

**Meeting Minutes of the regular Congress of the Coalition of  
Resistance for a United Student Movement of November 18-19,  
2023**

## **Agenda**

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# 0. Opening Procedures

## 0.1 Opening

Opening at 9:44

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Secoded by DSU*

*Adopted unanimously*

## 1.1 Praesidium

Patrick Véronneau, Benjamin Savard, Émilie Gagné and Audreanne St-Martin will respectively take on the roles of chair, turns watcher, mood watcher and secretary.

*Proposed by Executive Council*

*Secoded by AFESH*

*Adopted unanimously*

## 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

That the following agenda be adopted :

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*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AGECAR*

**Proposed amendments:**

That political positions be added in point 3 and that the following points be shifted.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AFESH*

***Adopted unanimously***

That the agenda be amended to read as follows: Endorsement of affiliations, Elections, Political positioning, Campaign review.

*Proposed by AGECAR*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

***Rejected by a majority***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended:

1. Opening
  - 1.1. Praesidium
  - 1.2. Procedure for the Immediate Session
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  - 1.4. Reading and adoption of the minutes
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*Adopted unanimously*

That the code of procedures prepared by the Executive Council and sent to the delegations for the holding of this Congress be used.

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Secoded by Sogecom*

*Adopted unanimously*

## 1.4 Adoption of the minutes of the congress of 29 and 30 April 2023

That the minutes of [April 29 and 30, 2023](#) as circulated by the Executive Council be adopted as presented.

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Secoded by AGE CAR*

*Adopted unanimously*

## 1.5 Filing of Notices of Motions

## 2. Endorsement of Affiliations

The following associations are affiliated to CRUES:

- Social Sciences Students' Association (Université de Laval)
- School of community and public affairs student association (Concordia University)
- General Science Student Association (Université de Sherbrooke)
- General Association of Students of Collège Lionel-Groulx
- Political Science and Law Graduate Student Association (UQAM)

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

**Incidental proposal:**

That the associations come to the congress to present their positions on the basic principles of the CRUES.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by DSU*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Incidental Motion:**

That a 10-minute plenary be held on the ratification of affiliations.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AGE CAR*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Proposed amendment:**

That the ratification of the associations be conditional on the confirmation of the adoption of the principles of CRUES at the next congress.

*Proposed by AGE CAR*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

**Proposed subamendment:**

That the word "verbatim by the member associations in question" be added after "of the CRUES" so that the amendment reads as follows:

That the ratification of the associations be conditional on confirmation of the adoption of the principles of CRIES *verbatim by the member associations in question* at the next congress.

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Seconded by AFESPED*

***Adopted by a majority***

**Back to the amendment as subamended one (1) time:**

That the ratification of the associations be conditional on the confirmation of the adoption of the principles of the CRIES *verbatim by the member associations in question at the next congress.*

**Proposed subamendment:**

That the words "And that membership of student associations wishing to join be effective as of today" be added at the end of the amendment.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AGE CAR*

***Adopted unanimously***

**Back to the amendment as subamended two (2) times:**

That the ratification of the associations be conditional on the confirmation of the adoption of the principles of the CRUES *verbatim by the member associations in question at the next congress* and that the membership status of the student associations wishing their affiliations be effective as of today.

***Adopted unanimously***

Back to the main one as amended one (1) time:

The following associations are affiliated to CRUES :

- Social Sciences Students' Association (Université de Laval)
- School of community and public affairs student association (Concordia University)
- General Science Student Association (Université de Sherbrooke)
- General Association of Students of Collège Lionel-Groulx
- Political Science and Law Graduate Student Association (UQAM)

That the ratification of the associations be conditional on the confirmation of the adoption of the principles of CRUES verbatim by the member associations in question at the next congress and that the membership status of the student associations wishing to be affiliated be effective as of today.

*Adopted unanimously*

Statement by the AGES to the effect of its decision to suspend its membership:

*In accordance with position 13 of the General Science Student Association, which reads "AGES advocates the autonomy of student groups" and by the mandates invested in us by the General Assembly, we announce that the General Science Student Association suspends its membership in CRUES until further notice. The obligation to adopt specific mandates verbatim to the AGES by the CRUES contravenes this position. Having the mandate of our members to respect the AGES' desire for autonomy, we cannot consent, without further notice from them, to these conditions and are obliged to suspend our membership status until the required clarifications are communicated to us at the general meeting.*

The AGES delegation leaves the congress.

**Proposal:**

That associations whose affiliation was ratified at the last congress be required to submit proof of a verbatim adoption of the principles of CRUES at the next congress.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Secoded by AFESPED*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Special Proposal:**

That non-member associations be given an indicative vote in order to encourage their active participation in this Congress.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Secoded by DSU*

**Proposed amendment:**

That indicative votes be noted in the minutes.



*Proposed by AGECEVM*

*Seconded by AESS*

*Adopted unanimously*

Back to the main one as amended one (1) time:

That non-member associations benefit from an indicative vote in order to encourage their active participation in this Congress and that the indicative votes be noted in the minutes.

*Adopted unanimously*

### 3. Political positions

Considering the significant cuts already made and announced to the funding of public transit authorities in Quebec;

Considering the importance of public transit accessibility for students and for the ecological transition;

Considering the social mobilization on the subject, including the inter-union demonstration of transport company staff on November 14, 2023;

That CRUES support the mobilization for major investments in public transit and invite students to participate.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

#### **Proposed amendment:**

That Quebec be replaced by so-called Quebec in the whole proposal.

That CRUES demand a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and a rapid exit from them.

That CRUES demand protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES focus on the accessibility and frequency of public transit.

That CRUES put pressure on the Government of Quebec to cancel the Third Link project and the Northvolt project, in order to fund free and frequent public transit accessible tout.s.es people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

That "urban, regional and interregional" be added after "public transit".

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Secoded by DSU*

**Proposed sub amendment:**

That CRUES position itself in favor of a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and the rapid exit from them.

That CRUES position itself in favour of protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES position itself in favour of better accessibility and frequency of public transit.

That CRUES take a stand against the third link project and the Northvolt project, in order to finance free and frequent public transit accessible to all people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

*Offered by AFESHAppuyed by AFESPED*

***Adopted unanimously with abstentions***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)***

**Preferred proposal:**

That a 40-minute lunch break be taken beginning after the processing of this proposal.

*Proposed by Comité info Supported by AÉAUM*

***Adopted unanimously***

Back to the amendment as subamended one (1) time:

That Quebec be replaced by so-called Quebec in the whole proposal.

That CRUES position itself in favor of a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and the rapid exit from them.

That CRUES position itself in favour of protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES position itself in favour of better accessibility and frequency of public transit.

That CRUES take a stand against the third link project and the Northvolt project, in order to finance free and frequent public transit accessible to all people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

That "urban, regional and interregional" be added after "public transit".

**Adopted unanimously**

**(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)**

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the significant cuts already made and announced in the funding of urban, regional and interregional public transit authorities in so-called Quebec;

Considering the importance of the accessibility of urban, regional and interregional public transit for the student population and for the ecological transition;

Considering the social mobilization on the subject, including the inter-union demonstration of transport company staff on November 14, 2023;

That CRUES support the mobilization for major investments in urban, regional and interregional public transit and invite the student population to participate.

That CRUES position itself in favor of a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and the rapid exit from them.

That CRUES position itself in favour of protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES position itself in favour of better accessibility and frequency of urban, regional and interregional public transport.

That CRUES take a stand against the third link project and the Northvolt project, in order to finance free and frequent urban, regional and interregional public transit accessible to all people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

Preferred proposal:

Take a lunch break (Resumption at 1:40 p.m.).

*Proposed by DSU*

*Seconded by AESS*

**Adopted unanimously**

**Proposed amendment:**

That the following recital be added: "Considering the lack of public transit service in the regions outside Montreal/Tiotià:ke, as well as the urgent demand of municipal activist groups and people living in the various regions of so-called Quebec;"

*Proposed by AGECR*

*Seconded by DSU*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposed amendment:**

That the addition of "That CRUES opposes any possible government cuts in public transit".

*Proposed by DSU*

*Seconded by SCPASA*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

Back to the main one as amended three (3) times:

Considering the lack of public transit service in the regions outside of Montreal/Tiotià:ke, as well as the urgent demand of municipal activist groups and people living in the different regions of so-called Quebec.

Considering the significant cuts already made and announced in the funding of urban, regional and interregional public transit authorities in so-called Quebec;

Considering the importance of the accessibility of urban, regional and interregional public transit for the student population and for the ecological transition;

Considering the social mobilization on the subject, including the inter-union demonstration of transport company staff on November 14, 2023;

That CRUES support the mobilization for major investments in urban, regional and interregional public transit and invite the student population to participate.

That CRUES position itself in favor of a complete halt to all new fossil fuel projects and the rapid exit from them.

That CRUES position itself in favour of protection for all urban green spaces.

That CRUES position itself in favour of better accessibility and frequency of urban, regional and interregional public transport.

That CRUES take a stand against the third link project and the Northvolt project, in order to finance free and frequent urban, regional and interregional public transit accessible to all people living on the territory of so-called Quebec.

That CRUES opposes any possible government cuts to urban, regional and inter-regional public transit.

*Adopted unanimously.*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

### **Proposal:**

Considering that since the beginning of the current conflict beginning on October 7, 2023, bombing tactics have led to more than 7000 deaths in the Gaza Strip;

Considering that these bombings lead to the disproportionate slaughter of women and children, especially when they target hospitals, as in the case of the strike on Gaza's al-Ahli hospital on 17 October, which killed more than 500 people;

Considering that 2.2 million people, most of them Palestinian réfugié.es since 1948, are imprisoned in a territory smaller than the size of the island of Montreal in the open-air prison of the Gaza Strip, the majority of them children under the age of 18, and are now deprived of water, food and electricity through the Israeli army headquarters, which controls everything that enters and leaves the Gaza Strip by sea, air or land;

Considering that these attacks and tactics on the part of Israel since 7 October, accompanied by its revanchist, racist and colonial rhetoric, raise fears of an attempt at genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza;

That CRUES supports the Palestinian people in their resistance to the colonial and murderous aggression on the part of the Israeli state, its army, and its international patrons such as Canada, the United States, England and France,

That CRUES give its moral, organizational and material support to local organizations and groups supporting the Palestinian people and denouncing the massacre underway, both at the university level, and at the level of Montreal, so-called Quebec or so-called Canada,

That CRUES adopt a pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) mandate for the Israeli state and its murderous campaign of repression and occupation of Palestine.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AÉAUM*

Proposed amendment:

That "Israel" and "State of Israel" be replaced by "so-called Israel" or "so-called State of Israel".

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Seconded by –*

***Proposal withdrawn by AGEECLG***

Proposed amendment: That  
the words "organizational and material" be removed.

*Proposed by AESS*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

***Adopted by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)***

Proposed amendment:

That "commencing on 7 October" be removed and added ...

*Proposed by AECSL (observer)*

***Objection and Withdrawal.***

Proposed amendment:

That "the beginning of the present conflict begin" be withdrawn.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

***Adopted unanimously with abstentions***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

Let's go back to the main one as amended two (2) times:

Considering that since October 7, 2023, bombing tactics have led to more than 7000 deaths in the Gaza Strip;

Considering that these bombings lead to the disproportionate slaughter of women and children, especially when they target hospitals, as in the case of the strike on Gaza's al-Ahli hospital on 17 October, which killed more than 500 people;

Considering that 2.2 million people, most of them Palestinian réfugiés since 1948, are imprisoned in a territory smaller than the size of the island of Montreal in the open-air prison of the Gaza Strip, the majority of them children under the age of 18, and are now deprived of water, food and electricity through the Israeli army headquarters, which controls everything that enters and leaves the Gaza Strip by sea, air or land;

Considering that these attacks and tactics on the part of Israel since 7 October, accompanied by its revanchist, racist and colonial rhetoric, raise fears of an attempt at genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza;

That CRUES supports the Palestinian people in their resistance to the colonial and murderous aggression on the part of the Israeli state, its army, and its international patrons such as Canada, the United States, England and France,

That CRUES give its moral support to local organizations and groups supporting the Palestinian people and denouncing the ongoing massacre, both at the university level, at the level of Montreal, so-called Quebec or so-called Canada,

That CRUES adopt a pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) mandate for the Israeli state and its murderous campaign of repression and occupation of Palestine.

Proposed recast to replace "support" with "support".

*Proposed by AGECR*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

***Adopted unanimously***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

Back to the main one as amended two (2) times:

Considering that since October 7, 2023, bombing tactics have led to more than 7000 deaths in the Gaza Strip;

Considering that these bombings lead to the disproportionate slaughter of women and children, especially when they target hospitals, as in the case of the strike on Gaza's al-Ahli hospital on 17 October, which killed more than 500 people;

Considering that 2.2 million people, most of them Palestinian réfugiés since 1948, are imprisoned in a territory smaller than the size of the island of Montreal in the open-air prison of the Gaza Strip, the majority of them children under the age of 18, and are now deprived of water, food and electricity through the Israeli army headquarters, which controls everything that enters and leaves the Gaza Strip by sea, air or land;

Considering that these attacks and tactics on the part of Israel since 7 October, accompanied by its revanchist, racist and colonial rhetoric, raise fears of an attempt at genocide against the Palestinian people of Gaza;

That CRUES support the Palestinian people in their resistance to the colonial and murderous aggression on the part of the Israeli state, its army, and its international patrons such as Canada, the United States, Britain and France,

That CRUES give its moral support to local organizations and groups supporting the Palestinian people and denouncing the ongoing massacre, both at the university level, at the level of Montreal, so-called Quebec or so-called Canada,

That CRUES adopt a pro-BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) mandate for the Israeli state and its murderous campaign of repression and occupation of Palestine.

*Adopted unanimously*

**Proposal:**

Considering the recent announcements by the CAQ of an increase in tuition fees for out-of-province and international students;

That CRUES take a stand against the tuition fee increase announced by the CAQ and in favour of free education;

That CRUES denounce any increase in tuition fees as an attack on free and non-discriminatory public education, the protection of which is one of its founding principles.

*Proposed by SCPASA*

*Seconded by DSU*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposal:**

Considering the rise of hate towards the LGBTQ+ community

Considering recent events in the LGBTQ+ club involving outside bullying among students

Considering the recent protests promoting obstruction of young people's learning and freedom to determine their gender identity,



Considering that people from these communities are being deprived of their rights in some countries close to our own,

That CRUES supports queer struggles and movements.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

**Proposed amendment:**

That we add "and more specifically trans people" after "LGBTQ+".

*Proposed by AGEVVM*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Redesign proposal:**

That "LGBTQ+" be replaced with "2SLGBTQIA+".

*Proposed by AEAUM*

*Seconded by AGEECLG*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

Back to the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the rise of hate towards the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and more specifically trans people;

Considering recent events in a 2SLGBTQIA+ club involving external bullying of students;

Considering the recent protests promoting the obstruction of young people's learning and freedom with regard to their gender identity;

Considering that people from these communities are being deprived of their rights in some countries close to ours;

That CRUES supports queer struggles and movements.

*Adopted unanimously*

*(indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposal:**

Considering that the quality of health and social services, CEGEPs, daycares and other institutions has a direct impact on all étudiant.es;

Considering the intense working conditions, the poor mental state of the workers and insufficient wage increases that do not take into account inflation;

Considering the decrease in the quality of services offered in our educational institutions;

Considering the common interests shared between étudiant.es and workers, further uniting them as allies;

Considering the importance of work slowdowns and strikes as an effective means of fighting economically for justice, accessibility and quality of education at the post-secondary level;

That CRUES adopt a mandate in support of the Common Front.

*Proposed by DSU*

*Secoded by AESS*

**Proposed amendment:**

Let us add "to the FIQ and the FAE" after "Common Front".

*Proposed by ADEESE*

*Secoded by AESS*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposed amendment:**

That "support for" be replaced by "solidarity with the trade unions".

*Proposed by AGEVVM (Observer)*

*Objection and withdrawal*

Review of the main one as amended one (1) time: Considering that the quality of health and social services, CEGEPs, daycares and other institutions has a direct impact on all étudiant.es;

Considering the intense working conditions, the poor mental state of the workers and insufficient wage increases that do not take into account inflation;

Considering the decrease in the quality of services offered in our educational institutions;

Considering the common interests shared between étudiant.es and workers, further uniting them as allies;

Considering the importance of work slowdowns and strikes as an effective means of fighting economically for justice, accessibility and quality of education at the post-secondary level;

That CRUES adopt a mandate to support the Common Front, the FIQ and the FAE.

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

### **Proposal:**

Considering the harmful history of student federations;

Considering the narrow and patriarchal analyses put forward by the FECQ, which denounces the increase in tuition fees as an obstacle to starting a family and buying a house, without criticizing the anti-feminist character underlying the reproduction of the classic family model.

Considering the principles of combat unionism defended by CRES:

Considering the lack of clarity surrounding the interactions between CRUES and the student federations, the need to clarify how these interactions should be made in the future;

That CRUES adopt a mandate of distrust towards the student federations (in particular the FECQ and the UEQ).

That CRUES do not participate in the bodies of the student federations (in particular the FECQ and the UEQ).

That CCRUS, in all its future campaigns, struggles and activities, do not initiate contact with the student federations (in particular the FECQ and the UEQ), unless the request comes from a decision taken at the convention.

*Proposed by SOGEECOM*

*Secoded by SCPASA*

Dilatory Proposal: Preliminary Question

*Proposed by AESS*

*Secoded by AGEECLG*

*Adopted by a 2/3 majority*

*(Indicative vote: adopted by a 2/3 majority)*

**Vote on the main**

*Rejected by a majority*

*(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)*

**Proposal:**

Considering the history of relations between groups of militant associations and student federations;

Considering Article 2 of its statutes and regulations, "CRUES is a combative trade union organization";

That CRUES do not participate in any way in the official bodies of the student federations (in particular the UEQ and the FECQ).

That the CRUES team's contacts with the federations be adopted out in a manner that ensures its accountability to the member associations of the CRUES.

Let these contacts be made in a cordial manner.

That CRUES give priority to its own information material rather than that of the student federations when they are campaigning on the same issue as the CRUES.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Secoded by AGE CAR*

**Incidental proposal:**

That we have a 10-minute plenary session on accountability.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)***

**Proposed amendment:**

That we add "That the member associations be informed of any contact between the CRUES team and the federations in a spirit of transparency".

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

**Proposed subamendment: That the addition of** "That contacts with the federations be maintained to a minimum".

*Proposed by AFÉA*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

***Adopted unanimously***

Back to the amendment as subamended one (1) time:

That the member associations be informed of any contact between the CRUES team and the federations in a spirit of transparency, and that contacts with the federations be kept to a minimum.

***Adopted by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: Adopted by majority)***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the history of relations between groups of militant associations and student federations;

Considering Article 2 of its statutes and regulations, "CRUES is a combative trade union organization";

That CRUES do not participate in any way in the official bodies of the student federations (in particular the UEQ and the FECQ).

That the CRUES team's contacts with the federations be adopted out in a manner that ensures its accountability to the member associations of the CRUES.

That member associations be informed of any contact between the CRUES team and the federations in a spirit of transparency, and that contacts with student federations be kept to a minimum.

Let these contacts be made in a cordial manner.

That CRUES give priority to its own information material rather than that of the federations when they are campaigning on the same issue as the CRUES.

**Proposed amendment: That**  
the words "That these contacts be made in a cordial manner" be withdrawn.

*Proposed by SOGEECOM*

*Seconded by AGEECLG*

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: adopted by majority)***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the history of relations between groups of militant associations and student federations;

Considering Article 2 of its statutes and regulations, "CRUES is a combative trade union organization";

That CRUES do not participate in any way in the official bodies of the student federations (in particular the UEQ and the FECQ).

That the CRUES team's contacts with the federations be adopted out in a manner that ensures its accountability to the member associations of the CRUES.

That member associations be informed of any contact between the CRUES team and the federations in a spirit of transparency, and that contacts with student federations be kept to a minimum.

Let these contacts be made in a cordial manner.

That CRUES give priority to its own information material rather than that of the federations when they are campaigning on the same issue as the CRUES.

***Adopted by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

25-minute break decreed by the mood watcher - 4:18 p.m.

**Incidental proposal to amend the agenda:**

Moving on to the next point and the current point 3. Political positions be taken up after point 6. Regulations.

*Proposed by SOGEECOM*

*Secoded by AFESPED*

*Adopted by a 2/3 majority*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)*

## 4. A look back at the current campaign

**Incidental proposal:**

That we hold a 30-minute plenary session on the current campaign.

*Proposed by Executive Council*

*Secoded by AGEECLG*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Incidental proposal:**

That the plenary period be extended by 15 minutes.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Secoded by AESS*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Incidental proposal:**

Let us conclude the remaining rounds of speaking before closing the plenary.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AFESPED*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposal:**

Whereas there are many students in so-called Quebec who come from outside the province or from abroad.

Considering the current climate of tuition fee hikes that target Principle 1, the section on free and "non-discriminatory" education of the CRUES.

Whereas most representative student associations are opposed to tuition fee increases and have a mandate in favour of free education.

Considering that CRUES has a duty to take care of all students, whether they are foreigners or nationals.

Whereas the increase in tuition fees for non-Quebec students is a prelude to an increase in tuition fees for Quebec students.

Whereas militant student unions and coalitions of these unions have a long history of strikes against tuition fee hikes and demands for free tuition.

Considering that this directly affects certain discriminated and marginalized groups more severely.

Considering that free education would cost only \$1.2 billion per year for the whole of so-called Quebec, Quebec's budget being \$148 billion per year.

That CRUES emphasize the free education component of its current campaign.

*Proposed by SCPASA*

*Seconded by DSU*

**Dilatory proposal:**

That the proposal be tabled.

*Proposed by AFESH*



*Secoded by AGEECLG*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposal:**

That CRUES and its members commit to strengthening the mobilization committee as well as mutual aid among member associations in order to foster activist cooperation, but this does not rely entirely on the executive committee.

That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarization of all internships.

That CRUES and its members adopt tactical diversity in their activism in order to advance the mobilization and activist progress of the campaign.

*Proposed by AESS*

*Secoded by AGEECLG*

Incidental proposal: AESS withdrew its proposal, supported by AGEECLG.

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)*

**Proposal:**

That an indicative vote be held on the issues deemed by the delegations to be more conducive to their campus with the following four (4) choices: internships, free tuition, environment and public transit and others.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Secoded by AESS*

*Adopted unanimously*

*(Indicative vote: Adopted unanimously)*

Result of the indicative vote:

	Internship	Free education	Environment & Public Transit	Other
For	18 / 6	10 / 6	13 / 5	0 / 1
Against	0 / 0	6 / 0	6 / 1	9 / 1
Abstention	6 / 1	6 / 0	6 / 0	13 / 3

\*Member Vote/ Non-Member Indicative Vote

**Preferred proposal:**

That the congress be adjourned for a period of 45 minutes - Return at 7:25 p.m.

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Seconded by AFESH*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Proposal:**

Considering the decision voted at the last congress of La CRUES which mentions the action plan for the salarization of internships;

Considering the current context of student insecurity and inflation;

Considering that the non-salaried status of internships is an element contributing to the financial precariousness of students;

Considering the multiplicity of factors that lead to student precariousness and that the various member associations of CRUES will be able to adapt a campaign on this theme according to their respective realities;

Considering that the government's budget cuts in the public sector affect both workers and interns, among whom are overrepresented women, student-parents and immigrants;

Considering that salaried internships would help to reduce the context of precariousness for many students, particularly in traditionally female professions;

Considering the extent of the pre-existing mobilization on the issues of salaried internships, particularly in environments that are usually less mobilized.

That CRUES and its members commit to strengthening the mobilization committee as well as mutual aid among member associations in order to foster activist cooperation, but this does not rely entirely on the executive committee.

That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salaried status of all internships.

That CRUES and its members adopt tactical diversity in their activism in order to advance the mobilization and activist progress of the campaign.

That this campaign is based on a perspective of accessibility to studies and access to decent living conditions, and that the campaign's argument seeks to link free education and salaried internships on this basis.

That CRUES begin an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the salaries of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of three days of strike in the winter session 2024, the modalities of which would be decided by the congress.

*Proposed by AESS*

*Seconded by AGE CAR*

#### **Proposed amendment:**

"That CRUES begin an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the salaries of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of three days of strike in the winter session 2024, the modalities of which would be decided by the congress."  
That we replace "That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarisation of all internships." "That the CRUES, as part of its campaign to obtain the salaries of all internships, hold three days of strike on March 6, 7 and 8, in particular as part of the International Day of Struggle for Women's Rights."  
Let it be removed "that the campaign's argument seeks to link free education and salaried internships on this basis"

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AESS*

#### **Proposed subamendment:**

It should be added that "in the event that it is impossible to go on strike on these dates, the Coordination Council may move these days at the appropriate time."

*Proposed by AGE ECLG*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)***

Back to the amendment:

"That CRUES begin an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the salaries of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of three days of strike in the winter session 2024, the modalities of which would be decided by the congress."  
That we replace "That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarisation of all internships." "That the CRUES, as part of its campaign to obtain the salaries of all internships, hold three days of strike on March 6, 7 and 8, in particular as part of the International Day of Struggle for Women's Rights."  
Let it be removed "that the campaign's argument seeks to link free education and salaried internships on this basis"

**Incidental proposal:**

That the amendment be split so as to deal separately "That it be removed that the campaign's argument seeks to link free education and salaried internships on this basis".

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AGEDECLG*

***Adopted unanimously***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

On the first part of the amendment:

"That CRUES begin an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the salaries of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of three days of strike in the winter session 2024, the modalities of which would be decided by the congress."  
That we replace "That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarisation of all internships." "That the CRUES, as part of its campaign to obtain the salaries of all internships, hold three days of strike on March 6, 7 and 8, in particular as part of the International Day of Struggle for Women's Rights."

**Proposed subamendment:**

That the dates be changed to February 7, March 6 and April 3.

*Proposed by AESS*

*Seconded by AGEECLG*

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: unanimously rejected with abstentions)***

Proposed subamendment:

That the dates be changed to March 27, 28 and 29.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AESS*

**Incidental proposal:**

That we hold a 9.5-minute plenary session on strike dates.

*Proposed by AGE CAR*

*Seconded by AESS*

***Adopted unanimously***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

**Dilatory proposal:**

That the proposal be tabled.

***Offered by SCPASA***

***Proposal ruled out of order***

Back to the subamendment:

That the dates be changed to March 27, 28 and 29.

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)***

**Proposed subamendment:**

That we replace "March 6, 7 and 8" with "during the week of March 25"

That it is withdrawn "notably in the context of the International Day of Struggle for Women's Rights."

*Proposed by AFESH  
Seconded by AGEELG*

***Adopted unanimously***

Back to the amendment as subamended one (1) time:

"That CRUES begin an increase in pressure tactics to obtain the salaries of all internships and in this sense organize the holding of three days of strike in the winter session 2024, the modalities of which would be decided by the congress."  
That we replace "That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarization of all internships." by "That the CRUES, as part of its campaign to obtain the salaries of all internships, hold three days of strike in the week of March 25"

***Adopted unanimously***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

On the 2nd part of the amendment:

Let it be removed "that the campaign's argument seeks to link free education and salaried internships on this basis".

***Adopted by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the decision voted at the last congress of La CRUES which mentions the action plan for the salarization of internships;

Considering the current context of student insecurity and inflation;

Considering that the non-salaried status of internships is an element contributing to the financial precariousness of students;

Considering the multiplicity of factors that lead to student precariousness and that the various member associations of CRUES will be able to adapt a campaign on this theme according to their respective realities;

Considering that the government's budget cuts in the public sector affect both workers and interns, among whom are overrepresented women, student-parents and immigrants;

Considering that salaried internships would help to reduce the context of precariousness for many students, particularly in traditionally female professions;

Considering the extent of the pre-existing mobilization on the issues of salaried internships, particularly in environments that are usually less mobilized.

That CRUES and its members commit to strengthening the mobilization committee as well as mutual aid among member associations in order to foster activist cooperation, but this does not rely entirely on the executive committee.

That CRUES continue to prioritize the campaign on the salarization of all internships.

That CRUES and its members adopt tactical diversity in their activism in order to advance the mobilization and activist progress of the campaign.

That this campaign be based on a perspective of access to education and access to decent living conditions.

That the CRUES, as part of its campaign to obtain the salaries of all internships, hold a three-day strike during the week of March 25 to 29.

*Adopted unanimously*

**Preferred proposal:**

That the convention be adjourned until tomorrow at 8 o'clock.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*

*Secoded by DSU*

**Proposed amendment:**

That we change the restart time to 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.

*Proposed by DSU*

*Secoded by AFESPED*

*Adopted by a majority*

*(Indicative vote: adopted by majority)*

A look back at the adjournment:

That the convention be adjourned until tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

*Adopted unanimously*

Opens at 8:52 AM.

**Proposal:**

Considering the need to have a clear campaign;

Considering the rather low number of staff on the executive and committees;

Considering the continuation of the campaign so far;

Considering that CRUES is a relatively young group;

That our campaign focuses specifically on the salaried status of internships.

Let CRUES still be in solidarity with the other struggles on an ad hoc basis.

That we mandate the CRUES team to support the local associations in the holding of the 3 days of strike.

That the CRUES team be mandated to organize a feminist training camp.

That the CRUES team be mandated to encourage the transfer of knowledge and the holding of training activities by having a specifically intersectional vision of these different modalities of transmission of knowledge and skills.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

*Adopted unanimously with abstentions*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)*

## 5. Elections

**Proposal:**



That by-elections be held for the executive followed by interim elections for the executive.

That by-elections to committees be held thereafter, followed by interim elections to committees.

*Proposed by the Executive Council*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

***Adopted unanimously***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously)***

**Incidental proposal:**

That election procedures be lifted in order to hold by-elections for all nominations received.

However, the nominations received on the spot should be considered as interim elections.

That candidates leave the room following their question and answer period for the duration of the debate on their nominations.

*Proposed by Executive Council*

*Seconded by AFESH*

**Proposed amendment:**

That the presentations be 3 minutes each, followed by a 10-minute question and answer period, and finally that the deliberations on each application be 10 minutes long.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

***Adopted by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

That election procedures be lifted in order to hold by-elections for all nominations received.

However, the nominations received on the spot should be considered as interim elections.

That candidates leave the room following their question and answer period for the duration of the debate on their nominations.

That the presentations be 3 minutes each, followed by a 10-minute question and answer period, and finally that the deliberations on each application be 10 minutes long.

*Adopted unanimously*

## **Candidacy for Executive By-Elections**

Benoît Marchand submits their candidacy for internal affairs officer position of CRUES.

*Unanimously elected*

## **Candidacy for Executive Elections**

Manuel Sauvé Chevalier submits their candidacy for the external affairs officer position of CRUES.

*Unanimously elected with abstention*

*(Indicative vote: unanimously elected with abstentions)*

Joémie Raymond submits their candidacy for the academic affairs officer position of CRUES.

*Elected by a majority*

*(Indicative vote: Elected by a majority)*

Julie Briand submits their candidacy for the finance officer positions of CRUES.

*Unanimous election*

Adam Semergian submits their candidacy for the position of Interim Coordinating officer of CRUES.

*Elected by a majority*

*(Indicative vote: Elected by a majority)*

*Declaration: to be added upon receipt*

Frédéric Pigeon submits their candidacy for the CRUES Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee.

*Elected unanimously*

Camille Parent-Montpetit submits their candidacy for the CRUES journal committee.

*Elected unanimously*

**Proposal:**

That we proceed with the election of Agnès Robitaille in spite of her absence.

*Proposed by Journal Committee*

*Seconded by AEAUM*

*Adopted unanimously*

Agnès Robitaille is a member of the CRUES newspaper committee.

*Unanimous election*

Frédérique Thibault-Lessard's candidacy for the CRUES newspaper committee.

*Unanimous election*

Antonin Gilbert's candidacy for the CRUES mobilization committee.

*Unanimous election*

Ariane Beaudin's candidacy for the CRUES newspaper committee.

*Unanimous election*

Sophie Elias-Pinsonnault's candidacy for the CRUES Training Committee.

*Unanimous election*

Ryan Assaker is an interim member of the CRUES Mobilization Committee.

**Proposal:**

That the candidate be invited back to the room to clarify an answer.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by AGEECLG*

*Adopted unanimously*

*Unanimous election*

Interim candidacy of Bassma Elmoukhtafi to the CRUES Inclusion and Fight Against Oppression Committee.

*Unanimous election*

Interim candidacy of Judith Vachon to the CRUES training committee.

*Unanimous election*

Émile Brassard is an interim member of the CRUES Research and Academic Affairs Committee.

*Unanimous election*

Reminder of a decision of the Cocom at the Congress:

That an ad hoc committee be created to proceed with the creation (as decided by the Annual Congress) of a document detailing the responsibilities of CRUES in terms of accommodation, care and the creation of a safe in all its activities, as well as a policy on situations of harassment, discrimination and aggression of all forms.

Laurianne Dinucci is an interim member of the CRUES Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee.

*Unanimous election*

Interim candidacy of Mariane Lafrenière to the Inclusion and Fight Against Oppression Committee of the CRUES.

*Unanimous election*

Maxime Barbara Emond is an interim candidate for the CRUES Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee.

*Unanimous election with abstention  
(Indicative vote: unanimous election)*

**Preferred proposal:**

Take a 35-minute lunch break.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Secoded by AESS*

**Proposed amendment:**

Let the break be 40 minutes instead of 35.

*Proposed by AEAUM*

*Secoded by AFESPED*

*Rejected by a majority  
(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)*

Let's take a look back at the main one:

Take a 35-minute lunch break.

*Adopted unanimously*

Rémi Grenier Interim Candidacy to the CRUES Information Committee

**Proposal:**

That the debate period be extended by a maximum of 5 minutes.

*Proposed by AGE CAR*

*Secoded by AEAUM*

*Adopted unanimously with abstentions*  
*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)*

Rémi Grenier is an interim member of the CRUES Information Committee.

*Unanimous election with abstention*  
*(Indicative vote: unanimously elected with abstentions)*

**Incidental proposal:**

That the agenda be amended to change item 6. Regulations and 7. finance.

*Proposed by DSU*

*Seconded by SCPASA*

*Rejected by a majority*  
*(Indicative vote: rejected by a majority)*

## 6. Finance

**Incidental proposal:**

Let Arthur Van Neste present the finances for a duration of 5 minutes.

That this presentation be followed by a 10-minute question and answer period.

That this question period be followed by a 20-minute plenary session on the subject of the budget to be adopted.

*Proposed by Executive*

*Seconded by DSU*

*Adopted unanimously*

**Proposal:**

Considering the current lack of staff on the Executive Committee;

Considering that the Executive Committee currently performs the majority of the administrative tasks related to the CRUES, which takes up time that could be invested in carrying out their executive tasks;

Whereas translation work should be done by a paid person in order to ensure accessibility to the proceedings;

Whereas CRUES currently has the funds to pay an employee, but its financial situation is subject to fluctuation;

That CRUES have a permanent contract until the next annual congress,

That the duties of this office include translation as well as various administrative tasks,

That the Congress mandate the Executive Committee to hire this permanent staff,

That the possible renewal of his contract and his mandate be reassessed at the next annual conference

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Secoded by AESS*

**Proposed amendment:**

That two (2) people be hired to handle administrative and translation tasks separately.

*Proposed by DSU*

*Secoded by AEAUM*

**Dilatory Proposal: Previous Question**

*Proposed by SOGEECOM*

*Secoded by AGEELG*

*Adopted by a 2/3 majority*

**Proposed amendment:**

That two (2) people be hired to handle administrative and translation tasks separately.

***Rejected by a majority***

***(Indicative vote: rejected by majority)***

**Proposed amendment:**

Let translation be a priority task of permanence.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Secoded by DSU*

***Adopted unanimously with abstentions***

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

Considering the current lack of staff on the Executive Council;

Considering that the Executive Council currently performs the majority of the administrative tasks related to the CRUES, which takes up time that could be invested in carrying out their executive tasks;

Whereas translation work should be done by a paid person in order to ensure accessibility to the proceedings;

Whereas CRUES currently has the funds to pay an employee, but its financial situation is subject to fluctuation;

That CRUES acquire a permanent staffer on contract until the next annual congress.

That the duties of this staffer include translation as well as various administrative tasks.

That the Congress mandate the Executive council to hire this permanent staffer,

That the possible renewal of his contract and his mandate be reassessed at the next annual congress

That translation is a priority task for the permanent staffer

***Adopted unanimously***

**Proposal:**

That Budget Proposal I, as presented to Congress, be adopted.

*Proposed by AGEECLG*



*Seconded by DSU*

*Adopted by a majority*

*(Indicative vote: adopted unanimously with abstentions)*

**Proposal:**

That the congress mandate the executive to find a office for the CRUES.

*Proposed by AFESPED*

*Seconded by AFESH*

Proposed amendment:

That this decision be ratified by the Coordinating Council.

That the proposal to be submitted to the Coordinating Council and be sent to the CRUES mailing list in advance.

*Proposed by Journal Committee*

*Seconded by AGECR*

*Adopted unanimously*

Let's take a look back at the main one as amended one (1) time:

That the congress mandate the executive to find a place for the CRUES.

That this decision be ratified by the Coordinating Council.

That the proposal to be submitted to the Coordinating Council be sent to the CRUES mailing list in advance.

*Adopted unanimously*

**Special Proposal:**

That the congress be adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

*Proposed by AFESH*

*Seconded by SOGEECOM*

*Adopted unanimously*