ongoing relationship-building.

FEDERATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATORS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (FPSEBC)

FPSE BC is the provincial voice representing more than 10,000 faculty and staff at public colleges, institutes, teaching universities, and private sector institutions across British Columbia. FPSE BC advocates for quality public post-secondary education, fair working conditions, and strong student supports, and plays a key role in advancing shared priorities related to accessibility, academic integrity, and system sustainability.

Federation Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold was invited to give greetings on behalf of the Federation to the FPSE BC's annual general meeting. In the remarks, Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold discussed the importance of solidarity and the need for educators' support in calling on the government to fix our underfunded post-secondary system.

UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS 1518 (UFCW 1518)

UFCW 1518 represents workers across retail, healthcare, industrial, and service sectors throughout British Columbia. UFCW 1518 is an important ally in advocacy on affordability, workers' rights, and fairness for international students, recognising the overlap between student experiences and labour conditions in the province.

The Federation engaged with UFCW 1518 through the union's Social Action Committee, sharing updates on student issues and the impacts of federal immigration policy changes. UFCW 1518 also advanced its own Fairness for International Students advocacy work during the reporting period, creating opportunities for alignment on shared goals related to affordability, tuition regulation, and student protections.



SURREY TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS (STA)

STA represents educators working across Surrey's public K-12 school system and advocates for well-funded, accessible, and high-quality public education.

During the reporting period, the Federation participated in a rally organised by the Surrey Teachers' Association to oppose the defunding of the Grade 7 music programme in Surrey. The Federation attended in solidarity, recognising that the reduction of public education funding at the K-12 level aligns closely with ongoing concerns about underfunding across the post-secondary sector. The Federation welcomed the opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the STA and looks forward to continued collaboration on shared advocacy priorities related to public education funding.

FEDERATION SERVICES





STUDENT DISCOUNT PROGRAM: THE DEALS APP

The Federation has coordinated the provision of local and provincial discounts for individual members for several decades. This service is one of the most tangible, direct benefits of membership in the Federation. By saving members and non-member students' money in their day-to-day lives, the Federation and member locals are working to reduce financial barriers to post-secondary education.

MOBILE APPLICATION

The Deals app is the evolution of a discount program that used a physical card to save students money at participating businesses. The app, launched in 2019, was developed to better fit members' needs by allowing them to easily find savings near campus, or elsewhere in BC. The app has three key components: a map feature showing discounts nearby, a discount listing grouped by category to make browsing specific discounts easier, and a unique virtual identifier that students can present to business partners when using a discount.

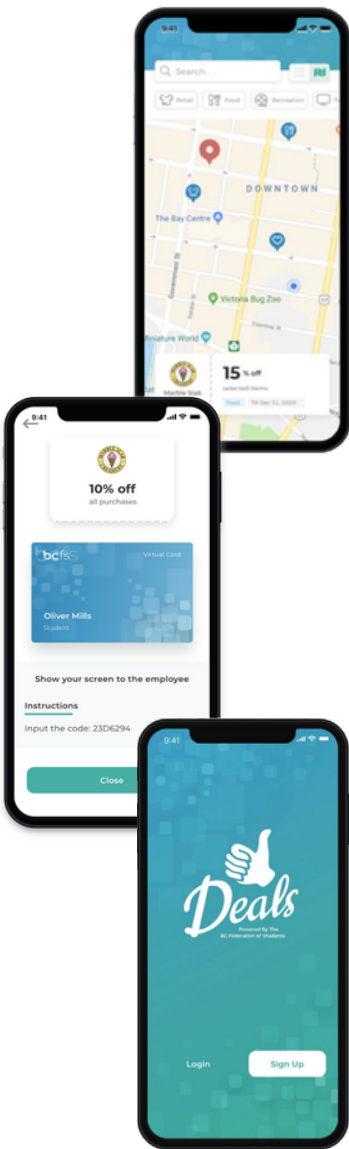
The app is free for members to download through the App Store and Google Play. It is also available for non-member locals to provide as a service for an annual per-member fee or for non-member students to access individually for an annual fee, which allows the Federation to offset some of the development and maintenance costs.

2025 UPDATES

Discounts

The value of the discount program is a joint effort between member locals and the Federation's BC office. The BC office works to secure regional and province-wide discounts to serve as "anchor" discounts with well-known or easily accessible business partners. Meanwhile, member locals focus their solicitation efforts on local businesses that are popular and valuable to students in the area. The BC office also develops Deals branded materials to aid in the discount solicitation, solicitor training, and promotion of the app.

Currently the Deals App has over 300 discount partners, with discounts at over 700 locations, including 36 provincial discounts. In response to the continued high cost of living pressures faced by students, the BC office and member locals focused on expanding discount partnerships in high value areas including grocery stores, cafés and restaurants, and yoga and fitness centres. Wellness discounts were also expanded in areas such as counselling and opticians. Additionally, four new online Canadian businesses joined the app, Orchard Smartphones, Gender Gear, Come As You Are, and Retrophiliac. A province-wide discount was also established with all BC franchises of Oxygen Yoga & Fitness. Solicitation and renewal efforts are completed by the BC office and member locals on a yearly basis.







MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS

The Federation coordinates a bulk purchase program through which member locals can purchase membership development materials that are ethically produced and of high quality while maintaining a low price. The Federation works with Fairware, a Vancouver-based company dedicated to providing ethically-sourced materials for the service. Member locals order based on their members' needs and can customize designs. By purchasing products collectively through the Federation, students' unions make cost savings through increased purchasing power and are leaders in making campuses sweatshop-free.

The Federation coordinates two order intakes per year. The summer order allows member locals to purchase the majority of their membership development materials, timed to arrive in August ahead of the fall semester. The winter order is intended for items that member locals didn't anticipate needing or to restock materials that ran out during the fall. Winter orders are scheduled to arrive in December, in time for the winter semester.

2025-26 ORDERS

Eleven locals, the Federation and the Indigenous Students' Caucus participated in the summer bulk purchase, collectively ordering more than 55,000 items. The most popular items ordered were pens, highlighters, water bottles, and sticky note sets – reflecting member locals' focus on providing members with useful daily items to assist them on campus. Items arrived on-time or early and membership development materials were able to be distributed at events such as new student orientation, welcome week and frosh. Minimal issues were reported by member locals and any issues that arose were resolved on a case-by-case basis, prioritizing the provision of quality products and cost savings for member locals.

Six member locals and the Federation took part in the winter bulk purchase. Over 18,500 items were ordered collectively. The most popular items ordered were pens, highlighters and pins. All orders have been placed and are expected to arrive on time for welcome back winter semester events.

ONLINE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

The Federation's suite of digital services primarily focuses on the coordination and centralisation of purchasing online services on behalf of participating member locals. This centralisation allows member locals to access their account administrative panels and enables the Federation staff to provide resourcing and technical support. The coordination of purchasing provides a discounted rate for some parts of the service but particularly benefits those member locals that don't have credit cards, as that is the only way to pay for these services directly.

CAMPUS MOBILE APPLICATIONS

The Federation coordinates a master user agreement with Ready Education for use by member locals and members of the Federation. This application serves as a communication platform connecting the Federation, member locals, campus groups, and individual members. It extends the reach of campaigns and services beyond print and social media. Cost-sharing with participating member locals is outlined in Internal Affairs Policy Section O: Ready Education Partnership Service.

The Federation renewed its two-year master user agreement with Ready Education; the agreement began August 1, 2025, and expires July 31, 2027. The new agreement requires all members locals with a license to update their app by the end of the user agreement. Ready Education is sunsetting the version of the app currently used by member locals, Campus App, and are transitioning clients to Ready Campus Core, which has most of the same features of the Campus App and some additional functionality, including a web platform. Included in the new user agreement is 30 hours of implementation services from Ready Education's team to help upgrade each participating Local's app to Ready Campus Core.

The Federation currently maintains active licences for Local 6, 13, 14, 17 and 21. Local 17 terminated the service at the end of August and requested the Federation release their licence citing limited time to invest in updating or engaging members with the app, and low usage and member engagement.

ONLINE HOSTING AND SOFTWARE PURCHASING SERVICES

The Federation provides Locals with access to the following digital services:

Adobe Creative Cloud Licenses

The Federation centrally purchases Adobe Creative Cloud license subscriptions for participating member locals. The centralisation of purchasing enables member locals to benefit from significant savings and ensures that locals use the appropriate license for business use. These licenses are purchased and retired at the request of participating member locals. Collectively, approximately 30 licenses are being coordinated through this service.

Domain Registration and Network Settings

For a website to be hosted, the domain needs to be registered, and the domain network systems (DNS) settings need to be hosted. The Federation coordinates the registration of domains and hosts the DNS settings on a server, allowing locals to be able to host a website. The centralization of this service also provides a minimal discount of approximately 3% on the purchase of each domain. The domains of 9 Locals and the Federation are hosted on the server.

ElectionBuddy Partnership

ElectionBuddy is used by unions, political parties, and institutions across North America. The company offers two services: election/referendum email voting and "LiveVote", a platform for voting at meetings like the Federation's annual general meetings. They also offer a variety of customer support packages for member locals who would like to use their services for a fully

externally-administrated vote. Recognising that many member locals conduct elections online, the Federation has secured a 20% discount for all member locals who work with ElectionBuddy.

Web Hosting

The Federation works with Rackspace Cloudsites Web to provide stable, independent cloudbased website hosting that allows member locals to host WordPress, Drupal, or PHP websites that are fully customisable. The websites of 8 member locals and the Federation are currently being collectively hosted through this service. Member locals utilising this service also can create sub-domains for clubs and other local initiatives.

With the advancement of web hosting services available, the Federation continues to recommend that member locals review available web hosting options through the company they use to design their website and encourages member locals to transition off the Federation's web hosting service if they are able to access cost savings or improved services.

INSURANCE SERVICES & MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

BCSTUDENTHEALTHCONSORTIUM(BCSHC)

The Federation coordinates a buying consortium, the BC Student Health Consortium (BCSHC) for health and dental insurance, along with connected products, with the primary purpose of using the collective expertise and combined purchasing power of participating member locals to secure lower rates and better coverage for individual members.

Working with GreenShield, a Canadian not-for-profit insurance carrier, the Federation works collectively to move the industry in a positive direction while providing eligible members access to benefits tailored to students' needs at the best value. Consortium member plans are known for leading in benefit offerings and were among the first to add coverage for gender-affirming care and to expand accidental death and dismemberment coverage to full life insurance coverage.

Together with the assistance of the BCSHC's broker, Prosum Health Benefits, the Federation assists member locals in reviewing their plan renewal to ensure member locals have an in-depth understanding of industry trends, new products available, and members' needs as informed by their claim patterns. Renewals are completed annually with the goal of member locals securing the best possible services and rates for their members in a profit-driven industry. The Federation also assists Consortium members in seeking strategic partnerships and expanding benefit access, supporting member locals and health plan administrators with the day-to-day operations of the health and dental plans, and updating communications to members as required.

The Federation and Consortium members use the services of AGA Benefits as their third-party data administrator (TPA). AGA Benefits was onboarded in the 2020-21 year and continues to manage the enrollment data, billing, hosting of the member portals and opt-out sites, and the dependent opt-in process.

Consortium Membership

The Consortium is composed of Local 1, 2, 4, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 21. Within the Consortium, Local 2, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 21 participate in the "Block Plan" to pool their revenue and claims to create plan and rate stability for members.

Canada Dental Care Plan: Eligibility Excludes Students Across the Province

In 2024, the federal government launched the Canada Dental Care Plan (CDCP) which provides access to dental coverage for Canadians with an annual net family income of less than \$90,000. The program is intended to ease the financial barriers of accessing dental care, but it is not intended to replace employer or pension sponsored coverage; meaning that individuals do not

have access to the CDCP if they have access to dental benefits through their own benefit plan, or a spouse or family member's employment or pension benefits. Individuals are also automatically denied access to the CDCP if they have access to dental benefits through a professional or student organisation, even if an individual were to opt out of the coverage or if they are required to pay a premium for the coverage.

This means that if students qualify for students' union health and dental benefits, this prevents them from being eligible for the CDCP, even if they were to opt out from their students' union plan. The government's eligibility requirements are concerning as students' unions have provided health and dental benefits for decades to fill an access gap for students, not to replace public health care. Coverage from the CDCP is far greater than most students' union benefit plans offer, so students' union plans are being used to disqualify members from accessing a more affordable, public dental care option.

Throughout 2025, member locals heard a great deal of concern, confusion and frustration from members about the exclusion of students from the CDCP, especially during the start of the 2025-26 academic year. Federation staff provided information and language for member locals to explain to members about the CDCP eligibility criteria. At the October Executive Meeting, member locals identified that there was a need to pursue an advocacy strategy to lobby the federal government on members' behalf. As directed by the Executive Committee, the Federation will advocate for a change to the eligibility requirements of the CDCP, in particular the removal of the exclusion of students who have access to dental coverage through students' union plans. The Federation has sent a letter to the Minister of Health explaining that low-income students deserve to be eligible for the CDCP. The Federation is also working on creating additional advocacy strategies in which members and member locals can take part, including an online petition for members to sign to raise the issue to government, template letters for member locals to write to the Minister of Health, and a story sharing tool for members to email the Minister of Health with information about their experience struggling to afford dental care.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE

The Federation works with Foundever Assistance Services Group (ASG) to provide members free over-the-phone legal advice on a wide range of topics, as well as substantial discounts on legal referrals. This service was initially created as an added option to health and dental plans coordinated by the Federation but is now universally available to all Federation member locals to implement at their respective campuses. It is currently used by Locals 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21. Services available to members also include the review of simple legal documents up to 6 pages and the provision of free simple legal letter templates.

For the 2025 calendar year, 236 members utilised this service: of these, 81% accessed the free legal consultation, 15% used the legal referral, 3% used the document review, and one member used the legal letter template. The most common issues members sought legal assistance for during this period include civil litigation, employment, and landlord and tenant issues.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

Since 1985, the Federation has held an annual skills-building symposium for member local representatives in BC. The Skills Development Symposium consists of workshops and seminars that provide elected representatives and member local staff with the opportunity to acquire, learn about, and develop a broad range of skills required to operate a students' union effectively. The Symposium allows participants to exchange information and develop relationships in an informal setting. Fully subsidised by the Federation for one participant from each member local and partially subsidised for the next 11 participants, the Symposium is highly accessible to member locals.



40TH ANNUAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

The 40th Annual Skills Development Symposium was held from May 23 to 25, 2025 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Over 120 participants attended from 13 member local unions. Two participants also attended from two non-member local unions.

Sessions included: History of the Student Movement, Base Building, Director's Rights and Responsibilities, Campaign Organising, Outreach to Indigenous Students, Navigating Political Landmines, Meeting Participation, Meeting Facilitation, Conflict Resolution, Media Training, Membership Outreach, Student Advocacy, Building a Message Box, Writing Effective Motions, Event Planning, Finances, Organising with AI, Institutional Lobbying, and a fireside chat with past student leaders.

Workshop facilitators included Federation staff and directors, member local staff who are experts in the fields in which they presented, as well as external presenters from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Arvay Finlay LLP, Earncliffe Strategy Group and Metric Strategies.

YEAR-ROUND TRAINING

Member locals identified a gap in training and skill-building for new board members and directors who start in the fall or spring semester. To address this, in 2020, the Federation published the Students' Union Director's Resource Guide. The guide contains eleven chapters which provide information on topics such as students' union finances, working with staff, negotiating contracts, membership outreach, and media relations. All member locals can request copies of the guide to provide to their representatives, at no cost, to support onboarding and learning throughout their terms.

To further supplement this training for board members and directors, the Federation has launched online training modules that teach the guide's content in an interactive form. There are nine modules, which student representatives and staff can access on the online platform Thinkific. The modules contain a mix of short videos, quizzes, information and games, making the content engaging to learn. They are intended to be another tool for member locals to teach directors about their responsibilities alongside local orientation, the Resource Guide and the Skills Development Symposium.

The modules can be completed by directors anytime throughout their term. Member locals are encouraged to consider which modules are most relevant to their board and develop an associated learning plan for their directors.

FEDERATION SERVICES AUDIT

In 2025, the Federation was tasked by the Executive Committee with undertaking an audit of all services that it provides to member locals. It was identified that an audit of all services is necessary because member needs are changing, and completing an audit will allow the Federation to be able to meet these needs more effectively. Through the process of the audit, the Federation will be able to identify where there are gaps, inefficiencies, and improvements needed in the current service portfolio. The overall purpose of the audit is to ensure that Federation services are providing maximum value to members and member locals. To ensure the audit is carried out with a fulsome approach and achieves its aim, the audit will take place over 6 stages.

PHASE ONE – SERVICES OVERVIEW

The first phase, which has been completed, was the development of a services overview to outline the audit's scope and to provide details on every service within the audit's scope. The services that fall under the scope of the audit are the Deals app, the bulk purchase program, the members' handbook and dayplanner, the Ready Education app, Adobe licensing, domain registration, web hosting, the BC Student Health Consortium, legal assistance benefits, the Director's Resource manual, and the Skills Development Online Modules. For each of these services, the overview provides a description of the service, the service's target audience, the service's purpose, the number of member locals who use the service, the delivery methods of the service and any restrictions that are associated with these delivery methods, the frequency and duration of the service's delivery, and the resources that are required from the Federation to deliver the service.

As well as defining the scope of the audit, the services overview serves an important function for the other phases of this process. As a record of how the Federation's services portfolio currently functions, member locals will be able to refer to it when they are consulted during the second phase of the audit, which is feedback collection, and as a reference guide for the Executive Committee during the fourth phase – reporting and consultation. Once the audit is complete, the document will act as a record of how the services portfolio functioned prior to the audit, so that there can be comparison of the changes the audit made to the portfolio and the delivery of individual services.

PHASE TWO – FEEDBACK COLLECTION

During this phase, which is currently ongoing, feedback about the services within the audit's scope will be gathered in two different ways — a survey and a series of focus groups.

The survey is intended to be member-facing and will be made available for member locals to distribute to members and board members to complete. Gathering feedback on services via a survey is a low-barrier way to understand members' experiences of Federation services from across the entire province. The results from the survey will be compiled and analysed in the following audit phase. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about how valuable, useful, and accessible each service surveyed is to members, as well as whether the service is fulfilling its objective.

As the survey is member-facing, its scope includes services that members directly interact with. These are the Deals app, students' union membership development materials, the handbook and dayplanner, and legal assistance benefits. If the member's member local participates in the Ready Education app, the survey has been tailored to also include questions about these services. There is also a section specifically for board members about the Director's Resource manual and the Skills Development Online Modules.

After the survey has been distributed to member locals, locals are encouraged to publicise the survey to members on social media and during tabling using a QR code, as well as to circulate it to their board and volunteers for best results.

The other part of the feedback collection phase will consist of focus groups with member locals. These focus groups are intended to gather more detailed, nuanced feedback about all services that a member local interacts with and their experience organising and delivering that service to members. The groups will consist of staff and, where relevant, board members who are responsible for delivering services at their member local that are within the audit's scope. Focus groups will be facilitated by a Federation staff person and will be no more than four people per group, to allow for productive discussion and for all opinions to be heard and recorded. Discussions will provide qualitative data that can be analysed in the next stage of the audit about the efficacy and value of Federation services from a service-delivery perspective.

Feedback collection will happen differently for the BC Students Health Consortium. While it falls under the scope of the audit and is an important part of the services provided to members by the Federation, feedback will be solicited from participating member locals at the annual BC Student Health Consortium meeting. This way health and dental plan administrators from member locals in the Consortium can provide their feedback directly during the meeting.

PHASE THREE – FEEDBACK ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

Once the feedback collection phase is complete, each service will be evaluated on a range of criteria to understand its performance and to identify gaps and redundancies in the Federation's services portfolio. If there are new needs that require new services, or services provided by member locals that could benefit from additional support from the BC office, these will be addressed in this phase. Evaluation criteria will include a service's relevance, impact, usage, accessibility, satisfaction among members and member locals, and cost.

PHASE FOUR – REPORTING AND CONSULTATION

The analysis will be presented to the Executive Committee with a summary of key insights and findings from the feedback stage and a set of recommendations for changes and improvements to be made to the services portfolio. The Executive Committee will provide feedback on the results and recommendations.

PHASE FIVE – IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations will be prioritised and a plan will be developed for carrying them out. This plan will be executed. The Executive Committee will be consulted throughout the implementation to gather feedback and make any adjustments necessary to the plan.

PHASE SIX – REPORTING AND IMPLEMENTATION

A report on the entire process of the audit is set to be presented at the 45th Annual General Meeting. At the AGM approvals can be sought to carry out further recommendations, if necessary.



**INTERNAL
AFFAIRS**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Executive Committee is the Federation's board of directors; members of the Executive Committee are responsible for the Federation's management, similar to a local students' union board of directors.

The Executive Committee is currently comprised of 21 elected directors: one representative per member local, elected by each member local, and seven at-large directors – Chairperson, Directors-At-Large (4), Indigenous Caucus Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer – elected annually at the Federation's general meeting.

The following is a list of changes within the composition of the Committee since the January 2025 Annual General Meeting:

Chairperson

Jessie Niikoi	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025
Debi Herrera Lira	May 1, 2025 to present

Directors-At-Large

Sarah Mei Lyana	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025
Harvey Polino	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025
Mahendra Tomar	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025
Jessica Lamb	May 1, 2024 to present
Holiness Ozumba	May 1, 2025 to present
Manan Singh	May 1, 2025 to present
Prince Solanki	May 1, 2025 to present

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson

Leah Vaisanen	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025
Samantha Jo	May 1, 2025 to present

Representative-Local 1 Members

Ivanna Rubio	October 4, 2024 to October 3, 2025
Annabelle Lee	October 3, 2025 to present

Representative-Local 2 Members

Gagan Singh	December 2, 2022 to January 15, 2025
Jaspreet Kaur	January 15, 2025 to December 1, 2025
Diksha Salwan	December 1, 2025 to present

Representative-Local 4 Members

Holiness Ozumba	May 17, 2024 to April 30, 2025
vacant	April 30, 2025 to June 6, 2025
Calder Azak	June 6, 2025 to present

Representative-Local 5 Members

vacant	June 7, 2024 to October 3, 2025
Crystal Yamak	October 3, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 6 Members

Debi Herrera Lira

May 17, 2024 to April 30, 2025

vacant

April 30, 2025 to June 6, 2025

Chloe Archuleta

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 10 Members

Eknoor Matharoo

June 7, 2024 to June 6, 2025

Medhavi Mahesh

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 12 Members

Abby Newman

May 17, 2024 to June 6, 2025

Olivia Lai

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 13 Members

Caitlin Kellendonk

June 7, 2024 to March 14, 2025

Maggie Velisek

March 14, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 14 Members

Komal Luthra

February 23, 2024 to January 23, 2025

Harpinder Singh

January 23, 2025 to December 1, 2025

Vikas Kumar Rathi

December 1, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 15 Members

Jaida Richardson

May 17, 2024 to June 6, 2025

Gurjeet Singh

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 16 Members

Manjot Kaur

January 15, 2025 to June 13, 2025

Jag Toor Singh

June 13, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 17 Members

Prince Solanki

May 17, 2024 to April 30, 2025

vacant

April 30, 2025 to June 6, 2025

Terence Baluyut

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 20 Members

Shahzeb Memon

May 17, 2024 to June 6, 2025

Vishnukumar Sharma

June 6, 2025 to present

Representative–Local 21 Members

Beethalpreet (Preet) Ratra

May 17, 2024 to June 6, 2025

Karen Khatana

June 6, 2025 to December 1, 2025

Michelle Reyes

December 1, 2025 to present

Secretary–Treasurer

Cole Reinbold

May 1, 2024 to present

MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee met on the following dates:

- January 15, 2025
- January 23, 2025
- March 14 to 16, 2025
- June 13, 2025
- June 27 to 29, 2025
- October 3 to 5, 2025
- December 1, 2025

43RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 43rd Annual General Meeting was held from Thursday, January 23, to Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Hotel in Burnaby, British Columbia. The meeting was attended by 116 delegates from 13 member local unions and 4 non-member students' unions that attended as observers including Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS), BCIT Students' Association (BCITSA), University of Victoria Student Society (UVSS) and the Northern Undergraduate Student Society (NUGSS).

The Federation received greetings from Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Korky Neufeld, Critic for Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, and Annabree Fairweather, Executive Director of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC (CUFA BC).

The following sessions, workshops, and panels were held at the meeting:

What's At Stake: Rethinking Student Advocacy for Today's Challenges: This session allowed students to explore the impact of shifts in the provincial government's priorities, changes to the International Education Program, and growing financial pressures on institutions—and reflect on how these realities call for new organising approaches. (Federation Staff, Jill Adams and Phoebe Lo Patigdas)

Asking For More: The Chronic Underfunding in Post-Secondary: This session explored how institutions and government need to be lobbied to effectively solve chronic underfunding, encouraging delegates to make bold requests of the government. (Don Wright, Lead of the 2022 Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review, Dr. Paul Kershaw, Generation Squeeze)

Tackling Systemic Affordability Issue with Upstream Solutions: A panel that addressed the systemic affordability challenges students face, including housing, stagnant wages, food insecurity, and rising education costs, while exploring upstream solutions. (Dr. Paul Kershaw, Generation Squeeze, Dan Huang-Taylor, Food Banks BC, Anastasia French, Living Wage BC, and Véronique Sioufi, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-BC)

Preparing For The 2025 Federal Election: Engaging Young Voters: A session that prepared delegates for the 2025 federal election by providing insights into the political landscape. Delegates left the session with an understanding of how to turn member issues into party platform points. (Neal Adolph, CUPE BC and Megan Buttle, Earnscliffe)

The Impact of IRCC Policy Shifts on Post-Secondary Campuses: A briefing that provided delegates with an understanding of growing institutional deficits, and the effects to higher

education in the province, following the policy changes introduced throughout 2024 by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. (Brent Calvert, Federation of Post-Secondary Educators and Karen Ranalletta, CUPE BC)

Advocating For Student Issues in a Shifting Provincial Landscape: A workshop that provided delegates with an understanding of what the results of the provincial election mean for student advocacy and highlighted new opportunities to advance advocacy efforts. (Nikki Hill and Kareem Allam, government relations consultants)

Sustaining Motivation and Avoiding Organisational Burnout in Long-Term Advocacy: A session that helped delegates and member locals to consider how to sustain motivation during high-demand periods and slower phases of long-term advocacy efforts. (Sussanne Skidmore, British Columbia Federation of Labour)

Reflecting on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action: 10 Years Later: A session that explored the 94 Calls to Action, what they mean for post-secondary education and evaluated the progress that has been made in the decade since their release. (Quinn Cunningham)

No open sessions were submitted by member locals.

STAFFING

Federation staff are unionised with CUPE Local 2396. Bargaining took place in January 2026 and the new collective agreement, which will remain in effect until the end of 2028, is set to be ratified by the Executive Committee in March 2026.

In March 2025, The Executive Committee approved the extension of the temporary position of Director-Membership Development, currently held by Michael Gauld, until April 3, 2026. During bargaining this position was made into a permanent position.

STUDENTS RIGHT TO ORGANISE

The Federation has a long history of fighting for, and defending, the rights of students. We know that it is imperative and part of civic development for students to publicly express themselves on issues that they deem important, have the autonomy to organise without interference from their institution, and engage in open discourse at their post-secondary institutions, while having free access to their campus.

LEGAL INTERVENTION TO PROTECT STUDENTS' RIGHTS TO PROTEST

As previously reported, the Federation intervened in a court case arising from the Vancouver Island University (VIU) administration's response to the Palestinian Solidarity Encampment established on campus in May 2024. VIU sought a court injunction against participating students after issuing several trespass notices and filed a civil claim, citing "escalating protest efforts". VIU's proposed injunction was broad in scope and raised serious concerns for Local 13 and the Federation as it sought to impose a campus-wide curfew, restrict tents and structures, criminalize breaches of university policy, and involve police in enforcing the removal of the encampment.

With direction from the Executive Committee, the Federation applied for and was granted intervenor status to ensure students' rights were considered by the Court in its response to the injunction. As a result of the Federation's submissions, VIU narrowed its requested injunction, though it was still far-reaching. Justice Stephens ultimately agreed that the orders sought were overly broad and vague. The final injunction, granted in August 2024, was significantly limited in scope and duration, excluded university policies from court enforcement, rejected police enforcement and the campus-wide curfew (with the exception of gathering on the small area of grass the encampment occupied), and was set to expire after 150 days. The Federation's

intervention played a critical role in preventing a precedent that would normalize the collective punishment of students and severely undermine students' right to protest and organise on campus.

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Following the conclusion of the injunction proceedings, VIU initiated disciplinary action against select students involved in the encampment. In May 2025, one student filed a petition for judicial review challenging a two-year suspension imposed by VIU, arguing that, among other things, the institution failed to properly balance its disciplinary authority with her Charter right to freedom of expression.

Since the judicial review would explore broader questions about how Charter values apply to student expression on university campuses, particularly in the context of political protest, the Federation applied to intervene, at the direction of the Executive Committee, to again ensure that the student perspective was considered. The Federation's intervention focused on the importance of protecting Charter values on campus and encouraged a more expansive and evolving interpretation of how those values should apply within university settings. While existing legal precedent in British Columbia recognises that Charter protections apply more directly at colleges—due to their governmental function—universities have historically been treated as private entities operating on private property as established in *BC Civil Liberties Association v. University of Victoria*, 2016 BCCA 162.

In December 2025, the Court ultimately upheld VIU's decision and found that the student's Charter rights had not been breached, concluding that universities have autonomy to regulate conduct on their campuses. Although the outcome was not favourable, the intervention was a strategic effort to advance students' rights and to continue challenging the narrow application of Charter values on university campuses. Notably, the judge did not provide an analysis of the Federation's Charter values argument, which means it could be used again in future instances where students' freedom of expression is threatened or violated.

ONTARIO BILL 33: THREATS TO STUDENTS' RIGHTS TO ORGANISE

In May 2025, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 33, the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, omnibus legislation that proposed significant changes affecting public post-secondary institutions and student representation. On November 20, 2025, Bill 33 received royal assent, raising serious concerns about the erosion of the democratic foundations of campus life as it gives the government the power to regulate student fees, weaken equity in admissions, and insert political oversight into academic research. This bill was opposed by each of the provincial student advocacy groups in Ontario. The Federation shares and echoes their concerns.

Of particular concern to the Federation, Bill 33 grants the Ontario government the power to regulate, restrict and override student fees at public colleges and universities and determine which fees institutions can or cannot require students to pay. This sweeping power makes no distinction between institutionally-imposed ancillary fees and student society fees democratically approved through referenda. In practice, it means fees that fund student unions, clubs, and services could be deemed non-essential, regardless of the democratic processes used to establish them.

Student fees fund core services and supports that address growing and well-documented needs on campuses, including, but not limited to, on-campus food banks, legal advocacy, mental health and peer support programs, campus media, transit programs, clubs, cultural organisations and equity centres. These services exist as a response to gaps that institutions and governments have historically been unwilling or unable to fill. The implications of this legislation extend well beyond a single province. It risks establishing a dangerous national precedent that not only undermines students' rights to organise on campus, but also directly threatens the financial independence of student organisations and

their capacity to run services governed by students, for students. These issues are not limited to Ontario; they challenge the very principles of fairness and right to organise that define Canada's post-secondary sector and could set a precedent for government overreach into student representation and institutional autonomy. These developments warrant close scrutiny and sustained advocacy to ensure that students' rights to organise, represent themselves and support one another remain protected in BC and across Canada.

FINANCES

2024-25 BUDGET MANAGEMENT

The Federation's budget serves as a set of revenue and expense projections adopted annually by the Federation's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee also manages the Federation's annual spending throughout the year in accordance with these projections. The Federation's budget is presented to delegates at every Annual General Meeting.

2025-26 BUDGET MANAGEMENT

The 2025-26 budget focused on advocacy efforts, particularly campaign developments to implement the Advocacy Plan 2025-2027 approved at the 43rd Annual General Meeting, which includes the campaigns Cuts Suck. Fix Education. and Equity for All. The budget also prioritized the provision of campaign materials for member locals.

MEMBERS' EQUITY

The members' equity currently exceeds \$7 million, which includes the Federation's wholly owned office space (valued at approximately \$1.2 million) and other capital assets. The remainder is composed of cash (approximately \$1.6 million), short-term investments (approximately \$1.4 million), and long-term investments (approximately \$2 million).

The Capital Fund, established for purchasing or upgrading property for the Federation's operations, stood at \$300,000 at the commencement of the current fiscal year. The Disabled Access Fund, established to enhance the accessibility of the Federation for people with accessibility needs, stood at \$311,451 at the commencement of the current fiscal year.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Legal Defense Fund, established to assist member locals and the Federation in the event of legal cases against them related to ongoing membership issues, stood at \$100,000 at the commencement of the fiscal year.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Federation's fiscal year end is on August 31. The audited 2023-24 financial statements were distributed to, and approved by, members at the 43rd Annual General Meeting. Preparations for the audit of the 2024-25 financial statements have been concluded. The audited financial statement will be presented and distributed at the 44th Annual General Meeting for approval by members.

RESOLUTION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Federation and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) had a dispute with respect to the disbursement of fees by former members – the Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) and Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS). As a result, the membership fees in dispute were held in joint trust accounts, and the release of the funds could only happen upon mutual agreement of both parties. Since the expulsion of the Federation and its member locals from the CFS, the Federation has been in the legal process of attaining a mutual agreement with the CFS to release the membership fees to respective parties. For further information, please refer to the previous Federation Annual Reports from 2016 to 2019.

On November 14, 2024, the Federation and the CFS jointly signed an agreement to release the membership fees in dispute. The membership fees of SFSS have been reconciled in the 2024-25 fiscal year. The Federation is pleased to be able to resolve this issue and instead continue to focus its efforts on activities that benefit membership. The membership fees of the KSA are expected to be reconciled in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AUDIT

As previously reported, the Federation engaged in an organizational Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) audit through Bakau Consulting in 2020. To better contextualize the results of the audit and apply anti-oppression work to the student movement, the Federation reached out to Sacha Médiné, who provides JEDI support to healthcare workers and social service providers. Through his expertise, the Federation has developed a framework to find and create more appropriate JEDI support for the student movement. This ongoing work has highlighted the lack of non-corporate JEDI support available in the province and country. Initial actions that were previously reported include:

- The redevelopment of the policy guiding the harassment grievance committee to ensure that meetings remain safe while upholding the principles of restorative justice;
- Ensuring that the Federation confronts the past racism and prejudices of the student movement by teaching our shared history annually; and
- Ensuring that the Federation centres class and social equity in its campaign initiatives, advocacy efforts and government relations.
- Adjustments to the Federation’s electoral process and Executive Committee composition, as well as the creation of the Candidate Search Committee to reduce barriers and prioritize lived experiences in the Federation’s leadership roles.

The Federation’s JEDI work is ongoing and requires all Federation members to continuously unlearn neo-liberal capitalist society norms and learn through a decolonial, anti-capitalist lens while centering on building community and solidarity with one another.

The following are short, medium and medium- to long-term goals set by the Federation to further its commitments to ongoing JEDI recommendations.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

<p>GOAL: Create yearly anti-oppression training</p>
<p>STATUS: ongoing</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity For All (rebranding and relaunching the Unlearn campaign): In January 2026, the Federation launched Equity for All, formerly the Unlearn campaign. Equity for All maintains a goal of challenging inequities experienced on campuses, while also including deeper learning about how individuals can challenge racism, sexism, ableism, transphobia and homophobia. The new campaign includes definitions of each pillar, a “What can I do?” guide, as well as links to community and learning resources. This campaign will provide the on-campus resources necessary to aid member locals in creating safer, more equitable campuses. • AGM Sessions: Each year, sessions at the Federation’s annual general meeting are selected to address specific or current equity issues on the rise. This year the general meeting includes changes to sessions on standing up against anti-Indigenous racism as well as against transphobic and homophobic rhetoric, both of which are on the rise.

GOAL: Centre compassion and community building within and outside of meetings when engaging with locals

STATUS: complete

ACTIONS:

- Member Local Supports: The BC office ensures that frequent check-ins with member locals occur to ensure that long-lasting connections and support are provided. Further, the Director-Membership Development staff position continues to provide dedicated support to member locals, particularly in rural regions, for smaller member locals, or when particularly complex resourcing needs arise. Additionally, as part of the Executive Committee's annual orientation, Executive Committee members and member local staff participate in an activity to create communities of practice in an effort to build trust and communicate what is needed from and expected from one another throughout the year.

MEDIUM-TERM GOALS

GOAL: Develop awareness of privilege and power and how it manifests in group settings and group decision-making

STATUS: ongoing

ACTIONS: no new actions to report. Actions taken on an annual basis are below.

- Representation in Meetings: The Federation ensures that in its lobby meetings with elected officials, representatives include students and staff with diverse experience and geographical background. Representatives are provided training and support to feel empowered to own their experience in meetings where provincial decision-makers are present.

GOAL: Develop conflict management and unconscious bias training for students

STATUS: ongoing

ACTIONS: no new actions to report. Actions taken on an annual basis are below.

- Conflict Resolution Training: At the Federation's Annual Skills Development Symposium, Conflict Management workshop and training are delivered to participants, which includes board of directors, staff, and volunteers.

GOAL: Have a clear mandate to highlight and teach the exclusionary history of post-secondary institutions on the bases of race, class, gender, and sexuality within the Federation's history module

STATUS: complete

ACTIONS: no new actions. Action taken to date are below.

- The History of the Student Movement Training: The Federation has created an interactive presentation, delivered at its Skills Development Symposium annually, to educate representatives, staff and volunteers on the history of the student movement to bring awareness to the exclusionary history of post-secondary institutions, as well as help current advocates learn from the missteps of the past. This training has become a session offered to all delegates each year as well as at member local orientations by request. It is reviewed on a yearly basis, to ensure any gaps in history can be better represented and taught to new representatives.

GOAL: Amending the constitution to explicitly spell out the Federation's commitment to social equity in its fight for free education for all

STATUS: ongoing

ACTIONS: no new actions to report.

MEDIUM- TO LONG-TERM GOALS

GOAL: Developing opportunities for more interfaith collaboration to increase religious diversity and inclusion

STATUS: ongoing

ACTIONS: no new actions to report.

GOAL: Explore ways to include a diversity of lived experiences to inform all advocacy efforts of the Federation

STATUS: ongoing

ACTIONS:

- Campaign Development: Tasked with developing and redeveloping several campaigns through the 2025-27 advocacy plan, the Federation used this opportunity to seek feedback on campaign messaging and engagement tactics for Cuts Suck. Fix Education. and Equity for All. Feedback was sought from a campaign working group composed of Executive Committee members, members of the Indigenous Students' Caucus and from interested member local representatives. This approach will be continued for the additional campaigns in development.
- Lobbying Delegations: At the Federation's annual lobby week, delegations are selected carefully to ensure a diverse range of perspectives are represented. Every effort is made to ensure the delegation includes varying regional representation; a wide range of student experiences including domestic, international, undergraduate and graduate levels, and mature students; and students from typically underrepresented groups or marginalized backgrounds, including, but not limited to, Indigenous students, racialized students, low income students, and students with disabilities.
- Adoption of Standing Resolution 12: At the Federation's 43rd Annual General Meeting, members adopted Standing Resolution 12 to expand the ability of Indigenous members of the Federation to participate in guiding advocacy for issues facing Indigenous learners. Historically, the Indigenous Students' Caucus convened as a body solely within Federation general meetings, with the purpose of discussing barriers facing Indigenous learners and conducting business related to the Federation's AGM, such as discussing motions, policies and campaigns. Input and feedback on how the Federation and the Executive Committee could better advocate for Indigenous learners was limited due to the structure of Caucus at the time. The creation of the Standing Resolution, which was developed over several years, was initiated to ensure structures better allowed for advocacy for Métis, Inuit and First Nations education issues to be shaped by Indigenous students in the Federation and executed by the Executive Committee and member locals. This change ensured that discussions were not limited to once throughout the year and that participation in Caucus meetings was not limited to member locals' AGM delegates. The Standing Resolution changed the previous structure of Caucus to include the perspectives of Indigenous learners not in attendance at the AGM in directing advocacy for Indigenous education. Caucus members ensured that extensive conversation and feedback informed how the standing resolution will serve the purpose of Caucus and enhance the advocacy of the Federation.



APPENDIX I: MEDIA

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EARNED MEDIA

The following list outlines the media earned during the reporting period.

DATE	OUTLET	SUBJECT
2025/01/18	650 CKOM BNN	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Bloomberg Castanet	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Castanet CityNews	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Everywhere CTV News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Global and Mail	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	INFONews Kamloops	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Kelowna Capital News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Lethbridge News Now	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Medicine Hat News MSN	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Prince Albert Now The	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Albertan Toronto Sun	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Vernon Matters Comox	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Valley Record CTV News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	National The Runner*	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	CP24 Toronto Vancouver	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/01/18	Sun MTL New Media	University Entrance Impacts of IRCC policy
2025/01/20	ChekNews Victoria	changes, BC Budget 2025 BC Budget 2025 BC
2025/01/22	Global National My Coast	Budget 2025 BC Budget 2025 BC Budget 2025
2025/01/22	Now My Comox Valley	BC Budget 2025 BC Budget 2025
2025/01/23	Now My Triport Now My	
2025/01/30	Bulkey Lakes Now My	
2025/02/04	Cariboo Now My	
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2025/03/17	My CrestonNow My East	BC Budget 2025 BC Budget
2025/03/17	KootenayNow My Grand	2025 BC Budget 2025 BC
2025/03/17	ForksNow My KootenayNow My	Budget 2025 BC Budget 2025
2025/03/17	Nelson Now CBC News NEXUS*	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/03/17	Fairchild TV 100 Mile FreePress	BC Budget 2025 BC Budget
2025/03/18	Agassiz-HarrisonObserver	2025 Post-secondary funding
2025/03/19	Alberni ValleyNews Aldergrove	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/21	Star Burns Lake Lakes District	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	News Caledonia Courier	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Campbell River Mirror Castlegar	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	News Chemainus Valley Courier	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Clearwater Times Cloverdale	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Reporter Coast Mountain News	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Comox Valley Report Cranbrook	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Daily Townsman Creston Valley	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Advance Eagle Valley News	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Goldstream News Gazette Haida	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Gwaii Observer Hope Standard	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Houston Today Kelowna Capital	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	News Keremeos Review	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Kimberly Bulletin Ladysmith	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Chemainus Chronicle Lake	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Country Calendar Lake Cowichan	crisis Post-secondary funding
2025/03/24	Gazette	crisis Post-secondary funding
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2025/03/24	Langley Advance Times	Maple Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Ridge-Pitt Meadows News	Mission Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	City Record Nanaimo News Bulletin	Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Nelson Star North Delta Reporter	Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	North Island Gazette	North Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Thompson Star/Journal	Northern Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Sentinel Oak Bay News	Parksville Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Qualicum Beach News Peace Arch	Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	News Peninsula News Review	Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Penticton Western News	Quesnel Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Cariboo Observer	Revelstoke Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Review Saanich News	Salmon Arm Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Observer Sooke News	Mirror Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Summerland Review	Surrey Now- Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Leader Terrace Standard	The Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Abbotsford News The	Ashcroft- Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Cache Creek Journal	The Chilliwack Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Progress The Free Press	The Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Interior News The	Northern View Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	The Similkameen Spotlight	The Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Williams Lake Tribute	Tofino- Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Ucluelet Westerly News	Vanderhoof Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Omineca Express	Vernon Morning Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/03/24	Star Victoria News	Post-secondary funding crisis
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2025/03/24	WestKNews	Post-secondary funding crisis
2025/04/10	GoldstreamNewsGazette	Shape the Vote Shape the Vote
2025/04/10	Oak Bay News	Shape the Vote Shape the Vote
2025/04/10	Peninsula NewsReview	Shape the Vote Shape the Vote
2025/04/10	Saanich News	Spring Lobby Meetings Post-
2025/04/10	Sooke NewsMirror	secondary funding crisis Post-
2025/04/10	Victoria News	secondary funding crisis Shape
2025/04/11	The Ubysey*	the Vote, Student protests Post-
2025/04/14	The CowichanValleyNow	secondary funding crisis Post-
2025/04/14	My PowellRiver	secondary funding crisis Post-
2025/04/14	The Tye	secondary funding crisis Selkirk
2025/04/16	My CrestonNow	learning centre closures Selkirk
2025/04/16	My KootenayNow	learning centre closures Post-
2025/04/16	My NelsonNow	secondary funding crisis Post-
2025/04/16	Nelson Star	secondary funding crisis Shape
2025/04/16	Trail Times	the Vote Shape the Vote Impacts
2025/04/17	NEXUS*	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/17	Vista Radio	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/23	The Tye	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/23	CBC News	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	100 Mile FreePress	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	Agassiz-HarrisonObserver	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	Alberni ValleyNews	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	AldergroveStar	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	Arrow LakesNews	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	Burns LakeLakesDistrict News	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	CaledoniaCourier	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	CampbellRiverMirror	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	CastlegarNews	of IRCC policy changes Impacts
2025/04/25	ChemainusValleyCourier	of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	ClearwaterTimes	
2025/04/25	CloverdaleReporter	
2025/04/25	Coast MountainNews	
2025/04/25	Comox ValleyRecord	

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2025/04/25	CowichanValley Advance	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	CranbrookDaily Townsman	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Eagle ValleyNews	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	GoldstreamNews Gazette	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Grand ForksGazette	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Haida GwaiiObserver	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Hope Standard	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Houston Today	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Kelowna Capital News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Keremeos Review	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Kimberly Bulletin	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Lake Country Calendar	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Lake Cowichan Gazette	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Langley Advance Times	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Mission City Record	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Nanaimo News Bulletin	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Nelson Star	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	North Delta Reporter	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	North Island Gazette	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	North Thompson Star/Journal	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Northern Sentinel	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Oak Bay News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Parksville Qualicum Beach News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Peace Arch News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Peninsula News Review	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Penticton Western News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Quesnel Cariboo Observer	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Revelstoke Review	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Rossland News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Saanich News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Salmon Arm Observer	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Sooke News Mirror	Impacts of IRCC policy changes

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2025/04/25	SummerlandReview	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Surrey Now-Leader	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Terrace Standard	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Abbotsford News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Chilliwack Progress	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Free Press	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Interior News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Northern View	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Similkameen Spotlight	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	The Williams Lake Tribute	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Trail Times	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Vanderhoof Omineca Express	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Vernon Morning Star	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	Victoria News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/25	West K News	Impacts of IRCC policy changes
2025/04/29	The Runner*	Institutional cuts across BC Spring
2025/05/07	NEXUS*	lobby meetings Post-secondary layoffs
2025/08/28	BC Today	Post-secondary layoffs Post-
2025/08/28	CBC British Columbia	secondary layoffs Kishawi intervention
2025/08/28	MSN News	Post-secondary layoffs Post-
2025/08/28	Times Colonist	secondary layoffs Post-secondary
2025/08/28	Yahoo News	layoffs Post-secondary underfunding
2025/08/29	CBC News	Housing Unaffordability International
2025/08/29	Daily Hive	student enrolment, post-
2025/08/30	Global News	secondary budget cuts
2025/08/31	CBC British Columbia	International student enrolment, post-
2025/09/01	Global News	secondary budget cuts
		Post-secondary underfunding
		Post-secondary layoffs
2025/09/01	The Tyee	
2025/09/02	City News Everywhere	
2025/09/02	CTV News	

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2025/09/02	The Jas Johal Show	International student enrolment, post-secondary budget cuts
2025/09/05	Academica Group	Post-secondary underfunding
2025/09/12	CJSF	Post-secondary budget cuts
2025/09/16	CJSF	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/16	Frequency News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Alberni Valley News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Campbell River Mirror	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	CBC AllPointsWest	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	CBC OnTheCoast	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	CBC RadioWest	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	ChemainusValleyCourier	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Comox Valley Record	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	CowichanValleyCitizen	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	GoldstreamNewsGazette	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	LadysmithChemainusChronicle	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Lake Cowichan Gazette	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Nanaimo News Bulletin	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	North Island Gazette	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Oak Bay News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Parksville Qualicum Beach News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Peninsula News Review	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Saanich News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Sooke News Mirror	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Vancouver Island Free Daily	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/17	Victoria News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/18	The Runner*	Post-secondary underfunding
2025/09/19	CHLY	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/09/19	Frequency News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch
2025/10/04	CBC News	StudentAid BC strike
2025/10/25	The Ubysey*	StudentAid BC strike
2025/10/29	CHLY	Post-secondary underfunding
2025/11/03	Castanet	Shelved 2022 Funding Formula Review

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2025/10/29	CHLY	Post-secondary underfunding
2025/11/03	Castanet	Shelved 2022 Funding Formula Review
2025/11/06	Vancouver Sun	International student enrolment, post-secondary budget cuts
2025/11/06	Times Colonist	International student enrolment, post-secondary budget cuts
2025/11/07	Times Colonist	International student enrolment, post-secondary budget cuts
2025/11/10	Castanet	Shelved 2022 Funding Formula Review
2025/11/25	Vancouver Sun	Post-secondary Sector Sustainability Review
2025/11/25	The NorthernView	Post-secondary Sector Sustainability Review
2025/11/25	AM 1150	Post-secondary Sector Sustainability Review
2025/11/25	The Ubysey*	Post-secondary Sector Sustainability Review
2025/12/17	theBreaker	Kishawi intervention
2025/12/18	CBC News	Kishawi intervention
2025/12/30	ChekNews	Kishawi intervention

* denotes student media

NEWS RELEASES AND MEDIA ADVISORIES

The following list describes news releases issued during the reporting period.

DATE	TITLE
2025/02/03	VIU's Building Boondoggles: Cancelled Childcare Centre, Residence \$20M Over Budget—\$29M and Counting (circulated on behalf of Local 13)
2025/03/04	Students Give the BC Budget a Failing Grade: Adequate Funding Calls Remain Ignored Leaving Younger Generations to Struggle
2025/03/21	Representatives Available to Comment on the Layoffs and Projected Deficits Faced by Post-Secondary Institutions in the Wake of Decreasing International Student Enrolment
2025/03/28	No Confidence, No Consultation: Students, Faculty, and Staff Call for Leadership Change as VIU President's Future Hangs in the Balance (circulated on behalf of Local 13)
2025/04/03	Students Call for Urgent Reinvestment in BC's Post-Secondary System Amid Mounting Deficits & Budget Cuts
2025/04/16	Representatives Available to Comment on the Closure of Selkirk College Learning Centres and Impacts of Funding Shortfalls Faces by BC's Post-Secondary Institutions
2025/09/01	Back to School in BC: Students Face Program Cuts, Reduced Services and Longer Waitlists

2025/09/02	Students Head Back to School Amidst Budget Cuts on Campus
2025/09/17	Students Launch Province-Wide 'Cuts Suck. Fix Education.' Campaign
2025/10/23	Students Lobby Government for Investments in Post-Secondary as the Crisis in the Sector Continues
2025/11/13	FOI Reveals Government Shelved Funding Review: Recommendation Would Lessen Program Cuts and Job Losses
2025/11/26	Government Launches Post-Secondary Review Seeking New Revenues: Students May Be the Losers

PRESS REVIEW

The following media were earned by member locals during the reporting period.

DATE	OUTLET	SUBJECT	LOCAL
2025/01/14	BoundaryCreekTimes	VIU women's basketball team	13
2025/01/24	NEXUS*	CCSS events	17
2025/01/29	Castanet	TRUSU AGM	5
2025/02/07	KelownaCapitalNews	Gender-based violence exhibit	1
2025/02/09	NanaimoNewsNow	March to honour MMIWG	13
2025/02/16	CHLY	March to honour MMIWG	13
2025/03/06	ChekNews	VIUSU calls for VIU President resignation	13
2025/03/06	Today in BC	VIUSU calls for VIU President resignation	13
2025/03/06	ICON Radio	VIUSU calls for VIU President resignation	13
2025/03/10	Education NewsCanada	VIUSU calls for VIU President resignation	13
2025/03/11	Times Colonist	VIUSU calls for VIU President resignation	13
2025/03/13	100 Mile FreePress	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	The AbbotsfordNews	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Agassiz-HarrisonObserver	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Alberni ValleyNews	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	AldergroveStar	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Arrow LakesNews	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Burns LakeLakesDistrictNews	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification CaledoniaCourier		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification CampbellRiverMirror		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification CastanetKamloops		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification CastlegarNews		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification ChemainusValleyCourier		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification ClearwaterTimes		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification CloverdaleReporter		12

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2025/03/13	Coast Mountain News	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Comox Valley Record	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Cowichan Valley Citizen	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Cranbrook Daily Townsman	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Creston Valley Advance	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Eagle Valley News	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Goldstream News Gazette	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Grand Forks Gazette	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Haida Gwaii Observer	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Hope Standard	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Houston Today	Conservative club ratification	12 12 12
2025/03/13	Kelowna Capital News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Keremeos Review	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Kimberly Bulletin	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Lake Country Calendar	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Lake Cowichan Gazette	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Langley Advance Times	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Mission City Record	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Nanaimo News Bulletin	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Nelson Star	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	North Delta Reporter	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	North Island Gazette	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	North Thompson Star/Journal	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Northern Sentinel	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Oak Bay News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Parksville Qualicum Beach News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Peace Arch News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Peninsula News Review	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Penticton Western News	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Quesnel Cariboo Observer	Conservative club ratification	
2025/03/13	Revelstoke Review	Conservative club ratification	

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2025/03/13	Rossland News	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Saanich News	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Salmon Arm Observer	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Sooke News Mirror	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Summerland Review	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Surrey Now-Leader	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Terrace Standard	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	The Abbotsford News	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Chilliwack Progress		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Free Press		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Interior News		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Kelowna Courier		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Northern View		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Similkameen Spotlight		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification The Williams Lake Tribune		12
2025/03/13	Tofino-Ucluelet Westerly News	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification Trail Times		12
2025/03/13	Vanderhoof Omineca Express	Conservative club ratification	12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification Vernon Morning Star		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification Victoria News		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification West K News		12
2025/03/13	Conservative club ratification Western Standard		12
2025/03/14	Conservative club ratification Castanet Kamloops		12
2025/03/14	Conservative club ratification Global News		12
2025/03/14	Conservative club ratification Info News		12
2025/03/14	Conservative club ratification Kelowna Now		12
2025/03/14	Conservative club ratification Penticton Herald		12
2025/03/20	Students call for divestment from RBC Comox Valley Record		12
2025/03/20	Students call for divestment from RBC Kelowna Capital News		12
2025/03/27	We Matter Here Campaign CHLY		13
2025/03/27	VIU's President's resignation Times Colonist		13
2025/03/27	VIU's President's resignation Chek News		13
2025/03/27	VIU's President's resignation Nanaimo News Bulletin		13

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2025/03/27	NanaimoNewsNow	VIU's President's resignation	13
2025/03/27	Sooke News Mirror	VIU's President's resignation	13
2025/03/27	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle	VIU's President's resignation	13
2025/03/28	UBC News	UBC's President's resignation	13
2025/03/30	MySaanich.com	VIU's President's resignation	13
2025/03/31	Education News Canada	VIU's President's resignation	13
2025/04/07	CHUSK	CHUSK building referendum	13
2025/04/09	Pastart	Pastart secondary funding crisis	5
2025/04/14	NEXUS	NEXUS Spring election results	17
2025/04/18	Students	Students call on UBC to divest from Israel	12
2025/04/30	Institutional cuts across BC	Institutional cuts across BC	15
2025/05/06	CHP news	CHP proposed program cuts	13
2025/05/06	BIV news	BIV proposed program cuts	13
2025/06/03	Eagleview News	Eagleview security	13
2025/06/10	Graduating class of 2025	Graduating class of 2025	1
2025/06/10	Deal Ona*	Deal Ona*	5
2025/06/13	Graduating class of 2025	Graduating class of 2025	17
2025/06/23	Cricket Today	Cricket Today	4
2025/06/26	New Inet	New Inet Institution President	5
2025/07/30	Tuition fee increase	Tuition fee increase	4
2025/07/31	Student affordability	Student affordability	4
2025/08/28	Beginning of international student enrolment	Beginning of international student enrolment	5
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Membership awareness	Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Lake Cowichan Gazette	Lake Cowichan Gazette Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Nanaimo News Bulletin	Nanaimo News Bulletin Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	North Island Gazette	North Island Gazette Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Barkville Qualicum Beach News	Barkville Qualicum Beach News Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Oak Bay News	Oak Bay News Membership awareness	13
2025/08/29	Peninsula News Review	Peninsula News Review	13

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2025/08/29	SaanichNews	Membership awareness	13 13 13
2025/08/29	Sooke News Mirror	Membership awareness	13 13 4 5
2025/08/29	Tofino-Ucluelet WesterlyNews	Membership awareness	13 5 1 1 1 1
2025/08/29	Vancouver Island FreeDaily	Membership awareness	1 1 1 1 1 1 1
2025/08/29	Metrop News	Membership awareness	1 5 5 13
2025/09/05	Castanet	New institution president	13 13 13
2025/09/05	Pride Today	Back to school BBQ	13 13 13
2025/09/10	Castanet	New institution president	13 13 13
2025/09/16	Castanet	Declining international enrolment	13
2025/09/16	Eagle Valley News	Food security	
2025/09/16	Keeweenaw Capital News	Food security	
2025/09/16	Keremess Review	Food security	
2025/09/16	Food security Calendar	Food security	
2025/09/16	Penticton Western News	Food security	
2025/09/16	Samson Arm Observer	Food security	
2025/09/16	Summerland Review	Food security	
2025/09/16	The Okanagan Green Spotlight	Food security	
2025/09/16	Revelstoke Review	Food security	
2025/09/16	Vernon Morning Star	Food security	
2025/09/16	West Kootenay	Food security	
2025/09/17	Castanet	Food security	
2025/09/17	Castanet	Declining international enrolment	
2025/09/17	Pride Today	Pride Parade 15th Anniversary	
2025/09/17	Abbotsford News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Campbell River Mirror	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Cherub News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Chemainus Valley Courier	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Colfax Valley Record	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Cowichan Valley Citizen	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Goldstream News Gazette	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17		Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17		Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Lake Cowichan Gazette	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	Nanaimo News Bulletin	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	
2025/09/17	North Island Gazette		

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2025/09/17	OakBayNews	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Parksville-Qualicum BeachNews	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Peninsula News Review	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Saanich News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Sooke News Mirror	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Tofino-Ucluelet WesterlyNews	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Vancouver Island FreeDaily	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/17	Victoria News	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/09/19	Chek News	Opening of student housing	15
2025/09/19	CHLY	Cuts Suck. Fix Education. launch	13
2025/10/03	CBC News Vancouver Island	student death	15
2025/11/12	NEXUS*	CCSS Fall election results	17
2025/11/12	NEXUS*	CCSS hosts Christmas market	17
2025/11/13	CKPG Today	Food security	4
2025/11/19	CKPG Today	Program cuts	4
2025/11/28	Castanet	Decline in available courses	1
2025/11/27	Castanet	Post-secondary Sector Sustainability Review	5
2025/12/02	Kelowna Capital News	Decline in available courses	1
2025/12/09	Castanet TRU	reviews low-enrolled credentials	5

* denotes student media



APPENDIX II: MEETINGS

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SPRING 2025 ADVOCACY WEEK

Date: March 31 to April 2, 2025

Topics Discussed: Institutional funding, the Tuition Limit Policy, post-secondary funding model, and international student education.

Federal Representatives met with the following Members of the Legislative Assembly:
Anna Sheh (Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives to the Attorney General and Deputy Premier, Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions, BC NDP, Surrey City Centre)

- Anne Kang (Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, BC NDP, Burnaby Centre)
- Brittany Anderson (Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, BC NDP, Kootenay Central)
- Dana Lajeunesse (Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, BC NDP, Juan de Fuca-Malahat)
- David Eby (Premier, BC NDP, Vancouver-Point Grey)
- Debra Toporowski (Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, BC NDP, Cowichan Valley)
- Diana Gibson (Minister of Citizens' Services, BC NDP, Oak Bay-Gordon Head)
- Christine Boyle (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, BC NDP, Vancouver-Little Mountain)
- Garry Begg (Parliamentary Secretary for Surrey Infrastructure to the Minister of Infrastructure, BC NDP, Surrey-Guildford)
- Gavin Dew (Critic for Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, and AI, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Kelowna-Mission)
- George Anderson (Parliamentary Secretary for Transit, BC NDP, Nanaimo-Lantzville)
- Jennifer Blatherwick (Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, BC NDP, Coquitlam-Maillardville)
- Jennifer Whiteside (Minister of Labour, BC NDP, New Westminster-Coquitlam)
- Jeremy Valeriote (BC Green Party, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky)
- Joan Phillip (Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits, BC NDP, Vancouver-Strathcona)
- Kiel Giddens (Critic for Labour, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Prince George-Mackenzie)
- Korky Neufeld (Critic for Post-Secondary Education, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Abbotsford West)
- Macklin McCall (Critic for Solicitor General and Public Safety, Conservative Party of British Columbia, West Kelowna-Peachland)
- Nina Krieger (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC NDP, Victoria-Swan Lake)
- Paul Choi (Parliamentary Secretary for Trade to the Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth, BC NDP, Burnaby South-Metrotown)
- Rick Glumac (Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies, BC NDP, Port Moody-Burquitlam)

- Rohini Arora (Parliamentary Secretary for Child Care, BC NDP, Burnaby East)
- Sheldon Clare (Critic for Environment, Parks, Emergency Management & Climate Readiness, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Prince George-North Cariboo)
- Stephanie Higginson (Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Care Access, BC NDP, Ladysmith-Oceanside)
- Sunita Dhir (Parliamentary Secretary for International Credentials, BC NDP, Vancouver-Langara)
- Susie Chant (Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care, BC NDP, North Vancouver-Seymour)
- Terry Yung (Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services, BC NDP, Vancouver-Yaletown)

FALL2025ADVOCACYWEEK

Date: October 21-23, 2025

Topics Discussed: Institutional funding, the Tuition Limit Policy, post-secondary funding model, and international student education.

Federation representatives met with the following Members of the Legislative Assembly:

- Á'a:liya Warbus (Conservative Party of British Columbia, Chilliwack-Cultus Lake)
- Amna Shah (Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives to the Attorney General, and Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions, BC NDP, Surrey City Centre)
- Brittny Anderson (Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities, BC NDP, Kootenay Central)
- Bruce Banman (Government Accountability and Emerging Issues Critic, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Abbotsford South)
- Bryan Tepper (Critic for Community Safety and Transnational Crime, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Surrey-Panorama)
- Dana Lajeunesse (Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, BC NDP, Juan de Fuca-Malahat)
- Darlene Rotchford (Parliamentary Secretary for Armed Forces Development and Veterans Affairs, BC NDP, Esquimalt-Colwood)
- Diana Gibson (Minister of Citizens' Services, BC NDP, Oak Bay-Gordon Head)
- Debra Toporowski (Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, BC NDP, Cowichan Valley)
- Elenore Sturko (Independent, Surrey-Cloverdale)
- Garry Begg (Parliamentary Secretary for Surrey Infrastructure to the Minister of Infrastructure, BC NDP, Surrey-Guildford)
- Gavin Dew (Critic for Jobs, Economic Development, Innovation & AI, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Kelowna-Mission)
- George Anderson (Parliamentary Secretary for Transit, BC NDP, Nanaimo-Lantzville)
- Harman Bhangu (Critic for Transportation, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Langley-Abbotsford)
- Harwinder Sandhu (Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, BC NDP, Vernon-Lumby)
- Jagrup Brar (Minister for Mining and Critical Minerals, BC NDP, Surrey-Fleetwood)
- Janet Routledge (BC NDP, Burnaby North)

- Jennifer Blatherwick (Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity, BC NDP, Coquitlam-Maillardville)
- Jeremy Valeriote (BC Green Party, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky)
- Jessie Sunner (Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, BC NDP, Surrey-Newton)
- Joan Phillip (Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development and Non-Profits, BC NDP, Vancouver-Strathcona)
- Kiel Giddens (Critic for Labour, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Prince George-Mackenzie)
- Korky Neufeld (Critic for Post-Secondary Education, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Abbotsford West)
- Linda Hepner (Critic for Housing, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Surrey-Serpentine River)
- Lisa Beare (Minister of Education and Child Care, BC NDP, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- Lawrence Mok (Critic for Skills Training and International Credentials, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Maple Ridge East)
- Lynne Block (Critic for Education, Arts, Culture and Film, Conservative Party of British Columbia, West Vancouver-Capilano)
- Mable Elmore (BC NDP, Vancouver-Kensington)
- Nina Krieger (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, BC NDP, Victoria-Swan Lake)
- Paul Choi (Parliamentary Secretary for Trade to the Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth, BC NDP, Burnaby South-Metrotown)
- Peter Milobar (Critic for Finance, Conservative Party of British Columbia, Kamloops Centre)
- Ravi Kahlon (Minister of Jobs and Economic Growth, BC NDP, Delta North)
- Ravi Parmar (Minister of Forests, BC NDP, Langford-Highlands)
- Rick Glumac (Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies, BC NDP, Port Moody-Burquitlam)
- Rohini Arora (Parliamentary Secretary for Child Care, BC NDP, Burnaby East)
- Sheila Malcolmson (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, BC NDP, Nanaimo-Gabriola Island)
- Stephanie Higginson (Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Care Access, BC NDP, Ladysmith-Oceanside)
- Steve Morissette (Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, BC NDP, Kootenay-Monashee)
- Sunita Dhir (Parliamentary Secretary for International Credentials, BC NDP, Vancouver-Langara)
- Susie Chant (Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors' Services and Long-Term Care, BC NDP, North Vancouver-Seymour)
- Terry Yung (Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services, BC NDP, Vancouver-Yaletown)

2025 MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Date: October 21-23, 2025

Topics Discussed: Federal investments in public post-secondary education, the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and Métis and Inuit Post-Secondary Education Strategies, international education, and the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP).

Federation representatives met with the following Members of Parliament:

- Don Davies (NDP of Canada, Vancouver Kingsway)
- Ernie Klassen (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Liberal Party of Canada, South Surrey–White Rock)
- Jake Sawatzky (Liberal Party of Canada, New Westminster–Burnaby–Maillardville)
- Jeff Kibble (Conservative Party of Canada, Cowichan–Malahat–Langford)
- Jonathan Wilkinson (Liberal Party of Canada, North Vancouver–Capilano)
- Marc Dalton (Conservative Party of Canada, Pitt Meadows–Maple Ridge)
- Parm Bains (Liberal Party of Canada, Richmond East–Steveston)
- Ron McKinnon (Liberal Party of Canada, Coquitlam–Port Coquitlam)
- Stephanie McLean (Secretary of State, Liberal Party of Canada, Esquimalt–Saanich–Sooke)
- Sukhman Gill (Conservative Party of Canada, Abbotsford–South Langley)
- Wade Grant (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Liberal Party of Canada, Vancouver Quadra)
- Zoe Royer (Liberal Party of Canada, Port Moody–Coquitlam)