# MINUTES OF THE 52ND CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS

Held at the UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, Durban, 8th - 13th July, 1975.

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#### NUSAS EXECUTIVE

Karel Tip - President

Mike Stent Gerry Maré - Seminars Officer

Cedric de Beer

Barry Gilder

- Social Action Officer
- Media Officer
- Aquarius Secretary-General
- Finance Officer
- Envirac Director Craig Williamson Karl Edwards

# UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Nigel Willis - S.R.C. President

Jeremy Baskin Graeme Bloch Debbie Budlender Robbie Ferron Judy Friedberg Alan Hirsch Beatie Hofmeyr Willie Hofmeyr Mike Jackson Mark Lavender Wilhelm Liebenberg Paul Malherbe Anne Mervis Jenni Shute Julian Sturgeon

Chris van Niekerk Gavin Woodland

#### UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, DURBAN

Tony Jordan - S.R.C. President Diana Batchelor

John Bridger Gavin Cawthra Rob Dyer Nick Haysom Ilze Holtzhausen Stephen Horton Michael Lapsley Deirdre Moyle Geoff Moys Diana Schutte Mark Stranex Neil Strydom Bruno van Dyk Rose Wilson

#### UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, PIETERMARITZBURG

Iain McMillan - S.R.C. President Gillian Berning John Cooper Lesley Cottrell Karen Deetlefs Graham Dominy

Tex Freemantle Russell Knight Anne Norman Henry Riches Jenny Schreiner

#### RHODES UNIVERSITY

Michael Bagraim
Damian Garside
Albert Heydenrych
Moira Maconochie
Phil Williams
Brian Pienaar

# UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Mike Mendelowitz Alan Amory Pete Brits Russell Caplan Carlos Cardosa Marc Celliers Debby Elkon Erica Emdon Larry Favis Merle Favis Alan Fine Steven Friedman Andrew Hardy William Kentridge Ian Kitai Barry Levinrad Janet Love Richard Machanick Chris Marchand Carina Maré Louise Merrifield Sean Moroney Martin Nicol Ian Robertson Geoff Schreiner Gary Segal Rai Turton Trevor Wisenberg

- S.R.C. President

#### MINUTES OF THE 52ND NUSAS CONGRESS

# HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, DURBAN

#### 8th - 13th JULY, 1975

Dr. C.F. Beyers Naudé gave the opening speech, and Mr. Tip-then took the chair and opened the 52nd meeting of the National Student Assembly. He welcomed all delegates and observers.

### Claiming of votes

The following votes were claimed:

University of the Witwatersrand - 16 votes
University of Cape Town - 14 votes
University of Natal, Durban - 11 votes
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg - 9 votes
Rhodes University - 8 votes
NUSAS Executive - 7 votes

Full speaking and voting rights were requested for the duration of Congress for the Envirac Director.

# Resolution 1/75

That this Student Assembly ratify the voting strengths as claimed by each centre, and grant full speaking and voting rights to the Envirac Director for the duration of Congress.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 2/75

That this Student Assembly ratify the minutes of the 51st NUSAS Congress as amended.

PROPOSED : Maré SECONDED : Gilder

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

Amendment to Minutes of the 51st NUSAS Congress:
Motion on Best Speakers' Debate (page 22) was carried, and is
therefore Resolution 74/74. All subsequent Resolutions are
renumbered accordingly.

#### Resolution 3/75

That this Student Assembly rescind all policy and resolutions not correlated.

PROPOSED : Horton SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

/Tabling of Reports ......

# Tabling of Reports

# Resolution 4/75

That this Student Assembly table the reports of the S.R.C. President, the Seminars Organiser and the NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 5/75

That this Student Assembly adopts the reports of the S.R.C. President, the Seminars Organiser and the NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of the Witwatersrand.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Maré, G.

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 6/75

That this Student Assembly table the reports of the S.R.C. President and the NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

The NUSAS Local Chairman, Mr. Hirsch, gave a verbal report.

# Resolution 7/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the reports of the S.R.Ç. President and NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Cape Town.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 8/75

That this Student Assembly table the reports of the S.R.C. President and NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Bridger SECONDED : Cardosa

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 9/75 .....

# Resolution 9/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the S.R.C. President and NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Willis

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 10/75

That this Student Assembly table the reports of the S.R.C. President and the NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Natal, Durban.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 11/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the reports of the S.R.C President and the NUSAS Local Chairman of the University of Natal, Durban

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Elkon

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 12/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Envirac Director.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Gilder

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 13/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Envirac Director.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Gilder

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 14/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Finence Officer

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 15/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Finance Officer.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously with acclaim

# Resolution 16/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Acting Secretary General of NUSED.

PROPOSED : Edwards SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 17/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Acting Secretary General of NUSED.

PROPOSED : Bridger SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 18/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Media Officer.

PROPOSED : Williamson

SECONDED : Kitai

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 19/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Media Officer.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Willis

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 20/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Aquarius Secretary General.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 21/75 .....

# Resolution 21/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Aquarius Secretary General.

PROPOSED : de Beer Agst : 1
SECONDED : Stent Abst : 1

For : 58

Carried with acclaim

# Resolution 22/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the NUSAS Local Committee at Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 23/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the NUSAS Local Committee at Rhodes University.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 24/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Social Action Officer.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Fine

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 25/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Social Action Officer.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Machanick

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

#### Resolution 26/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Seminars Officer.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 27/75 .........

# Resolution 27/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Seminars Officer.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Friedman

Carried unanimously

MINUTE (Friedman):

"As a local Seminars Organiser, I would like to minute my thanks and appreciation to Mike for the work and dedication he has put into both his portfolio and the general on-campus direction of NUSAS."

# CHAIR TO MR. STENT

# Resolution 28/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the President.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 29/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the President.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Elkon

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

#### CHAIR TO MR. TIP

#### Resolution 30/75

That this Student Assembly table the reports of SASET, SAMST, SASTS and SSPT.

PROPOSED : Stent

SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 31/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the reports of SASET, SAMST, SASTS and SSPT.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

/Congress Committees ......

# Congress Committees

# Resolution 32/75

That this Student Assembly establish the following committees:

Group I: Seminars

NUSAS Orientation Cultural Action

Student Community Services

Group II : Structures

Media

Social Action

Alternative Employment

Group III : University Education Action

Environmental Action

Women's Action

Finance and Organisation/Constitutions

Steering

Site

Press Liaison

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Horton

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 33/75

That this Student Assembly elects the following to the <u>Seminars</u> Committee:

Garside, Mendelowitz, Maré, C., Kitai, Robertson, Fine, Machanick, Merrifield, Horton, Schutte, Stranex, Jordan, Hofmeyr, W., Jackson, Malherbe, van Niekerk, Budlender, Freemantle, Schreiner, J., Dominy, Stent, Edwards.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Merrifield

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 34/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>NUSAS</u> Orientation Committee:

Maconachie, Nicol, Emdon, Cardosa, Favis, Kentridge, Moroney, Marchand, Haysom, Cawthra, Bridger, Wilson, Hirsch, Hofmeyr, B., Lavender, Willis, Woodland, McMillan, Knight, de Beer, Tip, Ferron.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Maré, G.

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 35/75 .....

# Resolution 35/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Cultural</u> Action Committee:

Williams, Heydenrych, Levinrad, Friedman, Turton, Cilliers, Love, Moyle, van Dyk, Holtzhausen, Friedberg, Shute, Liebenberg, Mervis, Riches, Deetlefs, Cottrell, Cooper, Gilder, Maré, G.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 36/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Student</u> Community Services Committee:

Pienaar, Bagraim, Hardy, Strydom, Sturgeon, Berning, Norman, Williamson.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 37/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Structures</u> Committee:

Maconachie, Mendelowitz, Friedman, Nicol, Marchand, Haysom, Bridger, Moyle, Cawthra, Bloch, Hirsch, Liebenberg, Willis, McMillan, Knight, Schreiner, Dominy, Gilder, Stent, Tip.

PROPOSED : Horton SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 38/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Media</u> Committee:

Garside, Heydenrych, Levinrad, Elkon, Kentridge, Cilliers, Moroney, Merrifield, Brits, van Dyk, Holtzhausen, Cawthra, Friedberg, Lavender, Shute, Sturgeon, van Niekerk, Freemantle, Riches, Norman, Berning, de Beer.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 39/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Social</u> Action Committee:

Williams, Robertson, Emdon, Favis, M., Machanick, Caplan, Schreiner, Segal, Stranex, Dyer, Strydom, Wilson, Schutte,

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Baskin, Ferron, Hofmeyr, W., Malherbe, Mervis, Deetlefs, Cottrell, Maré, G.

PROPOSED : Haysom

SECONDED : Budlender

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 40/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Alternative</u> Employment Committee:

Pienaar, Bagraim, Kitai, Turton, Horton, Jordan, Budlender, Hofmeyr, B., Jackson, Williamson, Edwards.

PROPOSED : Hofmeyr, W. SECONDED : Kentridge

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 41/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>University</u> Education Action Committee:

Williams, Garside, Pienaar, Friedman, Nicel, Kitai, Wisenberg, Fine, Love, Schreiner, Horton, Bridger, Strydom, Cawthra, Stranex, Budlender, Hirsch, Hofmeyr, W., Jackson, Malherbe, Woodland, Riches, Cottrell, Deetlefs, Freemantle, Maré, G., Gilder, de Beer.

PROPOSED : Levinrad SECONDED : Hardy

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 42/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the Environ-mental Action Committee:

Heydenrych, Bagraim, Maconachie, Turton, Segal, Ambry, Moyse, Mervis, Sturgeon, Schreiner, Cooper, Norman, Edwards.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 43/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the <u>Women's</u> Action Committee:

Emdon, Elkon, Merrifield, Maré, C., Batchelor, Holtzhausen, Schutte, Wilson, Friedberg, Shute, Liebenberg, Bloch, van Niekerk, Berning, Stent.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Schutte

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 44/75 ..........

# Resolution 44/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the Finance and Organisation/Constitution Committee :

Hardy, Caplan, Marchand, Brits, Mendelowitz, Jordan, van Dyk, Haysom, Hofmeyr, B., Willis, Ferron, Knight, Dominy, McMillan, Williamson.

PROPOSED : Budlender SECONDED : Hirsch

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 45/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the Site Committee:

Horton, Bridger, van Dyk.

PROPOSED : Haysom SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 46/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the Press Liaison Committee :

de Beer, Jordan, Mendelowitz, Moroney.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Gilder

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 47/75

That this Student Assembly elect the following to the Steering Committee:

Stent, Haysom, Heydenrych, Hardy, Tip, Riches, Malherbe, Budlender, Friedman, Schreiner, J., Emdon, Williamson.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Kitai

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

Election of Chairpersons :

Orientation Committee : Nominated : de Beer Tip Seconded : Willis

TIP ELECTED

Nominated: Jordan Structures Committee : Stent

Seconded : Gilder

STENT ELECTED

Nominated : Mendelowitz Steering Committee : Tip Seconded : Williamson

TIP ELECTED

# Report from the NUSED Congress

# Resolution 48/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the NUSED Congress.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Gilder

Carried unanimously

The following resolutions passed by the NUSED Congress were put before N.S.A. for ratification:

# Motion A

That this Student Congress adopt the minutes of the previous NUSED Congress.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Budlender

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

#### Motion B.

That this Student Congress rescind all policy not contained in correlated policy.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Riches

Carried unanimously

#### Motion C.

That this Student Congress table the report of the NUSED Acting Secretary General.

PROPOSED : Bridger SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

#### Motion D.

That this Student Congress adopt the report of the NUSED Acting Secretary General.

PROPOSED: Bridger SECONDED: Knight

Carried unanimously

# Motion E.

That this Student Congress amend the NUSED Constitution as follows :

- 11 b all words after "programs" be deleted;
- the words "National Student Assembly of the National Union" be deleted and replaced with "Student Congress":
- The words "National Student Assembly" be deleted and replaced by "Student Congress";

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- Delete all words after "Sanctioned by the" and replace with "Executive":
- Delete and replace with "A special resolution shall be a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting at a Student Congress and by a simple majority of the centres there represented";
- 13 (a) Delete in toto and replace with the following:
  - "(a) MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE: Student Congress shall at each annual meeting determine the number of persons that shall comprise the Executive for the ensuing year and also the portfolios to be filled and whether or not the portfolios shall be held in a part-time or a full-time capacity and whether the holders shall be employees of NUSED or not. Student Congress shall thereupon proceed to elect persons to fill these portfolios which persons shall on election form the Executive for the ensuing year. This elected Executive shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy, programs and projects approved by the Student Congress and shall hold office for one year."

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

#### Motion F.

That this Student Congress apply to the National Student Assembly of the National Union of South African Students for associate membership as provided for in Clause 5 of the NUSAS Constitution and submits the following article of association:

#### NUSAS/NUSED ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION

That it be and hereby is agreed that the National Student Assembly (hereinafter referred to as NSA) of the National Union of South African Students (hereinafter referred to as National Union) and the Student Congress of the National Union of Students Education Department (hereinafter referred to as NUSED) do enter into the following article of association which shall define the nature of the association between them.

- That the National Union and NUSED having note of the Constitution of each body do declare these to be compatible and complementary, as both organisations have as primary objectives the promotion of the educational and general interests of students.
- That the National Union and NUSED agree that the basis of the agreement between the two organisations shall be a joint upholding of the principle and aims contained in both Constitutions with especial reference to the Declaration of Human Rights and the preamble of the National Union's constitution.

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- iii That NUSED and the National Union do agree that the administrative affairs of NUSED should be conducted by the National Union's Head Office and that the financial records and books of NUSED shall be incorporated in those of the National Union.
- iv That it is agreed that, notwithstanding anything contained in this article of association, both the National Union and NUSED shall retain autonomy as separate organisations, shall be separate legal persona and shall have no legal responsibility for the affairs of each other.
- The National Union and NUSED do agree that each organisation shall enjoy representation at the annual meeting of the other but that neither organisation shall exercise any votes at such meeting.
- vi This article of association shall only remain in force while mutually agreed upon by NUSED and the National Union and either party may at any time withdraw from the association by a simple majority decision of its annual meeting.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously

# Motion G.

That this Student Congress table and adopt the Budget and Finance Report.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

#### Motion H.

That this Student Congress

RESOLVES to increase the annual membership fee of NUSED to R1,00 per person, and to make the duration of membership from 1st May of any one year to April 30th of the following year.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

#### Motion I.

That this Student Congress adopt the following projects and programmes for the ensuing year:

- Student Travel
- 2) Investigation into the feasibility of alternative employment
- The Prison Education Scheme.

PROPOSED : Moroney SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

/Motion J. .....

#### Motion J.

That this Student Congress NOTING

- the sterling work done in the arranging of Student Tour contracts for 1975
- ii) the extensive legal work done in preparing the changes in the NUSED Constitution

THANK Messrs. Williamson, Tip and Parker for their work.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

# Motion K.

That this Student Congress adopt the following Executive structure for the ensuing year :

Secretary General

2. One NUSED Local Director on each campus.

These positions shall be held on a part-time basis and the holders shall not be employees of MUSED.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 49

That this Student Assembly ratify the resolutions adopted at the NUSED Congress.

PROPOSED : Budlender SECONDED : Williamson

#### Amendment:

That clauses 2 and 3 in Motion I be deleted and replaced with :

Activity for Educational Reform.

PROPOSED : Williamson

The amendment was accepted by the proposer and became part of the substantive motion.

Carried Nem. Con. (2 abst.)

/Report	
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# Report from the Aquarius Congress

# Resolution 50

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Aquarius Congress.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried unanimously

The following resolutions passed by the Aquarius Congress were put before N.S.A. for ratification :

# Motion A.

That this Aquarius Congress ratify the minutes of the Aquarius National Congress of July, 1974 and the Special Congress of December, 1974.

PROPOSED : Levinrad SECONDED : McMillan

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

# Motion B.

That this Aquarius Congress table the report of the Secretary General.

PROPOSED : Maré,G. SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

# Motion C.

That this Aquarius Congress adopt the Secretary General's Report.

PROPOSED : Maré,G. SECONDED : Haysom

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

#### Motion D.

That this Aquarius Congress

NOTING:

- NUSAS Executive Resolution 1/75;
- National Council Resolution taken on 8/7/75;
- 3) that it is desirable for NUSAS cultural action to be more thoroughly integrated into general NUSAS policy and action;
- 4) that the existence of Aquarius had become an obstacle to, rather than a facilitation of, student cultural action;
- RESOLVES: 1) hereby to dissolve Aquarius with effect from 31st July, 1975;
  - to recommend to National Student Assembly that NUSAS cultural action be thoroughly re-thought;

/3) ......

- 3) to recommend to National Student Assembly that the present Aquarius Secretary General be retained on the NUSAS Executive until 30th November 1975 as a temporary cultural action officer with the following priorities:
  - a) the immediate initiation and co-ordination of campus-based cultural action programmes;
  - b) the administration of the national arts publication FRONT;
  - c) any other activities that the NUSAS Executive may, from time to time, deem necessary.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)
with acclaim

# Motion E.

That this Aquarius Congress thank Barry Gilder for all his hard work, inspiration and perspiration in his work as Secretary General.

PROPOSED : Dominy SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried Nem. Con.(1 abst.)
with acclaim

# Resolution 51

That this Student Assembly ratify the Resolutions adopted by the Aquarius Congress.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Friedman

Carried unanimously with acclaim

#### Resolution 52

That this Student Assembly

<u>NOTING</u>: 1) the decision to dissolve Aquarius as of 31st July, 1975;

> 2) the ups and downs, goods and bads, beautifications and mortifications which have been the lot of Aquarius during its short but passionate life;

#### HEREBY RESOLVES :

 to pay tribute, in these the last hours of Aquarius, to the dedicated and turbulent manner in which Aquarius has endeavoured to carve a face for itself out of the gaseous amorphousness of social relevance,

2) to maintain a brief period of silence during which delegates may allow the full import of their loss to ramify through every vein and fibre of their bodies.

PROPOSED : Gilder

SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 53/75

That this Student Assembly amend the Standing Rules for the Conduct of NUSAS Student Assembly meetings in the following way:

- Clause 9.4 be amended to read "<u>Twelve hours notice</u>" in place of "<u>Twenty</u> -Four hours notice";
- ii) Clause 9.6 be amended to read "the twelve hours notice" in place of "the twenty-four hours notice".

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously

# Contact with other Student Groups

#### Motion:

That this Student Assembly

NOTING: The positive attitude adopted by the Afrikaanse Studentebond as regards contact with NUSAS;

- BELIEVING:

  That contact between organisations supporting conflicting ideologies should not be boycotted by either organisation on the basis of its own partiality in the conflict;
  - ii) That contact between NUSAS and ASB does not imply the compromising of any principles or policies (Skakeling is nie toenadering nie);
  - iii) That contact does not mean that joint policy statements need be issued;
- RESOLVES: i) To mandate the President to approach the ASB with a view to a meeting later in the year between
  - a) The NUSAS National Council and a similar group from the ASB, or
  - b) The NUSAS Executive and a similar group from the ASB;
  - To mandate the President to attempt, in conjunction with the ASB President, to involve black student

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leaders in any talks which may take place.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Liebenberg

# Amendment:

That all words after "that" be deleted and replaced by :

"That this Student Assembly

NOTING: the fact that, according to its Constitution, NUSAS

is a body open to all students in South Africa

REAFFIRMS: its willingness to receive representations and

undertake discussions with any student groups, and

MANDATES: the Executive to pursue contact with students on

Afrikaans and Black campuses.

PROPOSED: McMillan
SECONDED: de Beer
Abst.: 0
For: 60

For :60 Amendment Carried

# Resolution 54/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the fact that, according to its Constitution, NUSAS

is a body open to all students in South Africa

REAFFIRMS its willingness to receive representations and under-

take discussions with any student groups, and

MANDATES the Executive to pursue contact with students on

Afrikaans and black campuses.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Liebenberg

#### Carried unanimously

MINUTE - de Beer and Williamson voted for the Resolution as amended.
"In this respect we would like to congratulate Mr. Tip on his efforts to promote valid contacts with Black and Afrikaans students over the past 18 months and we believe that adoption of the original motion would place the fruits of these efforts in jeopardy."

# Orientation Committee

# Resolution 55/75

That this Student Assembly consider the proceedings thus far of the Orientation Committee. (SEE APPENDIX A)

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

The report was presented to N.S.A. for discussion and not for adoption. The majority of the delegates felt that the Orientation Committee should consider the matter further and present a concrete proposal to N.S.A.

# Correlated Policy - Colonialism and Imperialism

# Resolution 56/75

That this Student Assembly amend Clause K 4 of Correlated Policy as follows:

DELETE all words after "NUSAS accepts that" and substitute

- "(a) Imperialism is the control and domination of a territory and its people by the dominant class of another territory for the purposes of the (short or long run) extraction of a surplus.
  - (b) <u>Colonialism</u> is a particular form of imperialism involving formal control of the dominated territory's state apparatus. As such, it makes impossible the full economic, social, cultural and political development of the people of the colonised country.
  - (c) <u>Neo-colonialism</u> involves the spphistication from formal political control of a country to a more subtle form of control primarily over the economy of the exploited country. Neo-colonialism creates, utilizes or reinforces a small elite in the dominated country, which alone in that country benefits from the wealth created and remains subservient to the neo-colonial power.

STATES: its opposition to colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism in all their forms and affirms its belief that national self-determination is an initial requirement for development of all people.

PROPOSED : Bloch SECONDED : Hirsch

Agst.: 3
Abst.: 3
For : 54
Motion Carried

# Report from the Women's Action Committee

# Resolution 57/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Women's Action Committee.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 58/75 .........

#### Resolution 58/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Women's Action Committee. (SEE APPENDIX B)

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

#### Motion:

That this Student Assembly

#### AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF

- that the liberation of women cannot be achieved in an unequal society;
- 2. that the true liberation of women cannot be equated with the striving by women for positions of social and economic status within an unequal society without linking the oppression of women to broader social oppression;
- that an approach which emphasises solely the personal liberation of individual women ignores the social determinants of women's oppression;
- 4. that the intimate relationships between the oppression of women and broader social oppression renders it vital for women to be involved to the full in all social and political action which attempts to create a free and unexploitative society;

#### THEREFORE RECOMMENDS

- that women's groups at constituent centres adopt these criteria in deciding which women's groups not affiliated to NUSAS they will co-operate with;
- that co-operation with other women's groups who do not share these beliefs should be engaged in only on specific projects and where the project does not lead to diffusion and assimilation of this policy;
- 3. that both women's groups as a whole and their individual members involve themselves to the full in all activities of the National Union or other groups orientated to social change;
- 4. that these groups regard as a priority the development of certain skills which would enable them to gain self-confidence, initiative, leadership skills which accompany these among their members;
- 5. in accordance with the above-stated belief that women's action involves itself with a problem area which directly affects both men and women, that women's action should be the concern of men as well as women.

PROPOSED : Emdon SECONDED : Schutte Amendment A - That "nonexploitative" replace "unexploitative" in Clause 4 of "AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF".

PROPOSED : Willis

Accepted by the Proposer and seconder.

#### Amendment B -

 that all words after "unequal society" in Clause 2 of "AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF" be deleted.

ii) that the words "while the exchange of information and ideas with other women's groups will at all times be encouraged" be inserted in "RECOMMENDS" Clause 2 between "that" and "co-operation", and that the word "co-operation" be deleted and substituted by "active participation" in the same clause.

PROPOSED : Friedman

Accepted by the proposer and seconded of the motion.

#### Amendment C

That Clause 2 of the section "THEREFORE RECOMMENDS" be deleted.

PROPOSED : Ferron

SECONDED : van Niekerk

#### Withdrawn

#### Amendment D

That the words "and assimilation" be deleted in Clause 2 of "THEREFORE RECOMMENDS".

PROPOSED : Haysom

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

#### Amendment E

That the words "women to be involved to the full", in Clause 4 of "AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF", be deleted and replaced by "women's action to be fully involved"

PROPOSED : Gilder

Accepted by the proposer and seconder of the motion.

# Resolution 59/75

That this Student Assembly

# AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF

- that the liberation of women cannot be achieved in an unequal society;
- that the true liberation of women cannot be equated with the striving by women for positions of social and economic status within an unequal society;
- that an approach which emphasises solely the personal liberation of individual women ignores the social determinants of women's oppression;
- 4. that the intimate relationship between the oppression of women and broader social oppression renders it vital for women's action to be fully involved in all social, and political action which attempts to create a free and nonexploitative society;

THEREFORE ......

#### THEREFORE RECOMMENDS

- that women's groups at constituent centres adopt these criteria in deciding which women's groups not affiliated to NUSAS they will co-operate with;
- 2. that, while the exchange of information and ideas with other women's groups will at all times be encouraged, co-operation with other women's groups who do not share these beliefs should be engaged in only on specific projects and where the project does not lead to diffusion of this policy;
- 3. that both women's groups as a whole and their individual members involve themselves to the full in all activities of the National Union or other groups orientated to social change;
- 4. that these groups regard as a priority the development of certain skills which would enable them to gain self-confidence, initiative, leadership skills which accompany these among their members;
- in accordance with the above-stated belief that women's action involves itself with a problem area which directly affects both men and women, that women's action should be the concern of men as well as women.

PROPOSED : Emdon SECONDED : Schutte

Carried unanimously

Correlation was moved and lost (against - 40, Abst. - 4, For - 16)

## Resolution 60/75

That this Student Assembly

# NOTING

- that NUSAS strives for the true liberation of all people within our society,
- that the liberation of women is an integral facet of this process;

AND BELIEVING that it is therefore vitally necessary for NUSAS to incorporate into its general direction and programmes projects aimed at the liberation of women

# RESOLVES

- to recommend to all centres that women's groups be set up with full project status,
- 2. to mandate the Head Office Executive to co-ordinate these groups nationally and to include in its resource centre resources related to this project and to recommend to local women's groups that they assist in the setting up of this centre.

PROPOSED : Love SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously

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In the course of debate the following verbal amendments were made, to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder:

In "RESOLVES" Clause 1, the words "with the same status" were deleted and replaced by "with full project status" - de Beer.

In "RESOLVES" Clause 2 the words "build up a" were deleted and replaced by "include in its" and "resources" was inserted between "centre" and "related". - Tip

Hirsch proposed that all words after "nationally" be deleted in "RESOLVES" Clause 2. This amendment was not accepted by the proposer and seconder and was withdrawn.

# Resolution 61/75

That this Student Assembly

Believes that the liberation of women is integrally bound up with the total liberation of society. It therefore believes that women must act together to fight for their liberation in conjunction with the overall struggle for a free and equal society.

PROPOSED : Emdon

SECONDED : Merrifield

Carried Nem. Con. (8 abst.)

Correlation was moved by Friedman, seconded by de Beer.

<u>Agst.</u>: 3 <u>Abst.</u>: 4 <u>For</u>: 55

#### Correlation was carried with acclaim.

It was suggested that this should be Clause 3 of Section A of Correlated Policy.

# Report of Committee on Alternative Employment

# Resolution 62/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Committee on Alternative Employment. (SEE APPENDIX C)

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 63/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Committee on Alternative Employment.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Hofmeyr, W.

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 64/75 .....

# Resolution 64/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING

that our universities train graduates largely to fit into positions in which their skills are used to perpetuate the exploitative domination of the majority of our citizens, in the interests of the ruling minority

ESTABLISHES a Project which will research possibilities of meaningful alternative employment and alternative education
in which graduates can gain and use their skills in
tasks more compatible with their beliefs and with the
activities in which they are engaged while at university

and to this end

# MANDATES the Executive, in consultation with S.R.C.'s and Local Committees, to

- approach and recruit people whose specialised knowledge of particular fields would enable them to conduct such research
- convene, as soon as possible, a meeting of those people selected to do this research
- outline more specifically the terms of reference of the research team as a result of this meeting
- co-ordinate the research
- 5) publish their findings and make this information available to interested students and graduates.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Williamson

#### Carried unanimously

During debate, the motion was amended verbally to the acceptance of the proposer and seconded to read as it stands

- a) By the deletion of the words "the criticism" in the "NOTING" Clause (Levinrad);
- b) By the insertion of the words "and alternative education" between "employment" and "in" in the "ESTABLISHES" Clause, and the words "gain and" between "can" and "use" in the same clause (Kitai);
- c) By the substitution of "largely" for "only" in the "NOTING" Clause (Willis).

#### Resolution 65/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Committee on Student Community Services. (APPENDIX D)

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Maré,G.

#### Carried unanimously

/Resolution 66/75 ...........

# Resolution 66/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Committee on Student Community Services and mandate the NUSAS Executive in general, and the President and Finance Officer in particular to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

# Report of the Committee on Ecology Action

# Resolution 67/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the statement of intent of the Envirac project which reads:

"The role of Envirac shall be to stimulate an awareness of actual and potential environmental problems as a manifest-ation of the prevailing social, economic and political order."

To this end, locally based Envirac groups shall undertake projects in order to involve people both in spreading an awareness of the root causes and in treating the symptoms of these problems.

PROPOSED : Edwards SECONDED : de Beer

Agst.: 2
Abst.: 0
For : 60
Motion Carried

During the debate, the last clause was amended verbally to read as it stands to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder by the deletion of the words "in treating the symptoms of these problems and spreading an awareness of the root causes" and the replacement of them by "both in spreading an awareness of the root causes and in treating the symptoms of these problems". (Mendelowitz)

# Resolution 68/75

That this Student Assembly mandate the Envirac Director to :

- investigate the feasibility of either institutionalized or counter-course Environmental Studies courses on each campus, and assist local committees in establishing either of these options;
- b) disseminate information to campus groups relating to the statement of intent of the Envirac project as adopted by N.S.A. and to build up the Environmental section of the Head Office Resource Centre for this purpose;
- c) organize a national Envirac training seminar during December for the purposes of planning, and hence for orientation during 1976;

d) draw up a planning programme applicable to campus activity, with a special emphasis on the viability of action-oriented seminars.

PROPOSED : Edwards SECONDED : Moroney

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

During debate, Chause (b) was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands by the deletion of the words "their intentions" and the substitution of the words "the statement of intent of the Envirac project as adopted by N.S.A." - Mendelowitz.

#### Motion:

That this Student Assembly approve the recommendation that

- the Envirac Director draws up a fundraising document for the purposes of financing the national Envirac project;
- the local Envirac committees apply for money to their respective S.R.C.'s in order to operate financially.

PROPOSED : Edwards SECONDED : Moroney

Edwards withdrew as proposer and Moroney became the proposer.

The motion was then withdrawn.

# Resolution 69/75

That this Student Assembly approve the period January, 1975 to April, 1976 as a trial period for the viability of the Envirac project and that the efficacy and desirability of the project be reviewed by National Council at the end of this financial year, that is, April, 1976.

PROPOSED : Edwards SECONDED : de Beer

Agst.: 6
Abst.: 7
For : 46
Motion Carried

During debate the words "by National Council" were inserted between "reviewed" and "at" to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder. (de Beer)

#### Orientation Committee

CHAIR TO MR. STENT

#### Resolution 70/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the continued widespread ignorance about and distortion of the aims, objectives, policy and projects of NUSAS,

AFFIRMS that all of its activities seek to contribute to the construction of a peaceful society,

/NOTING
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NOTING FURTHER that the notion of peace and its application to Southern Africa have themselves been confused and distorted,

REJECTS those interpretations of peace, whether societally or individually based, which are grounded in a context of domination, exploitation and oppression,

# RESOLVES i) to project itself explicitly as an organisation dedicated to and working towards a genuinely peaceful South Africa,

ii) to adopt a programme specifically directed at, inter alia, the clarification of the meaning of peace and its component elements, and a rigorous analysis of its preconditions and the role played by those groups, structures, events and processes which presently contribute to, or impede, the attainment of that peace.

PROPOSED : Tip SECONDED : de Beer Agst.: 12
Abst.: 9
For : 41
Motion Carried

CHAIR TO MR. TIP

# Report from the Social Action Committee

#### Resolution 71/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Social Action Committee. (SEE APPENDIX E)

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Machanick

Carried unanimously

Mr. Hemm was gtanted speaking rights, and addressed N.S.A.

Closure was moved (Willis) and accepted.

# Resolution 72/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Social Action Committee.

PROPOSED : Levinrad SECONDED : Hardy

Carried unanimously

# Amendment of the Constitution

#### Resolution 73/75

That this Student Assembly resolves to amend the Constitution of the National Union as follows:

/1. ......

- that postal motions 5/74 and 6/74 be rescinded;
- 2. that the following clauses be added:
  - 2g The Executive shall be the duly elected Executive of the National Union.
  - h The National Directorate shall be the duly elected National Directorate of the National Union.
  - i The President shall be the duly elected President of the National Union.

#### In clauses

- 7a Add the words "and members of the National Directorate" after "Executive".
- b iii) Delete and replace with the following: "Each member of the Executive and each member of the National Directorate shall have one vote."

#### 4. Delete

- Ba Delete the words "constituent centres and the Executive" and replace by the following: "Constituent centres, the Executive and the National Directorate."
- 5. 8g Insert the words "and National Directorate" between "Executive" and "shall".
- 6. 8j Delete all words from "When" to "falls" and replace with the following: "When an Executive or National Director position falls".
- 7. 9 Insert "practically" between the words "cannot" and "be".
  - 9b Delete and replace with the following:

"Members of the Executive: N.S.A. shall at each annual meeting determine the number of persons that shall comprise the Executive for the ensuing year and also the portfolios to be filled and whether or not the portfolios shall be held in a part-time or full-time capacity and whether the holders shall be employees of NUSAS or not. N.S.A. shall thereupon proceed to elect persons to fill these portfolios which persons shall on election form the Executive for the ensuing year".

9d	Delete
9e	Delete
9f	Delete
9g	Delete

9c

9h

Delete

Delete

9i Delete /9k .......

- 9k Delete the words from "Until elected" and replace by the following: "for a period of one year as prescribed".
- i) Delete all words after "be" and replace with "at least half plus one of the members entitled to a vote provided that any decision taken at a non-quorate meeting may be ratified by a subsequent quorate meeting".
- 91 ii) Delete and replace with the following: "Procedure at Executive meetings shall be governed by the standing rules for the conduct of N.S.A. meetings".
- Add 91 iv) The President, or his deputy shall convene a meeting of the Executive on the written request of not less than one third of the Executive and, where practicable, notice of the meeting should be given to all members.
- 8. 10a i) Add the words "and all National Directors" after "Executive".
- 9. 17b Delete
- 10. Add the following:
  - ii) The N.S.A. may where a committee, Sub-committee, Commission, Group, Programme, Project or Council is set up under 12 a (i), appoint a Director for such activity. N.S.A. shall at each annual meeting determine the number of Directors for the ensuing year and also the portfolios which they shall fill and whether or not the portfolios shall be held in a part-time or full-time capacity and whether the holders shall be employees of NUSAS or not. N.S.A. shall thereupon proceed to elect persons to fill these portfolios which persons shall on election form the National Directorate for the ensuing year.
  - Composition: Any student registered at an S.R.C. affiliate constituent centre; any student who is a member of a branch, or any student who is a member may be elected as a National Director.
  - The National Directors shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy of the National Union in general and specifically for their specific portfolio responsibilities as prescribed by N.S.A. and shall be directly responsible to the Executive and N.S.A.
  - 12d Duties of National Directors :
    - It shall be the duty of every National Director to attend meetings of N.S.A. and National Council.
  - ii) Where a National Director is unable to attend a meeting of N.S.A. or National Council, the respective body may, on receipt of a written application, grant him leave of absence for the meeting.
  - iii) All National Directors shall be voting members of National Council and N.S.A.

/ iv) .....

- iv) Each National Director is responsible to N.S.A., and notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, shall cease to hold office after a vote of no confidence has been taken by N.S.A.
- v) The National Directors shall be entitled to make recommendations to N.S.A., Student Assembly in Council, and National Council.
- vi) No National Director shall be entitled to make any public statement concerning the National Union, whether or not that statement is made in a personal or official capacity. However, all National Directors shall be entitled to make personal statements at National Union meetings, such as N.S.A. and National Union seminars provided that they take all reasonable precautions to ensure that their personal statements will not publicly be associated with the National Union or the policy of the National Union.
- vii) Two weeks before N.S.A. meets, each National Director shall submit a report on his activities to the Executive and all constituent centres.

#### 12e Acting National Directors

- i) Where a vacancy for a National Director cannot be filled for a considerable time, the Executive may appoint an Acting Project Director to fill the vacant post.
- ii) An Acting National Director shall have a vote on N.S.A., Student Assembly in Council and National Council and shall have the same responsibilities and duties as prescribed for National Directors in Clause 12.

#### 12f Re-election, Resignation and Vacancy

- i) Every National Director shall hold office for a period of one year as prescribed by N.S.A. at its annual meeting, unless such member is removed from office in terms of Clause 12 d (iv) or submit his resignation in writing to the Executive and such resignation is accepted by it. Three months notice shall be given in the case of a full-time National Directors.
- ii) Any National Director shall be eligible for re-election. If such a National Director ceases to be a student, such person shall be eligible for re-election for one year only.
- iii) Where the post of a National Director falls vacant, the Executive shall be empowered to fill the vacancy by postal ballot as prescribed in Clause 8j after nominations have been called for from the Student Assembly in Council.

PROPOSED	:	Williamson
SECONDED	:	de Beer

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

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During debate Clause 9 was amended verbally (Friedman) to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands by the deletion of the words "the words 'or an affiliate organisation." after "Delete".

# Resolution 74/75

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING

- The Constitutional amendments made to the NUSAS and NUSED Constitutions the effect of which has been to remove NUSED as an affiliate of NUSAS
- The application by the NUSED Student Congress to the Student Assembly for associate membership by NUSED of NUSAS under Clause 5 of the NUSAS Constitution,
- The proposed article of association defining the nature of the relationship between NUSAS and NUSED,
- RESOLVES to admit the National Union of Students Education pepartment as an associate member of the National Union of South African Students, and
- RESOLVES FURTHER that the proposed article of association defining the nature of the association between the National Union and NUSED be accepted. (See Motion F of NUSED Congress Report.)

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

#### Resolution 75/75

That this Student Assembly congratulate Mr. Williamson on his successful completion (for the third consecutive year) of complex alterations to the NUSAS Constitution, and commiserates with him on the many tedious hours of work that go into these amendments.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Edwards

Carried unanimously with acclaim

#### Report of the Media Committee

# Resolution 76/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Horton

Carried unanimously

SEE APPENDIX F.

/Resolution 77/75 ...........

Resolution 77/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Media Committee.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Fine

## Carried unanimously

During debate, the report was amended verbally to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder in the following way:

- By the deletion of the words "that constitutes the intentions of the National Union" after "realisation" in paragraph 3 -Tip.
- By the deletion of the words "(in that order of priority)" after "students" in paragraph 5 (b) - Ferron, Mendelowitz.
- 3. By renumbering the subsections of Clause 5 (b) to read as follows:
  - "i) workers
  - ii) students
  - iii) general public" Bloch.

# Report of University Education Action Committee

## Resolution 78/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Committee on University Education Action.

PROPOSED : Maré, G. SECONDED : Machanick

Carried unanimously

#### SEE APPENDIX G

During debate the report was amended to read as it stands to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder by the insertion of the word "than" between "rather" and "in" in clause 4 (Mendelowitz) and by the insertion of the word "also" between "education" and "be" in clause 6 (Love).

# Resolution 79/75

That this Student Assembly

BELIEVING that the "Policy on Education" adopted at the 51st
Congress continues to provide a clear and concise set
of principles and goals to be pursued through Education
Action on the campuses,

NOTING that although the attainment of these goals is impossible without being linked to radical changes in society as a whole, it is nevertheless necessary to:

i) give more form and content to the policy on Education

/ii) .........

- ii) formulate and clarify the various strategies through which these Education goals can be realised,
- iii) implement these strategies wherever possible;

ADOPTS Section A and B of the report of the Education Committee as laying out a framework for this strategy and mandates the NUSAS Executive and Campus Officers to implement, wherever possible, the recommendations contained in the report.

PROPOSED : Moroney SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried unanimously

Mr. Hemm was granted permission to address N.S.A.

# Resolution 80/75

That this Student Assembly

ENDORSES in general the report and motivational paper on the campus community organisation project, (SEE APPENDIX H)

RECOMMENDS to Congress delegates, especially those who are members of the Students' Representative Councils, that they promote this project on their respective campuses,

MANDATES NUSAS personnel responsible for seminars at the Local and National levels to play a supportive role in this project, especially with regard to the training of facilitators and provision of follow-up seminar programmes.

PROPOSED : Malherbe SECONDED : Friedman

Agst.: 1
Abst.: 5
For : 55
Motion Carried

#### Détente

#### Resolution 81/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1) that South Africa remains a society typified by violence, exploitation and discrimination,
  - that S.W.A./Namibia remains under the illegal occupation of the South African Government,
  - that Rhodesia/Zimbabwe remains under the domination of a minority regime,
  - the political maneouvres undertaken by the South African government commonly called the détente effort,

FURTHER NOTES that the perceptions of the rest of Africa towards South Africa are contained in the following statements:

 The Lusaka manifesto which, while stressing the total commitment of Africa to the liberation of South Africa,

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emphasised the use of peaceful means for the attainment of this goal;

- 2) The Mogadishu declaration which expresses Africa's unwilling commitment to the use of force should peaceful means fail in the liberation of South Africa;
- 3) The recent Dar-es-Salaam declaration which clearly states that détente is regarded by Africa as a possible means to the goal of liberation rather than an end in itself;

#### RECORDS ITS BELIEF

- that the détente initiative by the South African government must be seen as a response to threats posed by recent changes within Africa rather than an earnest desire to rid South Africa of fundamental inequalities,
- 2) that the absence of any attempt by the initiators of détente to remove any of the violence inherent in <u>inter</u> <u>alia</u>, forced removals, pass laws, suppression of opposition and continued non-recognition of legitimate worker organisations makes a mockery of their claim that they are striving for a just and peaceful South Africa,
- 3) that meaningful peace in South Africa can only be attained ultimately when true equality is achieved in our country and cannot be achieved only by discussions with foreign leaders or meaningless and peripheral concessions,

#### THEREFORE STATES

- that the ultimate goal of détente for the South African government must be suspected as not being the establishment of a just and peaceful South Africa but the maintenance of a more stable form of inequality and the violence inherent in it,
- that the present détente strategy must therefore be rejected as a valid means of creating a peaceful South Africa,
- that it is however necessary for individuals and groups concerned with meaningful social change to recognise the profound implications which this strategy holds for real change in South Africa,
- 4) that those groups and individuals concerned with true peace in South Africa should substitute a rigorous analysis of détente and the preconditions for true peace in South Africa, as well as action based on that analysis, for a glib reliance on détente as a means of achieving this goal,

AND RECOMMENDS that careful exploration of these issues by students on all campuses be regarded as an essential priority by both the National Union and all South African students.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Friedman

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During debate the motion was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands

- a) Clause 3 of "RECORDS ITS BELIEF" the insertion of "only" between "achieved" and "by"; (Liebenberg)
- b) Clause 1 of "THEREFORE STATES" the deletion of the words "is not" and the insertion of "must be suspected as not being the establishment of" in their place (Willis, Dominy);
- c) Clause 2 of "THEREFORE STATES" the insertion of "valid" between "as" and "a" (Willis, Dominy).

## Amendment

#### That

- Under "RECORDS ITS BELIEF" in clause 3, all words after "country" be deleted,
- 2) Clauses 1 and 2 under "THEREFORE STATES" be deleted,
- 3) that the word "however" be consequently deleted from clause 3 under the same heading and that clauses 3 and 4 become clauses 1 and 2.

PROPOSED : Liebenberg SECONDED : Ferron

Agst. : 60 Abst. : 0 For : 3

Amendment lost

Closure and equalisation of debate were moved and accepted. Voting on Resolution 81/75 as above:

<u>Agst.</u>: 3 <u>Abst.</u>: 0 For : 60

Motion Carried with acclaim

## Report of the Cultural Action Committee

# Resolution 82/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Cultural Action Committee. (SEE APPENDIX I)

PROPOSED : Maré,G. SECONDED : Maré,C.

# Carried unanimously

The Chairman ruled that the adoption of reports did not imply the full endorsement of policy, or the full acceptance of recommendations contained therein.

### Resolution 83/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Cultural Action Committee and endorses Clauses 1 - 8 (i) of the report as an appropriate direction for NUSAS Cultural Action activities.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Friedman

Carried unanimously

## Report of the Seminars .Committee

# Resolution 84/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Seminars Committee. (SEE APPENDIX J)

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Fine

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 85/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Seminars Committee and endorses Clauses I and IV of the report as an appropriate direction for NUSAS seminars activity.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

## Report of the Structures Committee

# Resolution 86/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Structures Committee.(SEE APPENDIX K)

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Horton

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 87/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Structures Committee.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Horton

Carried unanimously

#### Procedure for Debate on Structures

#### Resolution 88/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the following procedure for debate on structures:

- The recommendations of the majority of the Structures Committee be presented to N.S.A. in the form of an omnibus motion covering all aspects of the committee's deliberations,
- 2. This motion shall be divided into appropriate clauses,
- The motion shall be debated clause by clause, amendments being taken only for the clause under debate,
- 4. Voting shall be taken on each clause and the amendments to it, each clause being adopted as stands in the motion, adopted as amended or rejected. After voting has been taken on a clause, debate shall proceed to the next clause.

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- 5. When all clauses in the substantive motion have been debated, amended or voted on in this way, amendments not previously moved may be moved for any clause in the motion as amended, or to the motion as a whole. Debate will only be permitted when it is directed at a specific amendment proposed in this way,
- 6. The Chairman may, at his discretion, rule that these subsequent amendments be debated and voted upon separately,
- When all amendments have been debated and voted upon, there shall be voting on the omnibus motion as amended.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Gilder

Carried unanimously

# Motion

That this Student Assembly adopt the following proposals:

# A. Campus Organisers

- That there be a campus organiser for each of the five campuses represented at N.S.A. viz. the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Cape Town, Rhodes University, the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg), the University of Natal (Durban);
- 2. that they be full-time;
- 3. that they be based on each of these campuses;
- that they be employees of the National Union;
- 5. that they be members of the NUSAS National Directorate with the duties, responsibilities and rights of a Director as defined in Clause 12 of the NUSAS Constitution;
- 6. that the duties of each campus organiser be as follows:
  - a) to initiate NUSAS projects,
  - to facilitate the optimum functioning of the NUSAS Local committee,
  - to assist in the implementation of NUSAS projects and policy,
  - d) to liaise with the S.R.C. and interest groups on campus,
  - to be responsible for the projection of a positive image for NUSAS on campus,
  - f) to involve as many students as possible in NUSAS activities and to ensure that NUSAS leadership is adequately trained,
  - g) to facilitate communication between campuses and between that campus and NUSAS Head Office,
  - to undertake any activities which the NUSAS Executive may, from time to time, request or as mandated by National Council.

# B. Head Office

1. That the NUSAS Head Office Executive shall consist of five positions;

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- 2. that these positions shall consist of :
  - a) a President
  - i) who shall be Chairman of N.S.A., the Executive and the meetings of the National Council;
  - ii) who shall concern himself with the administration of the policy of the National Union and supervise the work of all departments, and to whom the Executive shall be responsible;
  - iii) who shall hold office from December 1st of one year, to December 1st of the following year;
  - iv) who shall, during the period between his election at the annual meeting of N.S.A. and taking office be styled President-elect.
  - v) the President-elect shall be a member of the Executive with all the privileges and duties of an Executive member.
  - b) a Finance Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - i) supervision of the finances of the National Union,
  - ii) fundraising for the National Union, co-ordination of, liaison with, and control over other persons who may, from time to time, be engaged by the Executive to fundraise for the National Union,
  - iii) the book-keeping of the National Union,
  - iv) general office administration,
    - co-ordination and implementation of student community service schemes as recommended by N.S.A.,
    - vi) any other organisational aspects of NUSAS as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council;
      - c) a Media Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
      - the production and distribution of the NUSAS publication, DISSENT,
    - a newsletter for distribution to campus leaders which focusses on campus and national activities of interest value to campus leaders,
  - iii) the production of, and/or assistance with, other publications aimed at sepcific project and interest groups,
    - iv) the implementation and co-ordination of a resource centre the purpose of which shall be to facilitate as wide a range of resource requirements as possible, and specifically to assist in the dissemination of material for the use of education reform projects and seminars,
    - v) to work with NUSAS Local Committees in the projection of a positive NUSAS image.

- vi) the transmission to campuses of the ideas and projections arising out of the activity and interaction of the Head Office Executive,
- vii) to maintain as close a contact with campus newspapers as possible,
- viii) to initiate and assist in the establishment of media groups on campuses,
  - ix) to interact with other members of the Head Office Executive in the initiation, planning and execution of projects,
  - x) any other duties as may be requested by the Head Office Executive or mandated by National Council.
- d) an Action Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - initiation and co-ordination of projects undertaken by all NUSAS action groups, including, inter alia, Wages Commissions, Communities Commissions, Environmental Action groups, Cultural Action groups, Women's Action groups, and Education Reform Action groups,
  - ii) liaison and contact with non-NUSAS action groups on the campuses and with off-campus action groups,
  - iii) the undertaking and co-ordinating of research on issues relevant to action programmes and projects and the dissemination of such research,
    - iv) the initiation and co-ordination of student action projects both on a local and national level,
    - the promotion of interaction between student action groups and between student action groups and non-student action groups,
  - vi) to interact with other members of the Head Office Executive in the initiation, planning and execution of projects,
  - vii) any other duties as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council,
- e) a Seminars Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - initiation and organisation of National seminars in conjunction with the Executive,
  - research, collation and distribution of material relating to general techniques on running seminars,
  - iii) to draw up, collate and disseminate resource material of use in running seminars,
    - iv) to co-operate with other members of the Executive in work on University Education,
      - v) to travel to affiliated centres, and participate in the running and planning of seminars, particularly planning and Freshers' seminars,

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- vi) any other duties as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council.
- 3. That the Head Office Executive, in addition to their individual portfolio responsibilities, shall:
  - function as a multi-purpose secretariat, responsible inter alia for the initiation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes and projects,
  - co-operate and interact as fully as possible with the Campus Organisers,
  - work together as a tightly-knit group on as many levels as possible in the interests of the most efficient functioning of the National Union,
- 4. That from amongst the persons elected by N.S.A. to the Head Office Executive, N.S.A. shall elect one to the additional post of Vice-President, whose duties shall be to deputise for the President,
- That N.S.A. shall determine the line of succession to the presidency from amongst the remaining members of the Head Office Executive.

# C. Relationship between the NUSAS Local Committee and the Campus Organiser

- That the Local Chairperson be the deputy of the Campus Organiser.
- That the Campus Organiser be an <u>ex officio</u> member of the NUSAS Local Committee.

#### D. Relationship between the S.R.C. and the Campus Organiser

 That both parties need to the utmost of their ability to co-operate as extensively as possible in the fulfilment of their functions.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Gilder

The motion was debated in the manner laid down by Resolution 88/75 and each clause was debated separately, and a vote taken on each. The voting on each clause was as follows:

## A. Campus Organisers

Clause 1. Unanimous Unanimous Clause 3. Unanimous Unanimous Clause 4. Unanimous Unanimous Unanimous Clause 5. Unanimous

Clause 6. Amendment

That the words "to be responsible for" in clause e) be deleted and replaced by "to ensure".

PROPOSED : Stent

Accepted by the proposer and seconder.

Amendment

That all the words after "ensure that" in Clause 6 (f) be deleted and replaced by "ensure that facilities exist for leadership development".

PROPOSED : Ferron

Accepted by the Proposer and Seconder.

Carried unanimously

## B. Head Office

Clause 1.

<u>Agst.</u>: 4 <u>Abst.</u>: 15 <u>For</u>: 41 <u>Carried</u>

Clause 2 (a) - President

Unanimous

Clause 2 (b) - Finance Officer

Unanimous

Clause 2 (d) - Action Officer

## Amendment

That Clause D "an Action Officer .... be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"A Social Action Officer whose duties shall be as follows:

- initiation and co-ordination of projects undertaken by Communities and Wages Commissions and literacy projects;
- ii) co-ordination of resource flows for Community and Labour publications;
- iii) maintaining communication between NUSAS Commissions, student social action groups and other relevant bodies;
  - iv) providing theoretical input through, inter alia, national and local seminars for the NUSAS Commissions and other social action groups on campuses;
  - v) maintaining formal contact with T.U.A.C.C., W.A.P. and I.A.S., and any other groups decided upon by the NUSAS Social Action groups;
  - vi) undertaking and co-ordination of research on relevant issues and the dissemination of the results of such research;
- vii) co-ordinating and initiating contact between any student social action groups and educational groups for the discussion of the content of university courses and its relation to social action;
- viii) co-operation with other members of the Executive in areas affecting, inter alia, social action programmes.

PROPOSED : Haysom SECONDED : Favis

During debate Clause 2 (d) vii was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder of the amendment by the deletion of the word "reform" between "educational" and "groups" and Clause 2 (d) i of the substantive motion was amended by the deletion of the word "reform"

between "Education" and "action", to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder. - Malherbe.

Closure was moved and accepted.

Mr. Moss was granted speaking rights.

Voting on the Amendment :

Agst. :15

Abst. : 0

For :48

The Amendment was carried and became part of the substantive motion.

# Clause 2 (c) - Media Officer

#### Amendment

That in Clause c (iv) the words " and to assist in the establishment of cultural action groups" be added, and that Clause C (ix) be deleted and replaced with the words "To co-ordinate and co-operate with the campus cultural action groups".

Clauses (ix) and (x) are therefore renumbered Clauses (x) and (xi).

PROPOSED : Haysom SECONDED : Favis

Gilder withdrew as seconder of the substantive motion, and Bloch became the seconder.

Stent then withdrew as proposer of the substantive motion, and Bloch withdrew as seconder.

Haysom and Favis then became proposer and seconder of the motion as amended.

Closure was moved and accepted.

Gilder's letter of resignation was tabled.

Williamson proposed "That the meeting do now adjourn" and this was carried.

When N.S.A. reconvened, Gilder withdrew his resignation and Haysom and Favis withdrew the motion.

## Centre Affiliation

#### Resolution 89/75

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING

- the attacks launched by the van Wyk de Vries Commission against the system of centre affiliation,
- the disaffiliation of the U.N.D. S.R.C. from NUSAS,
- BELIEVING that centre affiliation is both the most practicable and just system of organisation and is, as a consequence, compatible with the aims and principles of NUSAS

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EXPRESSES its regret at the decision of students at U.N.D. and hopes that they will reconsider their decision

AND RESOLVES to reaffirm its support for the system of centre affiliation and to resist attempts which might arise out of the recommendations of the van Wyk de Vries Commission to interfere with this system.

PROPOSED : Willis

SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried Nem. Con. (5 abst.)

# <u>Motion</u>

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING THAT

- NUSAS now consists in practice only of students classified as "European" under the Population Registration Act
- the majority of these students have been socialized in environments which exist as a result of exploitation of blacks and which can generally be described as upper status group,
- 3. the environment of socialization of most of the members of NUSAS has had the effect of limiting their potential to identify with or empathize with those groups who are the most seriously exploited by the economy,
- 4. the majority of students on white South African university campuses are disinterested in any form of political ideology whatsoever, as a result of their alienating environment. Instead, the majority of white students are more interested in cheaper refectory food, freer sex, more easily obtainable university qualifications and more parking space,

#### BELIEVING

- i) that the potential of NUSAS is restricted as a result of this
- ii) that this problem can be attacked through groups directed at this problem
- iii) that the groups proposed in the community organization project by Paul Bell and Paul Malherbe can contribute towards this problem

#### RESOLVES

- i) to instruct the NUSAS Executive and local committees to make efforts to promote more than an intellectual awareness of this situation
- ii) to suggest to local committees to establish groups to deal with this problem.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Stent

#### Amendment

That "NOTING" clause 4 be deleted.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Machanick

## Motion

That the question be not now put.

PROPOSED : Bloch

The Chairman ruled that the previous question could not be moved when an Amendment was before the floor.

The substantive motion was temporarily withdrawn.

# Banning of Mrs, Lilian Ngoyi

# Resolution 90/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1) the banning of Mrs. Lilian Ngoyi, an ex-office-bearer of the South African Federation of Women and the African National Congress
  - 2) that Mrs. Ngoyi has been subjected to a previous series of banning orders
  - 3) the opposition of the National Union to punitive state action without due process of law

CONDEMNS this action as a further cruel and vindictive attack to black opposition to the present South African system

AND RESOLVES to mandate the President to convey our sympathy to Mrs. Ngoyi.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried unanimously

#### Detentions under the Terrorism Act

#### Resolution 91/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1) the detention without trial of two members of staff and a student of the University of Natal under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act
  - 2) the continued detention without trial of 26 SASO and B.P.C. members, some of them for at least nine months
  - 3) the many other people who are banned, detained or imprisoned in our land under the provisions of a vast network of security legislation, inter alia, the Suppression of Communism Act and the Terrorism Act

BELIEVING that actions such as these exist as a very real barrier to the realization of true peace in South Africa

therefore REAFFIRMS

1) its call for the release of all political prisoners in South Africa

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 its call for the repeal of all laws in South Africa which contravene the Rule of Law.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : McMillan

Carried unanimously

# Correlated Policy - Charter of Workers' Rights

# Resolution 92/75

That this Student Assembly delete section B 10 of NUSAS Correlated Policy until a more adequate Charter for Workers has been drawn up by Wages and Economics Commissions.

PROPOSED : Maré SECONDED : Emdon

Carried unanimously

### Neville Curtis' Illness

# Resolution 93/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the recent grave illness of Neville Curtis, past President

of the National Union

EXPRESSES its hope for a speedy and total recovery for Neville, and

MANDATES the President to convey to Neville our very best wishes and the text of this motion.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Ferron

Carried unanimously

#### Student Editors

#### Resolution 94/75

That this Student Assembly

BELIEVING that all newspapers should be free of any form of censorship, overt and covert,

and that editorial staff should operate without any threat of arbitrary action against them

- NOTING 1) past action against editorial staff of various student newspapers
  - 2) that student editors have constraints placed on their activities by national laws

# RECOMMENDS to all S.R.C.'s that

 once an editor is appointed by an S.R.C. he should not be liable for dismissal by any body other than that S.R.C.

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- each S.R.C. should establish firmly, through consultation with university administrations, their right of prerogative over the appointment and dismissal of student editors. In these terms, a university disciplinary court could only make a recommendation to the S.R.C.
- 3) although each S.R.C. should retain the prerogative to dismiss student editors, such dismissal should only take place in terms of a clearly defined student press code
- 4) such a code should provide for dismissal only in cases of:
  - i) incompetence
  - repeated failure to publish submitted material that reflects the views and interests of a substantial section of the student body
  - iii) a serious breach of publication laws

5) each S.R.C. should recognize its responsibility for any legal expenses or fines incurred by the editor or member of the editorial staff which result from her or his action in service to the newspaper.

PROPOSED : Moroney SECONDED : Machanick

Agst. : 2
Abst. : 0
For : 51
Motion Carried

Mr. Hemm was granted permission to speak. Closure was moved and accepted.

## Workers' Newspapers

# R olution 95/75

That this Student Assembly

BELIEVING that "Workers' Newspapers" can potentially play a vital role in education and conscientizing workers, and

- NOTING

  i) the desirability for those papers to be compiled and written by workers themselves so that they may relate directly to the work situation
  - ii) that it will inevitably be some years before workers can run their own newspapers
  - iii) the fact that such worker newspapers are currently being compiled by students
  - iv) that such students do not always have appropriate language ability and experience of the work situation
- RECOMMENDS 1) that worker newspaper editors should set as a priority the involvement of workers in the compilation of the news paper
  - that in the meantime, students who work on worker newspapers should make a concerted effort to develop the

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appropriate language skills and cultural knowledge to effectively relate to workers

## MANDATES the Media Officer

- to investigate the possibility of arranging a newspaper workshop or language course which would have as its objective the development of language and technical skills for worker newspapers
- to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between worker newspapers.

PROPOSED : Moroney SECONDED : Love

During debate, the motion was amended to read as it stands above to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder by the insertion of "NOTING" clause ii) and the renumbering of subsequent clauses - Dyer.

# Ecology Action Budget

## Resolution 96/75

That this Student Assembly table the budget of Ecology Action.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Williamson

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 97/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the budget of Ecology Action (SEE APPENDIX L).

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

#### Structures

#### Resolution 98/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the following structural proposals:

## A. Campus Organisers

- That there be a campus organiser for each of the five campuses represented at N.S.A. viz. the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Cape Town, Rhodes University, the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg), the University of Natal (Durban);
- That they be full-time;
- That they be based on each of these campuses;
- 4. That they be employees of the National Union;
- 5. That they be members of the NUSAS National Directorate with

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the duties, responsibilities and rights of a Director as defined in clause 12 of the NUSAS Constitution;

- 6. That the duties of each Campus Organiser be as follows:
  - a) to initiate NUSAS projects,
  - to facilitate the optimum functioning of the NUSAS local committee,
  - to assist in the implementation of NUSAS projects and policy,
  - d) to liaise with the S.R.C. and interest groups on campus,
  - e) to ensure the projection of a positive image for NUSAS on campus,
  - f) to involve as many students as possible in NUSAS activities and to ensure that facilities exist for leadership development,
  - g) to facilitate communication between campuses and between that campus and NUSAS Head Office,
  - to undertake any activities which the NUSAS Executive may, from time to time, request or as mandated by National Council;

# B. Head Office

- That the NUSAS Head Office Executive shall consist of five positions;
- That these positions shall consist of:

## a) a President

- i) who shall be chairman of N.S.A., the Executive and the meetings of the National Council;
- ii) who shall concern himself with the administration of the policy of the National Union and supervise the work of all departments, and to whom the Executive shall be responsible;
- iii) who shall hold office from December 1st of one year until December 1st of the following year;
- iv) who shall, during the period between his election at the annual meeting of N.S.A. and taking office, be styled President-elect;
  - v) the President-elect shall be a member of the Executive with all the privileges and duties of an Executive member;
- b) a Finance Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - i) supervision of the finances of the National Union,
  - fundraising for the National Union, co-ordination of, liaison with, and control over other persons who may from time to time, be engaged by the Executive to fundraise for the National Union,
  - iii) the book-keeping of the National Union,

- iv) general office administration,
  - co-ordination and implementation of student community services schemes as recommended by N.S.A.,
- vi) any other organisational aspects of NUSAS as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council;
- c) a Cultural Action/Media Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - to initiate and assist in the establishment of cultural action groups on the campus under each local committee, as defined in the Cultural Action report;
  - ii) the initiation and co-ordination of cultural action projects and programmes at a national level;
  - iii) the establishing and maintaining of contact with student and non-student groups and individuals, provided that this contact does not result in the dilution of any of the Cultural Action project's inherent principles and ideals;
    - iv) the facilitation of the integration of Cultural Action with general NUSAS projects;
      - v) the production and distribution of the NUSAS publication DISSENT;
  - vi) a newsletter for distribution to campus leaders which focusses on campus and national activities of interest value to campus leaders;
  - vii) the production of, and/or assistance with, other publications aimed at specific project and interest groups;
  - viii) the transmission to campuses of ideas and projections arising out of the activity and interaction of the Head Office Executive:
    - ix) to maintain as close a contact with campus newspapers as possible;
      - x) to initiate and assist in the establishment of media groups on campusses;
    - xi) implementation and co-ordination of a resource centre;
    - xii) to interact with other members of the Head Office Executive in the initiation, planning and execution of all projects;
  - xiii) any other duties that may be requested by the Head Office Executive or mandated by National Council;
- d) a Social Action Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - initiation and co-ordination of projects undertaken by Communities and Wages Commissions and Literacy projects;
  - ii) co-ordination of resource flows for Community and Labour publications;

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- iii) maintaining communication between NUSAS Commissions, student social action groups and other relevant bodies;
  - iv) providing theoretical input through, inter alia, national and local seminars for the NUSAS Commissions and other social action groups on campusses;
  - v) maintaining formal contact with T.U.A.C.C., W.A.P. and I.A.S., and any other groups decided upon by NUSAS Social Action groups;
- vi) undertaking and co-ordination of research on relevant issues and the dissemination of the results of such research;
- vii) co-ordinating and intiating contact between any student social action groups and educational groups for the discussion of the content of university courses and its relation to social action;
- viii) co-operation with other members of the Executive in areas affecting, intervalia, social action programmes;
  - ix) any other duties as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council;
- e) a Seminars Officer whose duties shall be as follows:
  - initiation and organisation of National seminars in conjunction with the Executive;
  - ii) research, collation and distribution of material relating to general techniques on running seminars;
  - iii) to draw up, collate and disseminate resource material of use in running seminars;
    - iv) to co-operate with other members of the Executive in work on University Education;
    - v) to travel to affiliated centres, and participate in the running and planning of seminars, particularly planning and Freshers' seminars;
    - vi) to co-ordinate and co-operate as far as possible with all NUSAS projects and programmes, particularly in the organising of local and national seminars for these groups;
  - vii) any other duties as may be requested by the Executive or mandated by National Council
- 3. That the Head Office Executive, in addition to their individual portfolio responsibilities, shall:
  - function as a multi-purpose secretariat, responsible for the initiation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes and projects,
  - co-operate and interact as fully as possible with the Campus Organisers,

- c) work together as a tightly-knit group on as many levels as possible in the interests of the most efficient functioning of the National Union;
- C. Relationship between the NUSAS Local Committee and the Campus Organiser.
  - It is recommended that the campus organiser be an ex officio member of the NUSAS Local Executive Committee;
- D. Relationship between the S.R.C. and the Campus Organiser

It is recommended that both parties need to the utmost of their ability to co-operate as extensively as possible in the fulfilment of their functions.

PROPOSED : Haysom SECONDED : Moroney

11.

Since clauses A, B(1), B(2)a and B(2)b, had already been debated and carried (see previous structures debate - page 36), debate proceeded to clause B(2)c.

## Voting

Clause B 2 (c) : Agst. : 1 (Gilder)

Abst. : 13 For : 46 Carried

Clause B 2 (d) : Agst. : 10

Abst.: 11 For : 38 Carried

Friedman, Gilder, Stent, Mendelowitz, McMillan and Knight voted against.

## Clause B 2 (e):

During debate the clause was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the deletion of the words "with various action groups inter alia Women's Action and Education Action" in clause (vi) and the substitution of "with all NUSAS projects and programmes" - Friedman.

## Carried Nem. Con. (9 abst.)

## Clause B 3 : Carried unanimously

Clauses B 4 and B 5 were withdrawn because they dealt with the election of a Vice-President and the ranking of the Executive, for which there is provision in the Constitution.

# Clause C

During debate the clause was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the insertion of the words "It is recommended" before "that" - Bloch.

#### Carried unanimously

## Clause D:

During debate the clause was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the insertion of the words "It is recommended" before "that" - de Beer.

## Carried unanimously

Voting on the motion as a whole:

Adst. : 5
Abst. : 15
For : 38
Motion carried

Friedman, Stent, McMillan, Levinrad voted against.

"I voted against the motion because I believe that it implies an orientation for NUSAS with which I have serious disagreement viz.

i) a misinterpretation of NUSAS role in regard to labour;

 ii) a misunderstanding of the inter-related nature of the political processes of our society and, by implication, the nature of effective political action.

In addition, I believe the structure adopted will prove itself to be cumbersome and inefficient, and will constitute a retrogressive step for the National Union." - Stent.

# Campus Organisers

## Resolution 99/75

That this Student Assembly mandate each Campus Organiser to spend the months of December, 1975 and January, 1976 in Head Office, in preparation for his or her duties in the forthcoming year.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 100/75

That this Student Assembly strongly recommend to all Campus Organisers that they be registered students in the University at which they are based.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 101/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING

  i) that the size of the NUSAS Executive and National Directorate has now increased to 10,
  - ii) that a complement of this size requires appropriate administration procedures and procedures for the reporting back on daily activities,

/BELIEVING .....

BELIEVING that an efficient report-back system is essential for the successful running of the National Union,

- RESOLVES 1) to establish a committee to investigate the best possible system for the reporting of the Executive and National Directorate members to the President and to N.S.A.,
  - to establish a committee consisting of the President-elect (ex officio), the Finance Officer (ex officio) and three further members,
  - 3) to mandate this committee to report its findings to the September meeting of National Council.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Liebenberg Agst.: 11
Abst.: 30
For : 17
Motion Carried

During debate the motion was amended verbally to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the substitution of the words "members of the Executive and National Directorate" for "members of staff" wherever they appeared - Williamson.

# Resolution 102/75

That this Student Assembly do now resolve itself into Committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : de Beer Agst. 1
Abst. 0
For : 57
Motion carried

#### Resolution 103/75

That this Student Assembly do now resolve itself out of the Committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Social Action Officer

## Motion

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING

  1. the fact that the task of the Social Action Officer consists largely in the co-ordination of and liaison between student Wages Commissions and various worker organisations,
  - the desirability of clarifying the relationship between the Social Action Officer and such groups,
  - the desirability of clarifying the relationship between the Social Action portfolio and the other projects, programmes and priorities of NUSAS,

MANDATES the Head Office Executive in general, and the Social Action Officer in particular to initiate and co-ordinate a thorough

/investigation .....

investigation on a national and a local level into the relationship between student action in the labour field and other NUSAS action projects, with a view to clarifying the longterm and short-term goals of the National Union

RESOLVES that the recommendations which arise out of this investigation be presented to National Council for its deliberation not later than the first National Council meeting after the assumption of office by the 1975/6 NUSAS Executive.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Haysom

Chair to Mr. Stent.

## Amendment

That all words after "that" be deleted and replaced by the following :

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the desirability of clarifying the relationship between projects programmes and priorities of NUSAS

MANDATES the Head Office Executive to initiate and co-ordinate a thorough investigation on a national and local level into the relationship between student action in all fields with a view to clarifying long-term and short-term goals of the National Union

RESOLVES that the recommendations which arise out of this investigation be presented to National Council for its deliberation not later than the first National Council meeting after the assumption of office by the 1975/6 NUSAS Executive.

PROPOSED : Maré,G. SECONDED : Tip

Agst.: 34
Abst.: 12
For: 14
Amendment lost

Closure was moved and accepted.

#### Resolution 104/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING

  1. the fact that the task of the Social Action Officer consists largely in the co-ordination of and liaison between student Wages Commissions and various worker organisations
  - the desirability of clarifying the relationship between the Social Action Officer and such groups
  - the desirability of clarifying the relationship between the Social Action portfolio and the other projects, programmes and priorities of NUSAS

MANDATES the Head Office Executive in general and the Social Action
Officer in particular to initiate and co-ordinate a thorough
investigation on a national and a local level into the relationship between student action in the labour field and other

NUSAS action projects, with a view to clarifying long-term and short-term goals of the National Union

RESOLVES that the recommendations which arise out of this investigation be presented to National Council for its deliberation not later than the first National Council meeting after the assumption of office by the 1975/6 NUSAS Executive.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Haysom

Chair to Mr. Tip

Agst. 7
Abst. 13
For : 40
Motion Carried

# Resolution 105/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING N.S.A. Resolution 104/75

- MANDATES 1) all NUSAS Local Committees to initiate and run a series of seminars for leaders of NUSAS and non-NUSAS action groups on the theoretical and practical possibilities for the integration of and co-operation between, various areas of action for social change
  - 2) Local Committees to run these seminars between now and the coming into office of the 1975/6 NUSAS Executive and National Directorate
  - 3) the present NUSAS Executive to play an active part in the initiating and running of these seminars.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Friedman Agst. : 1
Abst. :12
For :46
Motion carried

#### National Directorate

#### Resolution 106/75

That this Student Assembly

RESOLVES that there shall be 6 National Directors for the year 1st December, 1975 until 30th November, 1976 inclusive, and that these persons shall be full-time employees and office-bearers of the National Union as defined in the Constitution and who shall fill the following portfolios:

## a) Environmental Action Director

- i) investigate the feasibility of either institutionalized or counter-course Environmental Studies courses on each campus, and assist local committees in establishing either of these options;
- ii) disseminate information to campus groups relating to the intentions expressed in the Environmental Action Committee, and to build up the Environmental section

/of .....

of the Head Office Resource Centre for this purpose;

- iii) organize a national Envirac training seminar during December for the purposes of planning, and hence for orientation during 1976;
  - iv) draw up a planning programme applicable to campus activity with a special emphasis on the viability of action-oriented seminars:
  - assist the implementation and maintenance of campus based v) NUSAS Environmental Action groups;
- Campus Director (Wits.) as proposed in Structures motion, b)
- Campus Director (U.C.T.) as proposed in Structures motion, c)
- Campus Director (U.N.P.) as proposed in Structures motion, d)
- e)
- Campus Director (U.N.D.) as proposed in Structures motion, Campus Director (Rhodes) as proposed in Structures motion. f)

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Horton

# Carried unanimously

During debate clause a (ii) was amended to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the insertion of the words "expressed in the Environmental Action Committee" after "intentions" -Mendelowitz.

# Executive

# Resolution 107/75

That this Student Assembly

RESOLVES that the executive of the National Union up until and including 30th November, 1975 shall consist of six persons who shall be full-time employees of the National Union as defined in the Constitution and who shall be allocated the following portfolios:

- President as proposed in Structures motion, a)
- Finance Officer as proposed in Structures motion, b)
- Social Action Officer as proposed in Structures motion, c)
- d) Media Officer - as proposed in Media Committee report,
- Seminars Officer as proposed in Structures motion, e)
- f) Cultural Action Officer - as proposed in clause 8 (ii) c of the Report of the Cultural Action Committee.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Horton

#### Carried unanimously

# Resolution 108/75

That this Student Assembly

RESOLVES that the Executive of the National Union for the year 1st December, 1975, until 30th November, 1976 inclusive, shall consist of 5 persons who shall be full-time employees and office bearers of the National Union as defined in the Constitution, and who shall fill the following portfolios:

a) President - as defined in Structures motion,

b) Finance Officer - as defined in Structures motion,

c) Seminars Officer - as defined in Structures motion,

 d) Cultural Action/Media Officer - as defined in Structures motion,

e) Social Action Officer - as defined in Structures motion.

PROPOSED : Williamson

Agst. : 3(Friedman, Gilder,

SECONDED : Bridger

Abst.: 14 Levinrad)

For : 42 Motion carried

## Environmental Action Director

# Resolution 109/75

That this Student Assembly

RESOLVES that the Environmental Action Director shall be a full-time employee of the National Union under Section 12 of the Constitution until and including 30th November, 1975, who shall be responsible for the following portfolio:

- a) investigate the feasibility of either institutionalized or counter-course Environmental Studies course on each campus, and assist local committees in establishing either of these options;
- b) disseminate information to campus groups relating to the intentions expressed in the Environmental Action Committee, and to build up the Environmental section of the Head Office Resource Centre for this purpose;
- c) organize a national Envirac training seminar during December for the purposes of planning, and hence for orientation during 1976;
- d) draw up a planning programme applicable to campus activity with a special emphasis on the viability of action-oriented seminars;
- e) assist the implementation and maintenance of campus based NUSAS Environmental Action groups.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

## Finance and Organisation

# Resolution 110/75

That this Student Assembly table the report of the Finance and Organisation Committee. (SEE APPENDIX M)

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 111/75 ....

## Resolution 111/75

That this Student Assembly adopt the report of the Finance and Organisation Committee and the budget contained therein.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 112/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1. the amount of finance which is vital for the continued and expanded operations of the National Union and that this amount is likely to increase from year to year,
  - that Campus Officers are to be employed as full-time NUSAS employees on campuses,
  - the present level of NUSAS salaries, being R150 per month,
  - 4. that NUSAS projects cannot exclusively be financed from the reserves of the National Union.

## THEREFORE RESOLVES

- to mandate the NUSAS Executive and specifically the Finance Officer to undertake finance generation for the National Union and its projects and investigate the following areas:
  - A) Student Travel
  - B) Campus student levies
  - C) S.R.C./NUSAS local donations
  - D) Investment
  - E) Other extraordinary schemes
- 2. that the Local administrative and running expenses of each Campus Officer should be paid by that campus either through S.R.C. and NUSAS Local funds or by local fundraising and that such local campus should contribute towards the National travel, accommodation and general expenses of the Campus Officer to as great an extent as possible,
- that the salaries of the NUSAS Executive and National Directorate shall be R150 per month, and that staff members be paid a maximum of R180 per month,
- 4. that no projects be undertaken unless their financial viability is previously established and that projects should be largely self-financing in that they should be generally reliant on funds other than the general reserve of the National Union.

PROPOSED : Willis

SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried Nem. Con. (5 abst.)

Initially the motion was proposed by Williamson and seconded by Horton, during debate they both withdrew and Willis and Mendelowitz became proposes and seconder respectively.

/During .....

During debate clause 3 of "THEREFORE RESOLVES" was amended verbally to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the insertion of the words "and that staff members shall be paid a maximum of R180 per month" - Tip.

#### Amendment

That the words "R150 per month" in clause 3 of "THEREFORE RESOLVES" be deleted and replaced by "R120 per month, subject to the consideration that on the request of the individual concerned this shall be raised up to a ceiling of R150".

PROPOSED : Bloch SECONDED : Maré,G.

Agst. : 38
Abst. : 12
For : 8
Amendment lost

## Motion

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING THAT

- 1. NUSAS now consists in practice only of students classified as "European" under the Population Registration Act,
- the majority of these students have been socialized in environments which exist as a result of exploitation of blacks and which can generally be described as upper status groups,
- the environment of socialization of most of the members of NUSAS
  has had the effect of limiting their potential to identify with
  or empathize with those groups who are most seriously exploited
  by the economy,

#### BELIEVING

- that the potential of NUSAS is restricted as a result of this,
- ii) that this problem can be attacked through groups directed at this problem,
- iii) that the groups proposed in the community organization project by Paul Bell and Paul Malherbe can contribute towards this problem,

#### RESOLVES

- to instruct the NUSAS executive and local committees to make efforts to promote more than an intellectual awareness of this situation,
- ii) to suggest to local committees to establish groups to deal with this problem.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Friedman

#### Motion withdrawn

Mr. Ferron wished to record a comment in the minutes, but the chairman ruled it out of order.

# Structure of Congress

# Resolution 113/75

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING

- that various Committees, particularly the Education and Media Committees, expressed dissatisfaction with the inhibitions that the present Congress structure has placed on possible success of their deliberations,
- that the Congress structure has remained very much the same for a period of many years while the nature of the National Union has altered visibly,

therefore NOTES the possibility that the present Congress structure is an anachronism in need of updating, and

MANDATES the Executive to prepare, for the consideration of National Council, a memorandum on the possibility of restructuring future Congresses.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Stent

Agst.: 1
Abst.: 0
For : 57
Motion carried

## Correlated Policy

#### Resolution 114/75

That this Student Assembly amend the Correlated Resolutions and Entrenched clauses of National Union policy as follows:

- Delete clause C NUSAS Executive,
- 2. Delete clause E African language
- Delete clause F Correlated resolutions,
- Delete clause G NUSAS Congress,
- 5. Delete clause H Freedom of association,
- Delete clause I Rule of Law,
- 7. Delete clause J Freedom of movement,
- Delete clause K2 Basis of co-operation on practical projects,

Delete clause K5 - Peace and nuclear disarmament,

Delete clause K6 - International Student Identity Card,

Delete clause K7 - Delegates to international student conferences,

Delete clause K8 - S.R.C.'s international officers,

Delete clause K9 - Overseas organisations,

- 9. Delete clause L Namibia,
- 10. Delete clause M Ovambo strike,
- Delete clause 11 Foreign students,
- Delete clause O Training Colleges,
- 13. Amend clause N4 by deleting sub-clause 2c and "Resolves" clause 2.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : de Beer

Carried unanimously

# Constitution - Honorary Officers

## Resolution 115/75

That this Student Assembly amend the NUSAS Constitution by the deletion of Sections 13(b) and 13(c).

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz SECONDED : Friedman

Agst. : 2 Abst. : 0 For : 55

Motion carried with a 2/3

majority

Initially the motion was seconded by Haysom who withdrew and Friedman became seconder.

## Amendment A

That all words after "that" be deleted and replaced by :

In clause 13(b)(i) the words 'This panel shall consist of not more than 15 members'.

PROPOSED : McMillan SECONDED : Horton

Agst.: 46
Abst.: 4
For : 5
Amendment lost

## Amendment B

That "clause 13(a)" be added after "Sections".

PROPOSED : Willis SECONDED : Gilder Agst.: 43
Abst.: 6
For : 8
Amendment lost

Closure was moved and accepted.

#### Resolution 116/75

That this Student Assembly appoint Ms. Laura Schultz, NUSAS General Secretary, as Election Officer for the purposes of elections for the 1976 NUSAS Executive and National Directorate.

PROPOSED : McMillan SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

#### Election procedure

#### Resolution 117/75

That this Student Assembly

ADOPT the following procedure for the election of the NUSAS Executive and National Directorate as defined:

- 1. nominations will be called for and must be seconded,
- nominees will indicate acceptance or non-acceptance of the nomination,

/3. ....

- a) nominees will leave the room, together with visitors, at the discretion of the meeting,
  - b) the proposer and seconder of each candidate may address N.S.A.,
  - all members of N.S.A. shall be entitled to speak, preferably in favour of a particular nominee only,
  - d) after the conclusion of the proposal speeches, the nominees shall be recalled into N.S.A. and a vote by secret ballot shall be taken,
  - e) should there be more than two candidates for any one particular portfolio, the candidate with the least number of votes in the first vote shall be eliminated and a further vote taken. This procedure shall be followed until the final N.S.A. choice of candidate emerges,
  - i) in the event of there being only one nominee for any particular portfolio, election procedure shall be followed as laid down in clauses 1, 2 and 3 (a) - (e),
    - the vote of at least 50% of the sitting N.S.A. members shall be cast for the nominee before he shall be declared elected,
- 4. Nominations shall be called for in the following order:

President Finance Officer Social Action Officer Cultural Action/Media Officer Seminars Officer

- after the Executive members have been elected, N.S.A. shall follow the constitutional procedure laid down for the ranking of the Executive,
- 6. Thereupon nominations shall be called for in the following order:

Environmental Action Director
University of Natal, Durban Campus Director,
University of Cape Town Campus Director
University of the Witwatersrand Campus Director
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus Director
Rhodes University Campus Director.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Hofmeyr, B.

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

During debate the motion was amended verbally to the acceptance of the proposer and seconder to read as it stands above by the insertion of clause 3 (f) (ii) and the words "election procedure shall be followed as laid down in clauses 1, 2 and 3 (a) - (e)" - Friedman.

#### Amendment

- 1. That the words "all posts" be inserted between "for" and "and";
- 2. That clause 3 "A periodof two hours must elapse before further election procedures take place during which time Congress will be adjourned. After re-assembly, the elections will proceed as follows: " be inserted and that subsequent clauses be renumbered accordingly;
- That clause 8 "Nominees who are unsuccessful may be re-nominated for any other posts not yet filled" be inserted.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Gilder

/Clause .....

Clause 3 of the amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder and became part of the substantive motion. Gilder withdrew as seconder of the amendment and as no other seconder was forthcoming, the amendment fell away.

# Election of Honorary Office-bearers

## Resolution 118/75

That this Student Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole.

PROPOSED : Stent

SECONDED : Williamson

Abst.: 0 : 59 For

Motion carried

# Resolution 119/75

That this Student Assembly do now resolve itself out of the committee of the whole.

PROPOSED : Maré,G. SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

# Resolution 120/75

That this Student Assembly invite Dr. Beyers Naudé to become the Honorary President of the National Union.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Maré,G.

> Carried unanimously with acclaim

## Resolution 121/75

That this Student Assembly invite the following to serve as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the National Union:

Dr. Anthony Barker Dr. E.G. Malherbe Archbishop D.E. Hurley Dr. Manas Buthelezi Bishop Alpheus Zulu Dr. F.C. Robb Ms. Jean Sinclair Ms. Helen Joseph Ms. Helen Joseph Professor G.R. Bozzoli Professor P.V. Tobias Mr. Donald Woods

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz SECONDED : de Beer

Lady Eleanor Birley Sir Robert Birley Dr. Raymond Hoffenberg Sir Richard Luyt

Dr. Helen Suzman Dr. Edgar Brookes Adv. Ernie Wentzel Prof. G.D.L. Schreiner Ms. Sheena Duncan

Carried unanimously with

acclaim

# Election of Office-bearers

# President

- Stent

Nominated : Gilder Seconded : Willis

- de Beer

Nominated: Elkon

Mr. de Beer did not accept.

Maré

Nominated : Ferron

Mr. Maré did not accept.

# MIKE STENT WAS ELECTED.

## Finance Officer

- Williamson

Nominated: Mendelowitz

Seconded : Gilder

# CRAIG WILLIAMSON WAS ELECTED.

# Social Action Officer

- Friedman

Nominated : Moroney

Seconded : Gilder

Mr. Friedman did not accept.

- Moss

Nominated: Fine

Mr. Moss did not accept.

- Haysom

Nominated : Kentridge

Seconded : Mendelowitz Mr. Haysom did not accept.

- Maré

Nominated: Mendelowitz

Seconded : Emdon

Mr. Maré did not accept.

- Dyer

Nominated : Haysom

Seconded : Hofmeyr

Mr. Dyer did not accept.

- Nicol

Nominated: Moroney

Seconded : Mendelowitz

Mr. Nicol did not accept.

It was decided that nominations for the portfolio of Social Action Officer should be re-opened at a later stage.

# Cultural Action/Media Officer - Moroney

Nominated: Mendelowitz

Seconded : Nicol

## SEAN MORONEY WAS ELECTED.

/Seminars .....

# Seminars Officer

- de Beer

Nominated: Willis Seconded : Hardy

CEDRIC DE BEER WAS ELECTED.

Friedman

Nominated: Mendelowitz Mr. Friedman did not accept.

## Environmental Action Director - Edwards

Nominated: Horton Seconded : Gilder

KARL EDWARDS WAS ELECTED.

# University of Natal, Durban Campus Director

Horton

Nominated : Jordan Seconded : Haysom

Haysom

Nominated : Friedman Seconded : Kentridge

Mr. Haysom did not accept.

# STEVE HORTON WAS ELECTED.

# University of Cape Town Campus Director

- Bloch

Nominated : Kentridge Mr. Bloch did not accept.

- Haysom

Nominated: Bloch Seconded : Budlender FINK HAYSOM WAS ELECTED.

## University of the Witwatersrand Campus Director

Fine

Nominated: Nicol

Seconded : Mendelowitz ALAN FINE WAS ELECTED.

# University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus Director

Jordan

Nominated: Dominy Seconded : McMillan TONY JORDAN WAS ELECTED.

# Rhodes University Campus Director

Mendelowitz

Nominated : Cardosa Seconded : Maconochie

Mr. Mendelowitz did not accept.

- Nupen

Nominated : Kentridge Seconded : Horton

Mr. Nupen did not accept.

It was decided that nominations for the post of Rhodes University Campus Director should be re-opened through Student Assembly in Council.

/Social .....

## Social Action Officer

#### <u>Motion</u>

That this Student Assembly resolve to re-open nominations for the post of Social Action Officer through Student Assembly in Council.

PROPOSED: Friedman Agst.: 27
SECONDED: Gilder Abst.: 3

For : 28

A recount was taken. Agst.: 29

Abst.: 3
For : 28
Motion lost

Nominations for the post of Social Action Officer were re-opened:

Friedman

Nominated : Willis Seconded : Gilder

Mr. Friedman did not accept.

- Moss

Nominated : Elkon Seconded : Edwards Mr. Moss did not accept.

#### Resolution 122/75

That this Student Assembly resolve that nominations for the post of Social Action Officer be re-opened through postal ballot.

PROPOSED: Friedman
SECONDED: Gilder

Abst.: 8

Abst. : 8 For : 32

Motion carried

#### Ranking of the Executive

Vice-President - Williamson

Nominated : Jordan Seconded : McMillan

Moroney

Nominated : Kentridge Seconded : Elkon

Mr. Moroney did not accept.

- de Beer

Nominated : Cardosa Seconded : Friedman

## CRAIG WILLIAMSON WAS ELECTED.

The remaining members of the Executive-elect were ranked as follows:

Seminars Officer Cultural Action/Media Officer Social Action Officer.

## Rhodes University

## Resolution 123/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1. The sad state of affairs regarding organisation and leadership on Rhodes campus,
  - The absence of a Students' Representative Council,
  - 3. That the position of Campus Organiser has not been filled,

## MANDATES the Seminars Officer

- to arrange a series of seminars and other relevant events at Rhodes, as soon as possible, to generate interest on campus in projects which will hopefully make for a revival of NUSAS Local Committee,
- to devote as much time as possible to Rhodes until such time as a full-time Campus Organiser can be found.

PROPOSED : Heydenrych

SECONDED : Stent

Carried unanimously

## Thanks and Honorary Life Members

## Resolution 124/75

That this Student Assembly

- NOTING 1. the dedication of Barry Gilder to the ideals of the National Union,
  - the initiative and imagination with which he has attempted to forge a new direction for cultural action projects,
  - his contribution to the development of the National Union,

#### RESOLVES

 to thank Mr. Gilder most heartily for this contribution and elect him an Honorary Life Member of the National Union.

PROPOSED : Friedman SECONDED : Moroney

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)
with acclaim

## Resolution 125/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the five years of sweat and toil that he has devoted to the service of the National Union, its aims and objectives,

/ELECTS .....

ELECTS Steven Eli Friedman as an Honorary Life Member.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Fine

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.) with acclaim

## Resolution 126/75

That this Student Assembly

NOTING the work and inspiration given to NUSAS by Gerry Maré,

Hereby elects Gerry as an Honorary Life Member of NUSAS.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Tip

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)
WITH ACCLAIM

## Resolution 127/75

That this Student Assembly

#### NOTING HUMOROUSLY

- that there is no more integrating job than that of the presidency of NUSAS,
- that such a job is a burden on the aged;

#### NOTING SERIOUSLY

- that the last two years in the history of NUSAS have been, to understate, traumatic,
- that to hold together an organisation which has pulled in as many directions as there are roads that lead to Rome is a momentous task;

## HEREBY

- thanks Karel Tip for his motivation, dedication, concentration and his strength, especially as NUSAS President,
- wishes him good luck in his senility,
- elects him an Honorary Life Member.

PROPOSED : Stent SECONDED : Gilder

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.) with acclaim

#### Resolution 128/75

That this Student Assembly

 sincerely thanks the Honorary Office-bearers for their valuable advice to the National Union over the past year;

/2.....

- expresses its appreciation to members of the Advisory Panel for their support, encouragement and advice over the past year;
- 3. offers heartfelt thanks to the Head Office staff;
- thanks the S.R.C. of the University of Natal, Durban for hosting the 52nd Congress;
- thanks the administration of U.N.D. for making the facilities of Townley Williams, Charles James and Charles Smith Halls available to all delegates;
- expresses its gratitude to Colin Lautenbach and the members of the Site Committee for their hard work in the organization of Congress;
- expresses thanks and congratulations to Laura Schultz for her dedicated and very competent work as Congress Secretary;
- expresses its grateful thanks to Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Ngobo, Mrs. van Rensburg and Margie Yates for general office services above and beyond the call of duty;
- expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. C.F. Beyers Naudé for delivering the opening address;
- 10. thanks Professor N.D. Clarence for acting as host to the 52nd Congress and for organizing the opening cocktail party.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Willis

Carried unanimously with acclaim.

## Resolution 129/75

That this Student Assembly expresses its sincere thanks to the members of the Executive for their dedication and unifying efforts in the service of the National Union over the last seven months, and wishes them well for the remainder of their term of office.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : McMillan

Carried Nem. Con. (7abst.) with acclaim

Mr. Tip declared the 52nd Congress closed.

#### APPENDIX A

In proposing peace as a theme for this year, NUSAS wishes to bring to the attention of students and the public in general, our commitment to the establishment of a peaceful society and to expose the many obstacles standing in the way of its attainment.

NUSAS believes that peace is not that condition in which societal conflicts are sentained by force, but is realized through the resolution of all social, political and economic conflict.

Peace is not individual tranquility attained in isolation from the conflicts in society; nor can the peace of one group be dependent on the subjugation of enether. Each new dehumanising and coercive act in South Africa is a further movement away from the preconditions for real peace. As much as peace is the right of any nation to determine its own destiny free from subjugation by other nations, it is also the realisation of man's struggle to be free from the exploitation of person by person.

In this context, the current detente moves must be seen as the containment of conflict and not a move towards genuine peace.

Peace is the common aspiration of all the oppressed peoples of the world.

eace is what we do not have in our land.

#### ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

#### APPENDIX B

## REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

- 1. All policy recommendations are contained in the motions.
- Other than policy recommendations, the Women's Action group drew up a programme for a National Seminar on women in August, 1975.

The programme contains the following items:

- (a) "The History of the Women's Movement" Sherril Walker (U.C.T.)
- (b) "Women as Workers" Jeanette Murphy.
- (c) "The Role of Women's Groups in Relation to Radical Organisations" -Judy Favish.
- (d) "Radical Feminism vs Women in Socialist Movement" a debate.
- (e) Planning and possible further policy recommendations.
- 3. The Women's Action group recommends the forming of Women's Groups on all campuses which will ally themselves to the policy proposals of the Women's Action committee.

#### APPENDIX C

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT

It was agreed that the Seminars program and the present on-campus direction of NUSAS activities had highlighted the fact that almost all our graduates use the skills which they have acquired and developed in their university years, to further in some way the present system of domination in our society. A very real need has developed for a clear exposition of what alternative employment possibilities exist for those graduates who have no wish to be absorbed into this domination position.

Briefly, three options were seen for graduates:

- To fit into the status quo, and thus constitute an obstacle to the realisation of social change.
- To remove themselves as obstacles to social change without contributing to its realisation.
- 3. To contribute in some meaningful way to the realisation of social change.

Discussion centred around options (2) and (3). Craig had done some preliminary research into the possibility of employment in the rural areas, but it appeared that while activities in this area would be worthwhile (if for no other reason than to serve as a further educative process for students) it seemed highly unlikely that any white graduate would be allowed into the homelands. The BLS countries were seen as a last resort, which did not warrant any investigation by NUSAS at this stage.

Thus, options, of necessity, seem to exist mainly in the urban areas and the committee discussed some possible fields in which graduates could be meaningfully employed. These include:

- (a) Literacy Programmes
- (b) Trade Unionism including Industrial Law and Worker Organisation
- (c) Medical Projects
- (d) Education
- (e) Community Development
- (f) Housing
- (g) Cultural
- (h) Technical

It was agreed that detailed discussion of these alternatives was far beyond the scope of the committee, but that NUSAS should institute, as soon as possible, a thorough research programme which would investigate these and other prospective areas of employment. It must be stressed that NUSAS is not envisaged as being an organisation which provides actual employment opportunities for graduates, because such a role would require vast financial resources. In addition, jobs will not be presented on a platter - graduates will need a high degree of personal commitment and an ability to create their own niche in society. NUSAS' role could, and should be to present graduates with well researched recommendations of what kinds of opportunities exist.

No single person could reasonably be expected to conduct research over the wide range of fields suggested. Instead, it was agreed that specialists who are well versed in the problems and requirements of each field should be commissioned to conduct the research either in their spare time or as a vac job during the coming long vacation. For this to be done, the Executive, in consultation with the centres, should approach suitable people as soon as possible, brief them on what is required, and start the project as soon as possible.

The Executive's role would be to co-ordinate the research project, rather than to do the actual work themselves. To this end, a meeting should be convened of those people who are selected to research each area, as soon as possible, with the intention of working through in more detail their terms of reference. These should include research into any possible legal restrictions which may stand in the way of meaningful alternative employment in their field.

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING STUDENT

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- 1. The Finance Officer reported on his Student Community Services activities in the following areas:
  - (a) Bookbuying
  - (b) Housing
  - (c) Alternative Travel
- The Committee then considered these schemes in greater detail, involving a consideration of the desirability of such services, the desirability of NUSAS providing such services, the effectiveness of these services and finally the practicalities involved in running these services.

## (a) Bookbuying

In the opinion of the Committee such a scheme would have the desirable effect of both providing students with cheaper books as well as destroying the effective monopoly which exists in this area. However, the above can only be achieved if such a project is successful. Thus the Committee decided that such a project is desirable but that NUSAS should not carry it out for reasons of practicality. The power and resources of NUSAS in such a scheme are limited and this should be acknowledged. The Committee recommends that SRC's urge the University authorities to undertake such a scheme. The committee remained pessimistic, however, that this would come about as such a scheme would possibly not be perceived by the University authorities as being in their interests.

## (b) Student Alternative Housing

The Student Alternative Housing scheme was discussed and the main feelings of the Committee were as follows:

- (i) that the National Union would have the ability to undertake such a scheme;
- (ii) that such housing would provide both students and the National Union with certain advantages and would be desirable;
- (iii) that such a scheme, however, situated in the South African context is regarded as a luxury, and so is not a priority;
- (iv) that given the nature of NUSAS's financial and administrative resources, this scheme would not be practicable for NUSAS to run;
- (v) the committee considered that such a scheme may be able to generate finance for NUSAS, however, this was not felt to be of such significance

#### (e) Alternative Travel

The Committee considered alternative travel as desirable and that NUSAS through SASTS Ltd. can provide the best service of this nature. The Committee recommended that the services continue to be provided to students with an emphasis on genuine alternative travel in both the international and Southern African context.

#### Motivation

The committee then considered the underlying motivation for the National Union running the students community services. The committee felt that as a National Union concerned with promoting the educational and general interests of students, that the most valuable service the National Union should be concerned with providing, is a facilitation of the real interests of the students within our universities.

The committee considered the paper on Campus Community Organisation by Paul Bell and Paul Malherbe and accepted the analysis contained therein especially inasfar that students are in a situation which they are socialised to believe is normal and natural but that this system only protects their short-term, privileged, material interests.

The committee recommends that the National Union does not undertake student community services as a separate area of activity conterned with superficial, material benefits. The committee further recommends that the entire integrated National Union project activity and present direction should be regarded as the movaluable student community service offered by the National Union.

As far as student travel services are conderned, the committee considers these to be valuable in that their educative value is a part of the student community service as should be provided by the National Union.

#### APPENDIX E

#### REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO N.S.A.

- These recommendations should be seen as arising from the deliberations of both the Social Action Committee, and the Wages Commissions' Seminar preceding it.
- 2. For the effective operation of Wages Commissions on campuses, it is necessary to create an atmosphere of awareness of labour and social issues to facilitate involvement of students in social action activities through inter alia seminar programmes, notice boards, ad hoc talks and events etc. These activities can be undertaken in co-operation and co-ordination with other NUSAS groups on campus.
- 3. The relationships between Wages Commissions and the worker organisations in their respective areas were discussed. It was agreed that the Commissions should not become appendages to these organisations, but should maintain a critical perspective on them even while working closely with them.
- 4. Most of the other issues discussed are contained in an amended "job definition" for the executive officer responsible for NUSAS Social Action. The Committee was divided equally on the issue of whether this function should be performed by Social Action Officer or a Social Action/Seminars Officer. What follows is an agreed "job definition" for this person.

It is recommended that the duties of the Social Action Officer shall be as follows"

- (a) initiation and co-ordination of projects undertaken by Communities and Wages Commissions;
- (b) co-ordinating resource flows for Community and Labour publications;
- (c) maintaining communication between NUSAS Committees, student social action groups and other relevant bodies;
- (d) providing theoretical input through, inter alia, national and local seminars for the NUSAS Commissions and other social action groups on campuses;
- (e) maintaining formal contact with T.U.A.C.C., W.A.P. and I.A.S., and any other groups decided upon by NUSAS Social Action groups;
- (f) undertaking and co-ordination of research on relevant issues and the dissemination of the results of such research;
- (g) co-ordinating and initiating contact between any student social action groups and education, reform groups for the discussion of the content of university courses and its relation to social action;
- (h) co-operation with other members of the Executive in areas affecting, inter alia, social action programmes.

(Wages Commissions have been involved with the three groups specifically mentioned during and since their formation.

Further comments on points in the "job definition":

- (b) This would include such activities as the writing of articles for worker newspapers, distribution of articles for publication from any one campus to the other Commissions, the writing of articles for campus newspapers.
- (e) Formal contact was felt to be necessary so that planning and direction can be co-ordinated nationally, and that co-ordination and co-operation between individual Commissions and these off-campus groups be maintained and improved.
- (g) This point arose from the Student Social Action Conference. It has been adequately covered and delegates are referred to the Social Action Officer's report on this Conference.
- 5. It is intended to hold a national social action seminar at the Katberg site at the end of August. Some important issues, e.g. research, publications and projects, which were not adequately discussed in this Committee will be covered here.

## REPORT OF THE MEDIA COMMITTEE

## 1. Limitations of the Media Committee

There were certain constraints on what the media groups could fruitfully achieve. In the final analysis almost all that one can say about media usage is that it is important, it should be as effective as possible and should incorporate as many different media types as possible. After that it is more a matter of people picking up skills according to the perceived needs of their activity. This can only really happen in the process of media production, which can happen most effectively in a workshop seminar rather than the limiting environment of a committee with terms of reference closely linked to general congress functioning. It is recommended that careful consideration be given to altering the structure of future congresses.

## Media Committees at a local level

Media groups, but not cliques of super slick technicians divorced from the workings of the local committee, should be established on each campus. They should be finally responsible for ensuring an adequate and imaginative usage of media on the campus. They should be made up of at least one person from each project area of the local committee, and their media work should not be regarded as supplanting their other work. The advantage of this system is that there is an available group to initiate new action in the media sphere, which can rally to existing requirements of media utilisation, and which also is fully integrated into the planning and operation of the local committee. The media officer and campus officer should ensure that these groups are established.

## The nature of media and its usage

The committee agreed that media usage was essentially nothing more or less than communication. As such it can be seen on several levels. Firstly, on the level of the communication of ideas; secondly, the communication of the nature and intentions of the National Union; thirdly, simply for advertising events. The distinction between the first and the second is more analytical than real, for it is precisely the intention of the National Union to communicate ideas and to organise action for their realisation.

4. A group met to discuss the utilisation of media and to look for ways to make the utilisation of media as effective as possible by co-ordinating the use of as many media as possible. I fear that this was a somewhat fruitless excercise as the sort of problems which arise in the usage and co-ordination of media can only really be discovered in the practice of production. However, I include the report of the group:

This subcommittee looked at the various ways of using media on Campus; this was done by examining each method individually and commenting on its usefulness in a particular situation:

- (i) Publications: i.e. newspapers, pamphlets, etc. Papers to be used to build up awareness of a long planned campaign by giving background information on the topic, the speakers, etc. Pamphlets are used in the same way. Here appearance is important - e.g. by using a coloured paper. So is content (concise) and the organisation of distribution.
- (ii) Posters must be good simple and striking.
- (iii) Banners only used occasionally, but they are very effective.
- (iv) Radio not really effective.

- (v) Notice Boards: can be used for a particular issue; must also be striking and simple.
- (vi) Libraries resources can be obtained from them for mini exhibitions in e.g. their foyers, on a particular topic.
- (vii) Graffitti Walls : useful for striking slogans and advertising.
- (viii) Arm bands useful only for specific occasions; not really as direct "advertising".
  - (ix) Megaphones: have a limited use, but can be effective.
  - (x) Stickers, etc.: useful for a long planned campaign also quite an important campaign. Can be put everywhere.
  - (xi) T-Shirts good for things like Academic Freedom, etc.
- (xii) Picketing somewhat outdated, but very useful in times of emotion.
- (xiii) Films: useful for fundraising and to complement a campaign.
  - (xiv) Sandwich Boards original and possibly very effective. Some hesitation as to who would be the middle bit:
  - (xv) Speakers' forum: useful to publicise NUSAS generally and to stimulate debate.
  - (xvi) Faculty Councils using class reps, to announce happenings before or after lectures.
- (xvii) Residences: if there is contact between NUSAS and House Committees, it is useful to utilize this.

## 5. Guerilla Theatre

A group of people with a special interest in Guerilla Theatre and its effectiveness met. Their report follows:

- (a) Guerilla Theatre activities should be didactic, and should attempt to lay bare the relation between various groups in society without having to use a 6-week seminar programme to do this
- (b) Activities should be directed towards:
  - (i) workers
  - (ii) students
  - (iii) general public
- (c) Where possible a definite Guerilla Theatre group should be established, as a part of the local committee, its members ideally combining both a belief in and understanding of NUSAS aims and objectives, and a degree of knowledge, flair, skill and inspiration in theatre in general and guerilla theatre in particular.
- (d) Groups should not simply be made up of local Speech and Drama students wanting fun and practice.
- (e) A Media Head Office man could be useful in:
  - keeping guerilla theatre groups informed of activity on other campuses.
  - (ii) circulating material, books, articles on guerilla theatre to these groups.

(f) This should not be seen as a priority of the Media Officer.

## 6. Role of the Media Officer

A group met to discuss the role of the media officer. Their recommendations are contained in that section of the substantive motion coming from the structures commission that outlines the job definition of the media officer.

#### APPENDIX G

#### REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION GROUP TO N.S.A.

#### Education Action

The task here was perceived to be to provide a framework for action in terms of the theoretical base laid by the NUSAS Education policy.

- (a) It is important that students and lecturers interested in education reform should be aware of the argument and philosophy that forms the basis for the Policy on Education. Only then will they be able to criticize and contribute towards the consolidation of an education action programme. It would, therefore, be valuable for the Education Officer to circularize such groups with a reading list and possible guidelines that would facilitate such on-going evaluation. The policy on Education with this report should be distributed to existing Faculty Councils, education committees and academic staff associations with a view to stimulating discussion and action.
- (b) The most effective way of initiating education action is via the establishment of alternative courses outside of existing curricula. The success of such courses would put pressure for change on existing departments with regard to course content, presentational methods and an interdisciplinary approach. Students in existing disciplines need to be supplied with counter-course ideas and information. In particular it would be valuable for students at different universities to inter-change ideas of course reform. This should be facilitated by the media officer.
- (c) Alternative courses, wherever possible, should include action projects in order that an over-academic approach be avoided, and that the continuity of these courses be ensured by the involvement of members of the community outside the university and members of university staff.
- (d) Inter-disciplinary groups should be established and facilitated. They would operate optimally where people from different disciplines are drawn together to deal with specific action projects. In this way the advantages and problems of interdisciplinary work are perceived in action rather than in theory. Interdisciplinary groups on African studies are suggested as one area to be pursued.
- (e) Committees should be established on campuses to examine and criticize the relevance or otherwise of course content to student involvement in action projects and whether or not students are made aware of the hidden implications of the application of their skills and the consequent moral responsibility for these implications. Faculty departments could be requested to justify their courses on these terms.
- (f) Students should demand that their university education also be directed towards thinking in terms of alternative employment that would contribute towards change rather than reinforce the status quo.
- (g) The Seminars Officer should investigate the possibility of arranging a Conference, Workshop which would rigorously examine the relationship between Social Action and Education. Social Action groups and Staff and Student Education groups should take part.
- (h) Inter-campus and Inter-disciplinary communication of ideas and information on education could be facilitated by the re-establishment of a publication like "FUNDA" which would have as its central focus, education reform.

However, once all this is said, everything remains to be done. These suggestions are really guidelines which must be picked up, ordered and priorities established with reference to the specific campus situation. It should also be noted that the present Congress structure will in future hinder detailed planning on these matters and that the whole Congress structure should come up for review. (A motion arises).

## Education Policy

It was agreed that the document is a concise statement of how NUSAS perceives the existing nature and objective function of Universities in South Africa and lays down acceptable guidelines for a desirable University in a desireable future society. However, it was felt that because it is so concise, it is based on unsupported (not unsupportable) premises. As such, it should not be used for distribution into a vacuum, but should rather be seen as a basis for discussion and as being in need of elaboration in publications, attitudes and discussion groups.

#### Student Community Services

This revolved around a discussion of Paul Malherbe's and Paul Bell's paper on the topic. A lengthy motivation by Malherbe is in the process of production. In essence, it was felt that the suggestions contained within the paper, point the way to achieving the dynamisation of a large number of student groups, getting them to take responsibility for their beliefs and making student government, at present rather static and formalistic, far more effective and dynamic. It is recommended that these proposals be taken back to campuses, studied, adapted and implemented, with the National Union playing a supplementary and co-ordinating role (A motion arises)

## CAMPUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION - A MOTIVATION PAPER

#### Students and Ideas on Representation

The campus community organisation proposal arises out of a belief that the present concept of student representation prevailing on campuses and in student representative bodies needs a serious re-assessment in terms of both thought and action.

The present concept of student representation is basically a formalistic one. It is virtually limited to the idea that, if people are elected annually, call occasional mass meetings and issue occasional statements, they can satisfactorily be called to be representative. In recent years, satisfaction with this has led student representative bodies (especially SRC's) to concentrate increasingly on involving themselves with university administrations. In doing so, they have generally remained rather impotent due to their lack of active support from the student body and acquiescence in the traditional incrementalism and bureaucracy of the administrations. At the same time, one hears time and again vague wishes and inconsequential promises that student representative will "get closer to students" and "be representative".

To work towards solving this problem, it is necessary to start by recognising that representation in its full sense is a far more demanding, far-reaching and dynamic concept than presently thought. For its full realization, the ongoing active participation and concern of all in affairs affecting the groups of which they are part, is required. Furthermore, this requirement can only be met where these people are critically aware of the links between day-to-day problems in the group and the more fundamental conflict-generating structures and systems in the society of which it is part. Particularly, important is an understanding of the functional demands made by society at large on the group. It is only on this basis that genuine concern and participation can be made meaningful to and thereby generated among all in the group.

The ongoing, personalized and co-operative activity implied by such a concept of representation means that it requires more than an intellectual appreciation. At the same time, considerable intellectual accuracy is required in order to achieve a valid and practical analysis of the position of any particular group in society.

The challenge to and leadership function of student representatives is one of attempting to become truly representative. However, the campus community organisation proposal is not being put forward in the expectation that it will actually bring about the representation among even a majority of students. Such an achievement is precluded by the necessity for the dominant class in society to retain the universities in its service and thus resist the anti-elitist and anti-competitive nature of the campus community organisation proposal. What the proposal does do is to challenge in a practical way the present narrow, conservative idea of student representation and to imbue it with a meaningful orientation to social change.

#### SRC's NUSAS and the Student Body

At present, the major contribution of SRCs to social change has been confined to their affiliation to NUSAS, occasional utterances of supports for its policies, and a few projects such as the Education Commissions. While valuable in themselves, these contributions are limited by the distant relationship they bear to the student body.

This has damaged NUSAS because it has come to be construed as a small work-group isolated ideologically and operationally from the student body. Arising from this is a misleading and harmful us-them dichotomy between the student body and NUSAS and a tendency on the part of each to make blanket categorizations of the other, whether on the basis of broad theoretical analysis or government-instigated distortions.

Of course, there are crucial differences between those who actively support NUSAS and the student body. But the campus community organisation proposal holds out the possibility that NUSAS (and, more important, the values to which it subscribes) can gain support among the student body by virtue of NUSAS being seen to support a practical response to the glaring inadequacies of student representation.

SRC's can thus become a better integrated part of both NUSAS and the student body. In doing so, they can go beyond relying on public relations, students and organisational weaknesses of the right in order to hold NUSAS and the student body together. Instead, SRCs promote a problem-centred group learning process through which people:

- re-examine the (largely tacit) assumptions which they have made on the basis of their own experience.
- (ii) become aware of possible contradictions between the conclusions they draw from this re-examination and their present life-styles.

## The New Thrust

The proposal presents a means for SRCs to take NUSAS' new thrust onto campus one step further by operating more effectively at the initial stage of awareness-raising viz., the stage of stimulating, through personal contact, those who have hitherto not been sufficiently interested to attend seminar programmes, get involved in the projects, etc. This is a function which NUSAS Locals and Head Office obviously cannot and should not attempt to perform on any large scale. At the same time, it must be emphasized that the long-term success of the campus community organisation project is very much dependent on the capability of the new thrust and various other seminar/project programmes to provide follow-up.

The SRC-Faculty Council-Class Rep. co-operation involved in the project will, in itself, help to reduce University community fragmentation.

Training of facilitators is a crucial task and here it must be made very clear that the roles of facilitator described in the main report can only be satisfactorily performed by people who have gone fairly seriously into theories and analyses concerning the positions of students, universities and education in society. Otherwise, they will not be able to lead effectively from lower - to higher - order questions, draw out the assumptions underlying what people say or explore the relationships between various statements. The possibility of using the December Leadership Training Seminar to train facilitators and as a model for special facilitator training seminars should be taken up with NUSAS seminars personnel by those promoting the campus community organisation project.

#### Conclusion

Finally, especially in view of the faults and potential dangers of the present situation, it seems that the project can hardly be not worth the trouble. At the very least, it should give a new meaning to the concept of student representation and raise awareness among some student leaders - this could influence a change for the better in the type of person standing for student representative bodies.

More hopefully, the project could improve the level of social concern and involvement among the student body, particularly in the broad area of education, quite considerably.

#### REPORT OF THE CULTURAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO N.S.A.

### 1. Positioning examination of South African Culture

It was accepted as a fundamental premise that South African society is divided into two groups; that the relationship between these groups is one of domination of one group by the other; that the essence of this domination is that the material existence of the dominated groups is determined largely by the dominant group; and that this domination relationship is inherently bad.

It was also accepted as fundamental that the relationship of domination is manifested in general attitudes (implicit and explicit) to cultural relationships and artifacts, and in the objective role which cultural relations and artifacts play in society as a whole.

It was agreed that there are two main ways in which cultural artifacts are assimilated into the domination relationship. The one is by the commodification, and thus co-option, of these artifacts. The other is by the explicit and implicit suppression of these artifacts.

#### 2. Feasibility of Cultural Action in South Africa

It was agreed that the context in which a cultural artifact is presented is vitally important to the overall meaning of that artifact.

It was also agreed that all cultural action had to be accompanied both by an adequate analysis of the issues involved, and by a determination to act in terms of a radical, uncompromised approach.

It was also agreed that in order to act effectively it is necessary to refuse complicity in the assimilation of cultural artifacts and relations into the domination syndrome, and that alternatives must be projected which would challenge the assimilation process.

#### Past NUSAS Cultural Action

It was agreed that NUSAS cultural action in the past had been inadequate because of a lack of thorough analysis of the place of culture in South African society, and because of an accompanying failure to act consistently and without compromise.

It was agreed that the 'counter-culture' movement had failed because it lacked an adequate accompanying analysis of the society it was questioning and, being a mere reaction to the 'establishment', was readily assimilated, and thus rendered impotent, by the dominant culture.

It was also agreed that NUSAS cultural action of the past had suffered from a schizophrenic relationship between the implicit and explicit principles on which that action was based, and the compromising of these principles through the presentation of projects for 'impressario' or fund-raising reasons.

## 4. Relationship of cultural action to other NUSAS Projects

It was agreed that cultural action as defined cannot take its form in a rigidly separate and distinct project; that in order for a necessary, wide perspective to be maintained cultural action would need to be integrated as fully as possible into general NUSAS projects, policy and approach.

The overlap between cultural action and seminars programmes, education reform projects, media projects, environmental action projects, social action projects, women's action projects etc. was noted, and it was agreed that this overlap if seen in terms of its positive and constructive possibilities, need not involve a vagueness or confusion.

#### 5. General Policy and Approach for Cultural Action - It was agreed :

- that cultural action must be closely and continually related to a process of analytic exploration and vice versa;
- ii) that it is not our duty to attempt to convince people in a naively direct way of the value of our perspective, but to involve people who feel they can identify positively with our intentions and motivations in our activities; and that there is a danger in viewing the relationship between what we think and the communication of our thoughts oversimplisticly; and that it is necessary to involve people, particularly students, in the issues rather than extracting and imposing the answers;
- iii) that we are opposed to the general concept of the artist as a special type of person who is divorced, in a fundamental sense, from the society in which he or she exists;
- iv) that we do not attempt to co-opt people into our activity merely because of of the potential usefulness of their skills, but rather that we involve these people on a total and integrated level so that any application of skills may grow out of an organic interaction;
- v) that we do not, in interaction with other areas of activity, impose the other activity's framework on ourselves or vice versa, but rather work through our own framework in conjunction with these other activities in order that both areas of activity feed each other and progress together;
- vi) that all our activities be motivated by an anger with the situation as it is and by a determination to act to change this situation fundamentally;
- vii) that a constant attempt be made to place specific cultural problems in an overall perspective.

#### Proposals for General Areas of Cultural Action

The following areas were discussed :

- forms of artistic expression must be avoided at all costs. It was agreed that our primary concern should not be with the content of the art work takes place and how this structure effects the overall meaning of the work and process of communication. It was also agreed that art itself was a limited area of culture and should be constantly seen as such.
- Theoretical It was agreed that the constant exploration of the overall context in which cultural interaction takes place is a vital sphere of activity. This exploration could take a number of forms, including seminars, study groups, lectures, etc. It was stressed that theoretical exploration is insufficient if unaccompanied by related action programmes and the exploration of action possibilities.
- Education It was agreed that education processes in general and university education in particular served in the main to re-inforce the assimilation of cultural artifacts and relations into the domination syndrome. For cultural action this was particularly relevant in relation to the teaching of literature, fine art, drama, music etc. It was agreed that this opened up a large area for possible action and that this action would obviously be done in close interaction with education reform groups, and in many cases, would overlap totally. This was seen as a positive overlap.

- iv) Research It was agreed that research projects which explored areas not usually explored by other groups, institutions or individuals, could be initiated, co-ordinated and participated in, and constructive use made of material gained from this research.
- v) Media An obvious and constructive overlap was noted between this possible area of cultural action and the NUSAS media activities.
- vi) Interaction It was agreed that there are vast possibilities for interaction with non-NUSAS and non-student cultural groups, but that this interaction should not be indulged in for its own sake, and that a compromising of our position should be avoided as far as possible.
- Alternative Employment It was noted that there are a large number of graduates with arts degrees who are forced by the lack of alternatives to take jobs which serve to assimilate them into or back into the institution and attitudes of the dominant group. The work of the Congress Alternative Employment Committee was noted and it was agreed that, in terms of the recommendations of that Committee, an amount of research and exploration of alternatives be undertaken in obvious relation to general alternative employment research.
- viii) Thematic Projects The possibility of the running of short or long term thematic projects or campaigns was "discussed, the work of the Congress Orientation Committee noted, and an in principle agreement taken that there is a distinct possibility of inter-project action in this form.
  - Fundraising It was emphatically agreed that cultural action groups should not be asked to organise fundraising ventures, as cultural action groups, and that any intention to raise funds by means of the presentation of art works of any kind should be thoroughly investigated beforehand and each case decided on its own merits i.e. the degree of compromise measured against the urgency of fundraising. It was agreed that any cultural action project which needed more funds than it was practicable to obtain without compromise, should be abandoned in favour of less costly, or costless projects.

#### Specific Project Proposals

It was agreed that at this stage it would be unwise to impose specific projects onto the campus cultural action groups; that specific projects be allowed to grow in relation to the exploratory activity and in relation to the resources and action potential of each campus. Campus cultural action groups would plan activity under the general guidance of the general project areas outlined in the preceeding section and the general statements of policy and approach.

The one specific project proposal that was suggested and accepted was the initiation and continuation of "guerilla theatre" groups.

## Recommendations on cultural action structure and fundraising

#### Campus - It was agreed:

- (a) that cultural action groups should be set up on campuses as a specific area of activity of the NUSAS Local Committee;
- (b) that these groups should define themselves not as committees with a primary bureaucratic structure and functioning, but as closely knit 'study groups' which would meet regularly with the prime purpose of ensuring an on-going exploration of the theoretical and practical problems of cultural action as outlined in this document, and with the initiation and implementation of cultural action programmes and projects;

- (c) that these cultural action groups should consist of a small number of people who were at least in agreement on fundamental issues, and that larger groups of people could be involved in general or specific interest group projects;
- (d) that this cultural action group should be headed by a co-ordinator who should be appointed by the NUSAS Local Committee and that the cultural action group should be an'area of activity' of the NUSAS Local Committee and not a sub-committee of the SRC;
- (e) that this cultural action group would form a part of the NUSAS Local Committee and would take part fully in the initiation, planning and execution of general NUSAS Local projects and programmes, and that a conscious attempt be made on the part of NUSAS Local Committees to facilitate co-operation at all levels.

## ii) National - it was agreed :

- (a) that communication between various campus cultural action groups is essential;
- (b) that a head office cultural action portfolio is essential;
- (c) that the task definition of this portfolio should include:
  - \*the initiation and co-ordination of cultural action projects and programmes at a national level;
  - \*the establising and maintaining of contact with student and nonstudent groups and individuals;
  - \*the facilitation of the integration of cultural action with general NUSAS projects;
  - \*interaction with other members of the NUSAS Executive in the initiation, planning and execution of projects;
  - \*any other duties which the Executive may request or National Council mandate.

The Committee discussed briefly possible structural changes within NUSAS, particularly changes in head office portfolios. The Committee favoured the linking of the Cultural Action portfolio to the Media portfolio if it had to be linked to any other portfolio. The possibility of an Action Officer covering all NUSAS action projects (including cultural action) was rejected.

#### Chairpersons's minority report on head office structure

I believe that the decision of the Cultural Action Committee to make proposals on head office structure on the basis of a highly cursory and inadequate discussion, thus pre-empting the NSA debate on structural changes, to be in bad faith and I disassociate myself from the recommendations of the Committee on this issue.

#### APPENDIX J

## REPORT OF THE SEMINARS COMMITTEE

## Assessment of Seminars

An outline was given by each university of the seminars held on their campuses this year, and those seminars discussed. Wits., with its full-time seminars organiser, undoubtedly had a superior seminar programme to the others. The other campuses, nevertheless, had a number of successful seminars.

From this arose discussion on seminars in general. Criteria for a seminar to be successful were put forward. The first was that it should be action oriented irrelevant theoretical discussion should be avoided. The 'action' need not be something immediately apparent - it could be the formation of attitudes which will result in certain actions after a long period of time.

The second was that good participation from the students involved is necessary. This can be influenced by a number of factors:

- (a) Reading of material participants must be familiar with it;
- (b) Leadership although the leader need not be an expert in the field, he must be able to guide discussion;
- (c) The number of participants large groups cannot hold effective discussion.

In addition to these requirements, also desirable are:

- follow-up seminars;
- that seminars produce leaders from their participants who will organise further seminars.

Further ideas raised were:

that seminars be organised outside the student body - this is where awareness and concern is most lacking. Consensus was not reached on this point.

#### 11. Goals for the Seminar Programme

The Committee agreed that an adequate theoretical framework is necessary both as a prerequisite to meaningful social action and as a stimulus to such action. It was noted that numerous deficiencies exist in the analyses presently applied to South African society, and that consideration of such analyses is presently confined to a very small group of students.

We believe that a wide-ranging seminar programme could substantially contribute to these problem areas by:

- (a) Providing a more rigorous analysis of our society and of social change in its context;
- (b) Involving wider groupings than those presently tied to strictly NUSAS interests;
- (c) Setting up formal and informal links between groups and individuals involved in this search for meaningful and relevant action;
- (d) Creating interest in issues to be followed up in more vigorous seminars.

#### lll. Orientation

The question of orientation was discussed. It was agreed that, at the time of discussion, the concept was not sufficiently clearly formulated and, as it had been formulated, was rejected.

## General Proposals for a Seminars Programme

- There should be an attempt as far as possible to duplicate whatever happens on the local level, on the national level, and vice versa. This applies to all types of seminars - general, interest groups, projects, orientation, etc.
- Different types of seminars should, as far as is practicable, be assigned to distinct goals and functions, e.g. leadership training should not be confused with general NUSAS orientation. However, at a certain point, links can and should be made, e.g. between a general seminar group which has progressed to a certain stage, and an interest group on project seminars. (See further, paragraph C(2) in the General Orientation Seminars section).

## A. General Orientation Seminars

- (a) These should largely be confined to students new to the organisation, which imposes certain restraints:
  - papers given at such seminars should not be too abstract and "macro-scale" - they should rather relate to the familiar and everyday perceptions and experiences of the participants.
  - ii) intellectual arrogance must be avoided at all costs, i.e. the sort of "we've-been-through-it-all-and-now-we're-giving-you-thebenefit-of-our-accumulated-wisdom" attitude. First-year students in particular may well have had their sensibilities dulled by twelve years of Christian National Indoctrination, but this does not mean that they are totally insensitive and unreceptive.
  - iii) in one sense, first-years are very sensitive indeed, in that they are highly impressionable. This has advantages and disadvantages. On the one hand, effective advertising is more likely to draw them to a seminars programme than more senior students. On the other hand, they might be easily overawed, and therefore whoever is conducting the seminar must handle things with a great deal of tact, humanity and understanding.
- (b) The goals and format of general orientation seminars are, in broad outline, as follows:
  - The threshold which needs to be passed is that from a group of unconcerned and uncommitted individuals to a group of (hopefully) totally or at least partially committed and concerned people. We should not aim, at least directly, at producing workers for action projects. To a large extent, the participants in the seminar, must be allowed to act upon their own initiative, if they wish to display their commitment and concern in concrete forms.
  - ii) The format of the seminar should aim for maximum personal contact and questioning, and group "brainstorming"sessions. This relates to the point made above. "Heavy" papers, the ramifications of which they participants are not equipped to discuss, should be avoided.

- One positive proposal aimed at achieving the above goals is that once a subject for discussion has been isolated, a seminar series should begin by each member of the group voicing his preconceived notions about the topic, the sort of aspects he or she wants to discuss, and what he or she expects to get of the seminar.
- (c) Under the heading of General Orientation Seminars, 3 broad subcategories can be defined:
  - i) General seminars on each campus, which would handle such topics as one's courses at University, whether one likes them or not, why, how could they be improved. This leads into topics such as the role of the university in society and the theoretical background (history, political economy, etc.) behind this role. There are obvious links here with Paul Malherbe and Paul Bell's Campus Community Organisation project which could be explored further.
  - ii) At some point, these groups could link up and fit in with interest group seminars such as women's groups and technological groups, e.g. one extends one's analysis of society into such fields as oppression and the reasons for it (racial oppression, class oppression, sexual oppression), the social responsibility of the scientist/ technologist, etc.
  - iii) National seminars, which duplicate (i) and (ii) at the national level.
- (d) Two miscellaneous points:
  - As the se are general orientation seminars, intensive recruiting drives should be conducted to attract as large a number of participants as would be manageable.
  - ii) Preparation bits are an excellent idea, but should be distributed at least one week in advance.

#### B. Leadership and Leadership Training

- (a) National Leadership Seminars It was felt that the present two leadership seminars a year was sufficient and all that could be achieved. Congress had only an indirect leadership training role. The suggestion for the December Training Seminar was approved.
- (b) Local Leadership Seminars For whom:
  - i) NUSAS Local members, project workers.
  - Project and NUSAS Local leaders to focus on delegation of responsibility and decision making.
  - iii) UNP's campus leadership seminar embracing most student leadership groups, was felt to be a good model.
  - iv) It was emphasised that regular local leadership seminars for local committees and project people were needed to supplement the two National Seminars.
  - v) Other leadership groups, e.g. Faculty Councils, Residences, peripheral social action groups needed to be catered for in seminars.
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## (c) Seminars for Leadership : Problems

- Consistent with the need to develop new leadership is the need to develop skills for the delegation of responsibility and tasks to new members by leaders of "areas of responsibility".
- ii) In other words, seminars for leadership need to concentrate upon the theory and techniques of leadership. This means that existing leaders need to have their theoretical bases strengthened and need to be made aware of leadership potential in juniors and how to develop it.
- (d) More Hassles It was felt that lecture type situations should be avoided except for use as introductions and for groups of newly involved people at a light level of "heaviness".

## C. Project Seminars

A distinction should be made between those seminars designed to situate individual projects in a theoretical framework; and those which deal with specific issues pertaining to each project. Both groups of seminars are clearly important; the second category being of little value without the presence of the first. There is a pressing need for reading lists and other information necessary for such seminars to be compiled and disseminated as soon as possible.

#### D. National Seminars

- (a) That National Seminars are undertaken only insofar as they:
  - provide a focus for student activity on campus and serve to to mobilise campus resources;
  - break down isolation between campuses;
  - iii) stimulate analysis, activity and leadership on campus after the event;
    - iv) develop a committment to NUSAS in fulfilling its policy and programmes or, alternatively, promote committment to fulfilling the goals appropriate to a specific area of activity.
- (b) That 1976 April Seminar is designed for students who have shown an interest in student activity but also are not yet fully involved.
- (c) That, wherever possible, campuses attempt to finance participation in National Seminars and place a minimal financial burden upon Head office.

#### E. Introductory Talks

The value of these were stressed but their limitations noted. Follow-up opportunities should be offered but not pushed.

## V. Role of Campus Officer in Campus Seminars

 Co-ordination of Seminars for SRC, Social Action Projects, NUSAS Local, Cultural, Residences and Faculties.

- Initiation and Planning of Seminar Programmes.
- Organisation and planning of leadership seminars.
- Implementation of the above programmes in conjunction with the interest groups involved.

## Vl. Head Office.

The job definition of the Head Office Seminars Officer is contained in the structures proposals. The Committee was divided as to whether this should be a full-time post or combined with some other portfolio.

#### APPENDIX K

#### REPORT OF THE STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

- The operative intention for determining the effectiveness of any given structure is
  the success or otherwise of that structure in mobilising campus-based resources,
  the end, loosely defined, as a critical constructive debate in society this to
  include student, academic and research facilities.
- It was noted that a period of improvement in NUSAS had been experienced. However, various factors peculiar to a student organisation e.g. time were noted.

#### Campus Organisers

Contained in proposals from the Structures Committee.

#### Head Office

In addition to the proposals contained in the Structures motion, a number of alternatives were noted (some arose out of other committees). The central options outlined were:

- (a) that there be a social action officer rather than action officer with a job description as outlined in the social action report.
- (b) 4 members of head office with various combinations of portfolios.

#### 5. Centre Affiliation

A motion is forthcoming.

## APPENDIX L

## BUDGET FOR NUSAS ECOLOGY ACTION TO 30/4/76

INCOME	
1974/5 Balance	3 261,35
EXPENDITURE	
Salary	1 800,00
Travel Expenses	500,00
Publications and subscriptions	200,00
Postage	50,00
Stationary and Printing	100,00
Office Expenses	400,00
U.I.F.	25,00
Workmens' Compensation	1,35
Seminars	185,00
	R3 261,35

## NOTE

Should this project continue after 30/4/76 the following finance will be necessary on present projects.

1/5/76	- "	Congress	(31/7/76)	R	900,00
1/8/76	-	30/11/76		2	100,00

## APPENDIX M

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

1. The following budget for the financial year 1/5/75 to 30/4/76 was drawn up:

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#### PROBABLE

AFFILIATION FEES	16	000
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION	7	000
INTEREST	1	000
LEVY	2	000
	26	000
NEEDED		
CAMPUS FUNDING	3	000
EXTRAORDINARY : DONATIONS AND RAISED	6	000
	35	000

#### EXPENDITURE

DEPRECIATION	1	000
SALARIES	18	000
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES AND TRAVEL	3	500
RENT	2	500
TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAMS	2	000
PRINTING AND STATIONARY	2	000
PUBLICATIONS (GENERAL)		500
CONGRESS AND NATIONAL COUNCIL		700
POSTAGE		700
AUDIT		600
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		400
BANK CHARGES		200
SUBSCRIPTIONS		450
OFFICE TEAS AND CLEANING		150
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND		100
EQUIPMENT INSURANCE		80
TRANSPORT LEVY		20
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION		20
GENERAL _	2	000
	34	920

#### FINANCE GENERATION

As regards the budget, the Committee stressed that without a successful fundraising campaign, the National Union will not be able to carry out the expansion of its activities as presently indicated. The Committee felt that all delegates should be made aware of the tight financial situation facing NUSAS and that the only way in which the National Union will be able to maintain, or increase, its present level of activity is to undertake serious fundraising activity.

If members of NUSAS believe in the value of NUSAS projects then they are going to have to commit themselves to generating the finance necessary for these projects. Indeed the success in the achievement of this finance by NUSAS will be a direct reflection of the commitment of NUSAS members. These arduous and unglamorous financial affairs will separate those persons who are dedicated from those who merely wish to be seen in the spotlight of social change.

As will be seen from income Statement in the budget the National Union is committed to raising some R9 000 during this financial year. The following breakdown is how the Committee recommends that this be achieved.

CAMPUS FUNDS

3 000

EXTRAORDINARY FUNDING

6 000

The Committee discussed various methods of achieving this finance and recommends as follows:

to mandate the NUSAS Executive, and specifically the Finance Officer to undertake finance generation for the National Union and specifically recommends the following fields -

- a. Student Travel
- b. Campus Levies
- SRC/NUSAS Local Donations
- d. Investment
- e. Extraordinary Schemes such as promoting international performers

#### CAMPUS OFFICERS

The Committee recommended that in the event of Campus Officers being employed that each individual campus SRC and NUSAS Local Committee should be financially responsible for the activities of such officer. Thus, the National Union would be responsible for the salary of such Officer as well as a proportion of the travel and accommodation costs of such a person for National Union events, this proportion to be negotiated. However, the Committee forsees the functions of such an Officer as being an initiatory and facilitating one and that all campus based costs of this role should be covered by such campus.

#### NUSAS SALARIES

The Committee considered lowering NUSAS employees salaries. However, it was decided to keep these fixed at R150 per month for all employees.

#### FINANCE OFFICER

The Committee considered the job definition of the Finance Officer as presently defined. It was decided that this was a comprehensive statement and the Committee recommends that this remain substantially the same.

#### PROJECT FINANCE

The Committee considers that there are available sources of project finance available for viable student projects and thus recommended that no new projects be undertaken unless their financial viability is previously determined and that such projects are largely self financing in that they have the primary responsibility for raising such finance as they may need. It was felt that the National Union Executive could assist in this.

- ENVIRAC : The Committee noted that ENVIRAC will be able to run juntil 30/4/76 on its present budget but recommends that the above project criteria be applied to ENVIRAC;
- ii) FRONT : The Committee was concerned that the project finance criteria be applied to FRONT and that the subscription and distribution administration of FRONT be an integral part of NUSAS;

# NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the 5th NUSED Congress Held at the University of Natal, Durban on 8th and 13th July, 1975.

## MINUTES OF THE 5th NUSED CONGRESS, HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, DURBAN, ON 8th and 13th July, 1975.

DELEGATES :

C. Williamson (in the chair)

#### Executive

Gavin Cawthra (U.N.D.), Anne Norman (U.N.P.)
Janet Love (Wits.), Paul Malherbe (U.C.T.),

Moira Maconochie (Rhodes)

## University of Cape Town

D. Budlender, R. Ferron, M. Jackson, A. Mervis

## University of Natal, Durban

D. Schutte, J. Bridger, N. Strydom, A. Jordan

## University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

Russell Knight, H. Riches, L. Cottrell, G. Berning

## University of the Witwatersrand

S. Moroney, M. Mendelowitz

#### NUSAS Head Office

C. de Beer

Mr. Williamson opened the Congress and welcomed all delegates.

#### Resolution 1/75

That this Student Congress adopt the Minutes of the previous NUSED Congress.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Budlender

Carried Nem. Con. (labst.)

## Resolution 2/75

That this Student Congress rescind all policy not contained in correlated policy.

PROPOSED : Jordan SECONDED : Riches

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 3/75

That this Student Congress table the report of the NUSED Acting Secretary-General.

PROPOSED : Bridger SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

/Resolution .....

## Resolution 4/75

That this Student Congress adopt the report of the NUSED Acting Secretary General.

PROPOSED : Bridger SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 5/75

That this Student Congress amend the NUSED Constitution as follows :

11 b All words after "programs" be deleted;

The words "National Student Assembly of the National Union" be deleted and replaced with "Student Congress";

The words "National Student Assembly" be deleted and replaced by "Student Congress";

Delete all words after "Sanctioned by the" and replace by "Executive":

2 ii Delete and replace by "A special resolution shall be a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting at a Student Congress and by a simple majority of the centres there represented";

13(a) Delete in toto and replace with the following:

a) Members of the Executive: Student Congress shall at each annual meeting determine the number of persons that shall comprise the Executive for the ensuing year and also the portfolios to be filled and whether or not portfolios shall be held in a part-time or full-time capacity and whether the holders shall be employees of NUSED or not. Student Congress shall thereupon proceed to elect persons to fill these portfolios which persons shall on election form the Executive for the ensuing year. This elected Executive shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy, programs and projects approved by the Student Congress and shall hold office for one year.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Love

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 6/75

That this Student Congress apply to National Student Assembly of the National Union of South African Students for associate membership as provided for in Clause 5 of the NUSAS Constitution and submits the following article of association:

#### NUSAS/NUSED ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION

That it be, and hereby is agreed that the National Student Assembly (hereinafter referred to as N.S.A.) of the National Union of South African Students (hereinafter referred to as National Union) and the Student Congress of the National Union of Students Education Department (hereinafter referred to as NUSED) do enter into the following article of association which shall define the nature of the association between them.

i) That the National Union and NUSED having note of the Constitution of each body do declare these to be compatible /and ..... and complementary, as both organisations have as primary objectives the promotion of the educational and general interests of students;

- ii) That the National Union and NUSED agree that the basis of the agreement between the two organisations shall be a joint upholding of the principle and aims contained in both Constitutions with special reference to the Declaration of Human Rights and the preamble of the National Union's Consitution;
- iii) That NUSED and the National Union do agree that the administrative affairs of NUSED should be conducted by the National Union's Head Office and that the financial records and books of NUSED shall be incorporated in those of the National Union;
- iv) That it is agreed that, notwithstanding anything contained in this article of association, both the National Union and NUSED shall retain autonomy as separate organisations, shall be separate legal persona and shall have no legal responsibility for the affairs of each other;
- v) The National Union and NUSED do agree that each organisation shall enjoy representation at the annual meeting of the other but that neither organisation shall exercise any votes at such meeting;
- vi) This article of association shall only remain in force while mutually agreed upon by NUSED and the National Union and either party may at any time withdraw from the association by a simple majority decision of its annual meeting.

PROPOSED : de Beer SECONDED : Bridger

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 7/75

That this Student Congress table and adopt the Budget and Finance Report.

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Knight

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 8/75

That this Student Congress

<u>RESOLVES</u> to increase the annual membership fee of NUSED to R1,00 per person, and to make the duration of membership from 1st May of any one year to April 30th of the following year.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

/Resolution 9/75 ....

## Resolution 9/75

That this Student Congress adopt the following projects and programs for the ensuing year :

- Student travel
- 2) Investigation into the feasibility of alternative employment
- 3) The Prison Education Scheme

PROPOSED : Moroney SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 10/75

That this Student Congress

- NOTING 1) the sterling work done in the arranging of Student Tour contracts for 1975,
  - the extensive legal work done in preparing the changes in the NUSED constitution,

THANK Messrs. Williamson, Tip and Parker for their work.

PROPOSED : Ferron SECONDED : Malherbe

Carried unanimously

## Resolution 11/75

That this Student Congress

Resolves that the NUSED Executive shall consist of 6 persons who shall not be employees of NUSED and who shall fill the following portfolios:

- Secretary General
- 2. University of the Witwatersrand Local Director
- 3. University of Cape Town Local Director
- 4. University of Natal, Durban Local Director
- 5. University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg Local Director
- Rhodes University Local Director:

and who shall hold office from 1/12/75 to 30/11/76.

PROPOSED : Williamson SECONDED : Mendelowitz

Carried unanimously

#### Resolution 12/75

That this Student Congress elects the following to the NUSED Executive:

Secretary-General University of the Witwatersrand Local Craig Williamson

Director

Janet Love

University of Cape Town Local Director University of Natal, Durban Local Director

Paul Malherbe

Gavin Cawthra

/University .....

University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

Local Director

Rhodes University Local Director

Anne Norman Moira Maconochie

PROPOSED : Mendelowitz

SECONDED : Jordan

Carried unanimously

Mr. Williamson declared the 5th NUSED Congress closed.

## AQUARIUS

Minutes of the 7th National Aquarius Congress held at the University of Natal, Durban on the 8th July, 1975.

## MINUTES OF THE 7th AQUARIUS NATIONAL CONGRESS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, DURBAN - 8th JULY, 1975

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Graham Dominy Jenny Schreiner	U.N.P. U.N.P.	
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The Secretary-General opened the Congress and welcomed all delegates.

## CLAIMING OF VOTES

University	οf	the Wit	watersrand	5
University	of	Cape To	own	3
University	of	Natal,	Pietermaritzburg	5
University	of	Natal,	Durban	5
Rhodes Univ	er:	sity		2
Executive		_		1

Maré and Edwards were granted full speaking and voting rights for the duration of the Congress.

#### Resolution 1/75

That this Student Congress ratify minutes of the Aquarius National Congress of July, 1974 and the Special Congress of December, 1974.

PROPOSED : Levinrad SECONDED : McMillan

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

## Resolution 2/75

That this Student Congress table the report of the Secretary-General.

PROPOSED : Maré SECONDED : Haysom

Carried unanimously

Mr. Levinrad wished it to be recorded that the takings from the Morris Goldberg concert at Wits. were actually in excess of the figure given in the report.

## Resolution 3/75

That this Student Congress adopt the report of the Secretary-General.

PROPOSED : Maré SECONDED : Haysom

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.)

Local Committee Reports were given verbally and adopted unanimously.

Chair to Mr. Edwards.

## Resolution 4/75

That this Student Congress

## NOTING:

- 1) NUSAS Executive Resolution 1/75
- 2) National Council Resolution taken on 8/7/75
- 3) that it is desirable for NUSAS cultural action to be more thoroughly integrated into general NUSAS policy and action
- 4) that the existence of Aquarius has become an obstacle to, rather than a facilitation of, student cultural action

#### RESOLVES

- to hereby dissolve Aquarius with effect from 31st July, 1975,
- to recommend to National Student Assembly that NUSAS cultural action be thoroughly rethought
- 3) to recommend to National Student Assembly that the present Aquarius Secretary-General be retained on the NUSAS Executive until the 30th November, 1975 as a temporary cultural action officer with the following priorities:
  - a) the immediate initiation and co-ordination of campus-based cultural action programmes
  - b) the administration of the national arts publication FRONT
  - c) any other activities that the NUSAS Executive may, from time to time, deem necessary.

PROPOSED : Gilder SECONDED : Levinrad

Carried Nem. Con. (l abst.) with acclaim

## Resolution 5/75

That this Student Congress thank Barry Gilder for all his hard work, inspiration and perspiration in his work as Secretary-General.

PROPOSED : Dominy SECONDED : Devinrad

Carried Nem. Con. (1 abst.) with acclaim

Mr. Gilder thanked all delegates for their co-operation and declared the Congress closed.