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Saturday, January 19, 2008 • University of Winnipeg

9:00 am

Participant Introductions and Overview of the Day

9:30 am

Breakout Groups – Identifying International Students' Issues

10:30 am

Presentation – International Students' Fees: Myths and Facts

12:00 pm

Lunch Break and Soccer Match (meal provided)

1:30 pm

Workshop – Anti-racist activism

3:00 pm

Workshop – International Students' Health Coverage

3:45 pm

Presentation and Roundtable – Campaign Planning 101

5:00 pm

Report-Back – Development of a Campaign Plan

6:00 pm

Dinner and Wind-up Activity (Kokeb Restaurant, 330 Ellice Avenue)

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Provincial International Students' Gathering • Canadian Federation of Students

In 1995, higher tuition fees were introduced for international students in Manitoba. The premium on fees was justified by a promise of service provision that were never delivered by post-secondary institutions. The real reason for the fee increases was clear: poor institutional priorities combined with years of funding cutbacks by the Canadian federal government. Rather than initiating a concerted lobby effort to secure more government funding, universities and colleges decided to boost their revenues on the backs of international students.

Until 2000, Canadian students also faced tuition fee increases. After a major lobbying effort by the Canadian Federation of Students, the newly-elected Doer government reduced tuition fees by 10% in Manitoba and a tuition fee freeze has been in place ever since. In 2002, however, international students were once again faced with massive fee increases. Now, the fee differential between Canadian and international students in Manitoba is as much as 250%.

The Canadian Federation of Students, made up of nearly all university students in Manitoba and 500,000 university and college students across Canada, opposes differential fees and believes that post-secondary institutions and governments must end this double-standard against international students.

On January 19, 2008, the Canadian Federation of Students invites international students to participate as members of their students' unions in Manitoba in a day of discussion about and activism on the campaign to end discrimination against international students.

Registration

Completed registration forms should be faxed to the CFS provincial office at (204) 783-6001 by no later than Monday, January 14. There is no registration or travel fee for the meeting: costs are covered through the pooled resources of the Canadian Federation of Students.

- Travel for delegates from outside Winnipeg will be arranged through the CFS provincial office. For those groups whose delegates will be travelling to the gathering by bus or car, authorised travel costs will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.

Meeting Place, Meals, and Accommodation

The gathering will be held in the Bulman Students' Centre at the University of Winnipeg. Lunch and dinner will be served on-site. See the agenda for times.

Housing arrangements for delegates from outside Winnipeg will be coordinated through the provincial office. Please list any preferred roommate on the registration form.

Additional Requirements

- Accessibility

For any delegate requiring wheelchair-accessible transportation or accommodation, please ensure that the applicable section on the registration form is completed.

- Dietary Needs

For those with food allergies and others with specific dietary needs, please ensure that the applicable section on the registration form is completed. Every effort will be made to accommodate dietary needs.

For More Information...

If you require more information regarding the Provincial International Students' Gathering, please contact:

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SUMMARY OF SESSIONS

Participant Introductions and Overview of the Day

Break-out Groups

Identifying International Students' Issues

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss what students at other locals are experiencing and share their stories, as well as hear about past victories and discuss how students organised to make them happen.

Presentation

International Students' Fees: Myths & Facts

Is there really a fee freeze in Manitoba? How do international students fare in other provinces? Who is responsible for funding post-secondary education in Canada? Participants will learn about the truths—and myths—of funding, tuition, and accessible post-secondary education.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided, followed by a soccer match.

Workshop

Anti-racism Activism

In addition to the culture shock (and fee shock) that many international students experience in Canada, students also face both subtle and overt forms of racism and discrimination. It is everyone's responsibility to end racism and other forms of discrimination, and international students have an important role to play in initiating

campaigns on campus and in the community. Albert McLeod of Ka Ni Kanichihk (www.kanikanichihk.ca) will lead a discussion about international students' rights and how we can all combat racism in Canada.

Workshop

International Students' Health Coverage

International students in Manitoba are required to buy private health insurance coverage equivalent to public Medicare. In some jurisdictions, international students are covered under the public programme. Participants will discuss how health coverage works, and how to build the campaign for public health coverage for international students.

Presentation and Roundtable

Campaign Planning 101

Over the past 85 years, students across Canada have built a united student movement. Participants will explore the benefits of working together—and how we all benefit from our “strength in numbers”—as well as the important strategic and tactical considerations that make an effective campaigns.

Report-Back

Development of a Campaign Plan

Participants will report-back from their break-out groups and build the campaign for equality for international students in Manitoba.

Supper and Wind-up Activity

Participants will have the opportunity to relax together and reflect upon the day's session at Kokeb Restaurant, 330 Ellice Avenue (in the lounge).

