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## LOCAL RESOLUTION #1

### LOCAL 9, OKANAGAN COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION (OCFA)

BECAUSE nearly 6,000 academics around the world, including hundreds of Canadians, have signed a petition <<http://bit.ly/2o0wBdW>> pledging not to attend conferences in the U.S. in protest of President Trump's proposed travel bans;

BECAUSE Canada's unions, including the Canadian Labour Congress (to which FPSE belongs), are urging the Canadian government to denounce the U.S. Executive Order barring Syrian refugees and discriminating against other travellers of Muslim faith or background; and

BECAUSE many of our members may themselves face increasing discrimination at the U.S. border;

**FPSE will:**

- 1. Recommend that members refrain from travelling to the United States of America; and**
- 2. Refrain from funding any travel to the U.S. until the discrimination has most definitely stopped.**

## LOCAL RESOLUTION #2

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BECAUSE there have been several crackdowns on academics in Turkey, and many academics have been detained, jailed, and even dismissed from their posts through statutory decrees; and

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BECAUSE among them are the "Academics for Peace" so named because they signed a declaration for ceasing human rights violations in the Kurdish provinces, and these fellow academics are struggling to support their livelihood and families;

**FPSE will send a letter of support to Academics for Peace and donate funds to support Academics for Peace, at an amount between \$1000 and \$5000, to be decided by Presidents' Council.**

## LOCAL RESOLUTION #3

### LOCAL 21, PRIVATE SECTOR FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION (ETEA)

BECAUSE many FPSE Locals' institutions use agents to recruit international students (private post-secondary institutions are particularly reliant on agents to provide students for their schools);

BECAUSE agents receive between 15% and 40% of student tuition fees; and

BECAUSE agents are currently unregulated by the government of BC and the Private Training Institutions' Branch (PTIB), and these agents often leverage their financial interest to directly influence student progress, especially in University Pathway and work/study programs;

**FPSE will lobby PTIB and the Ministry of Advanced Education to include the following policy positions in the *Private Training Act Regulations*:**

- 1. That all contracts between agents and schools be on record and available to PTIB;**

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2. That the percentage of tuition and any other fees collected by agents be transparent and fully disclosed to the student and PTIB;
3. Any additional incentives or “loyalty” rewards institutions provide agents also be transparent and reported;
4. That schools are required to only use agents that have completed the Canada Course for Education Agents (CCEA);
5. That schools be required to publicly list the agents they use;
6. That there be a process in place that can investigate cases where agent misconduct is alleged and publicly lists agencies that don’t comply or are guilty of misrepresentation and/or misconduct; and
7. That accredited institutions bear some responsibility for agent misconduct.

FPSE will investigate the possibility of creating a Group Tax Free Savings Account for lower income members who do not otherwise have access to a pension plan.

## LOCAL RESOLUTION #4

### LOCAL 21, PRIVATE SECTOR FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION (ETEA)

BECAUSE many ETEA members earn less than \$50,000 per year in salary and do not have access to a pension plan through their employers;

BECAUSE everyone deserves to be able to retire with dignity and without having to live in poverty; and

BECAUSE Service Employees’ International Union Healthcare has created a Group Tax Free Savings Account for its members;