OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

between

Selkirk College

(hereinafter called "the Employer")

And

SELKIRK COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Dated: June 29, 2020

Introduction

The following package of items is to be considered an Offer for Settlement ("the Offer") submitted by the Employer to the Union for the renewal of the 2014-2019 Collective Agreement.

The Offer is presented in a package format. Any issue not included in the Offer from the original list of proposals submitted by either the Employer or the Union is deemed to be withdrawn. Where the Offer is not accepted as a whole, the Offer is withdrawn completely. Any issues left out of the Offer return to active bargaining status if this Offer is rejected. Any issues previously tentatively agreed to will retain that same status if this Offer is rejected.

The Offer is advanced on a without prejudice basis to conclude the renewal of a Collective Agreement.

Should this Offer be accepted as presented, the date of ratification will be the date the parties, including the PSEA Board of Directors, conclude the ratification of their 2019-2022 Collective Agreement

This Offer is valid until 4:00pm, Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

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Memorandum of Settlement

between

SELKIRK COLLEGE

(referred to as the "Employer")

and

SELKIRK COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

(referred to as the "Union")

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THE UNDERSIGNED BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES OF SELKIRK COLLEGE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF SELKIRK COLLEGE (hereinafter called "the Employer"), AGREE TO RECOMMEND TO THE SELKIRK COLLEGE BOARD;

AND

THE UNDERSIGNED BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SELKIRK COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION (hereinafter called "the Union"), AGREE TO RECOMMEND TO THE SELKIRK COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP;

THAT THEIR COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022 (hereinafter called the "new Collective Agreement"), SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Previous Conditions

All of the terms of the 2014-2019 Collective Agreement continue except as specifically varied below.

2. Term of Agreement

The term of the new Collective Agreements shall be for 36 months from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022 both dates inclusive.

3. Effective Dates

The effective date for all changes to the new Collective Agreement will be the date of ratification of this Memorandum of Agreement, unless otherwise specified.

4. SCHEDULE "A"

The Employer and the Union agree to the amendments to the new Collective Agreement attached to this Memorandum of Agreement as Schedule "A".

5. SCHEDULE "B" (the "Greens")

The Employer and the Union also agreed to the amendments to the new Collective Agreement attached to this Memorandum of Agreement as Schedule "B".

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6. SCHEDULE "C" - FTT Tentative Settlement

The Employer and the Union also agree to the terms of the agreements reached at the Faculty Template Table attached to this Memorandum of Agreement as Schedule "D".

7. Ratification

The parties expressly agree that, upon the completed signing of this Memorandum of Agreement, the parties shall recommend the approval of this Memorandum to their respective principals and schedule the necessary meetings to ensure that their principals vote on the recommendations.

This Memorandum of Agreement is also subject to ratification by the Post-Secondary Employers' Association Board of Directors.

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SCHEDULE A

Preamble

THIS AGREEMENT is effective from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022

BETWEEN:

Selkirk College, of the City of Castlegar, in the Province of British Columbia, (hereinafter called the "College")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

Selkirk College Faculty Association, of the City of Castlegar, in the Province of British Columbia, (hereinafter called the "Association")

The remainder of the Preamble remains unchanged.

1.4 Singular/Plural and Masculine/Feminine

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing a male person shall include a female person and vice versa, and words used in the singular shall be construed as meaning the plural if the facts or context so require.

<u>Article 8 – CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT</u>

No change to existing language except for what follows.

8.9 Subsidiary Employment

All employees may undertake consulting work for which they are paid, provided the work is of an appropriate professional nature and does not interfere with their College duties, and provided further, that the President **or representative** gives approval to such work.

Article 10.1.3 Procedures

No change to existing language except for what follows.

Applications for assisted leave will be processed as follows:

1. The Professional Development Committee will screen the applications and will make their recommendations to the President **or representative** by November 15.

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- 2. The President **or representative** will communicate his/her their approval of the Committee's recommendation directly to the successful candidate (s). Should the President **or representative** not accept the Committee's recommendation, he/she they will discuss his/her their concerns with the Convener of the Committee prior to formally rejecting the recommendation.
- 3. Successful candidates will advise the President **or representative** of their acceptance/refusal of the assisted leave within three (3) weeks of the date the President's approval of the leave was communicated to them.

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10.2 Unassisted Leaves

No change to existing language except for what follows.

In cases which do not qualify for assisted leave, employees, upon approval of the President **or representative**, may be granted leave without assistance for any purpose up to a maximum period of twelve (12) months. Upon completion of leave without assistance, employees are assured of resuming duties in a position and salary level placement equivalent to that held prior to going on leave.

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Article 10.5.2 Leave for negotiating a new collective agreement

No change to existing language except for what follows.

When a new collective agreement is being negotiated, the College will provide paid release from scheduled duties to Association bargaining team members in order that they may participate in negotiation sessions with the College when these sessions conflict with their regular duties. The Parties will make every effort to schedule negotiation meetings to minimize such scheduling conflicts while maintaining a reasonable frequency of bargaining sessions.

This article applies to provincial and local bargaining.

Article 20 – Term of Agreement

This agreement unless changed by the mutual consent of both parties hereto, shall be in force and effect from April 1, 2014 2019 to March 31, 2019 2022 and thereafter from year to year unless either party serves notice to commence collective bargaining in accordance with the *Labour Relations Code of B.C.*

LOU #1 – COMMON AGREEMENT, FACULTY TEMPLATE AGREEMENT, AND 0.6 COMMON PD FUND

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COMMON AGREEMENT

The parties agree to roll over the 2012-2014 **2014 – 2019** Common Agreement provisions except for specific changes as agreed between the parties.

2014 2019 FPSE TEMPLATE TABLE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that the 2014 2019 FPSE Template Table Memorandum of Agreement shall form part of the Selkirk College – Selkirk College Faculty Association 2014-2019 2019 – 2022 Collective Agreement.

COMMON FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, Article 16 of the Common Agreement

Terms of Reference will govern the administration and distribution of the Common PD funds in accordance with the stipulations of the FPSE Common Agreement.

Amendments to the Terms of Reference shall be subject to review and approval by the Joint Labour Management Committee.

LOU #2 AMALGAMATION OF THE KOOTENAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF INTO THE SELKIRK COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION BARGAINING UNIT

No change to existing language except for what follows:

- 1. Instructional Assignments Article 8: The annual workload for a fulltime equivalent faculty position in the School of Craft and Design Kootenay Studio Arts will consist of 720 hours of instruction. All contact hours, whether delivered as "core" or "studio" courses, will be considered equivalent for the purpose of workload calculations. This instruction will normally be delivered over 2 terms, but could be configured differently-to meet the needs of a program.
- **6. Free parking Article 8:** For instructional staff working at the KSA Victoria Street campus, Article 8.1.4 will not apply. The limited free parking available at the Victoria Street campus will be open to all faculty members on a first come fist first take basis.
- **8.** Hourly rate —: Guest artists and casual instructors will be paid according to Schedule H within this LOU (Attachment B), to be completed by the parties prior to June 30, 2006.
- **10. Workload caps:** To recognize the importance of the working artist model, and to ensure instructors have the time to practice their craft, and to provide students with maximum exposure to different artists, the following provision will apply:
 - a. Faculty members in the School of Craft and Design Kootenay Studio Arts will not normally be assigned more than 50% of an annual workload within the two-year diploma program.

Schedule H – Guest Artists and Casual Instructors

This schedule applies only to guest artists and casual instructors in the School of Craft and Design (Kootenay School of the Arts at Selkirk College). at the Kootenay Studio Arts at Selkirk College.

Category 1: Guest artists

This is remuneration for temporary work of a short duration, normally 1-3 classes. Guest artists do not replace an instructor but work alongside the instructor to demonstrate specialized techniques, critique student work, lecture on personal experiences, etc.

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Guest artists will be remunerated at a flat rate of \$50 per hour and will be paid by honorarium. Where the reputation of the guest artist warrants it, the Dean may approve a higher rate.

Category 2: Casual instructors

The nature of the work performed by a "casual" instructor and the terms of his/her appointment are described in Article 4.5 of the Collective Agreement.

Instructors listed on Appendix A of this agreement and whose annual appointments are less than 25%, will be offered a short-term appointment, as per Article 11 of this MOU. Their rate of pay will be determined by their placement on scale.

Instructors hired after July 1, 2006 for work that qualifies under Article 4.5 of the collective agreement may be hired as Casual Instructor, in which case they will be remunerated as per Schedule E or the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree to renew the following Letters of Understanding as detailed below:

- LOU#3 Association Release Time Costing
- LOU#4 Individual Instruction Delivery Workload Calculations for Music Instructors (Art. 8.3.7)
- LOU #5 Implementation of the Selkirk College Organizational Restructuring/realignment Plan
- LOU #6 School of University Arts and Science Enrolment Management Pilot Project
- LOU #7 Remuneration for Distance Education Courses
- LOU #8 Joint Committee on Workload Review
- LOU # 11 Academic Freedom

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SCHEDULE B

The following are language changes that were previously agreed between the parties in negotiations to date. The parties agree that these form part of this schedule and Memorandum Of Settlement.

Decription	Date signed
Memorandum of Agreement – The Payment of Coordinator Stipend	February 11, 2020
LOU # 10	February 11, 2020
Gender Neutral Pronouns	February 12, 2020
"Vice President Education"	February 12, 2020
Article 4.2 – Short Term Appointments	February 12, 2020
Article 4.2.3 – Break in Service for Purposes of Regularization	February 12, 2020
Economic Stability Dividend	February 12, 2020
Article 5.6 – Expertise Review	February 12, 2020
Article 8.1.1 Expectation to participate in a broad array of programs	February 12, 2020
Article 8.7 – Rights to Newly Available Work	February 12, 2020
Article 10.1.2 - Application	February 12, 2020
Article 10.4 – Political Leave	February 12, 2020
Appendix A	February 12, 2020
Appendix C	February 12, 2020
Article 3.2 – Monthly Dues	February 13, 2020
"Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training"	February 13, 2020

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Replace "Ministry of Advanced Education" with "Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training" throughout the agreement.

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Replace "her/his" and "his/her" with "their" or "them" as appropriate, and "s/he" with "they" wherever they appear in the agreement to use gender neutral pronouns.

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Replace "Vice President Education and Students with "Vice President Education" throughout the agreement.

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Article 4 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

4.2 Short Term Appointments

Short-term employees will be evaluated as set forth in Article 7.8.1.

Further short-term appointments that consist of work of a similar nature and begin within the thirteen (13) month period from the expiry date of the last appointment will be offered to employees who have received a satisfactory appraisal or comprehensive evaluation and who have the required expertise as defined in Article 1.811.

A short-term employee who is hired in emergency circumstances, with less than the normally required qualifications or expertise, will have no right to further appointments of work of a similar nature, pursuant to Article 4.2 of this agreement. In such cases, a notation to that effect will be included in the employee's letter of appointment.

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Article 4 TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

4.2.3 Break in Service for Purposes of Regularization

Time requirements for regularization must be completed in one classification and cross-over into another classification for any portion of the time worked does not entitle the employee to be considered for regularization in the subsequent classification.

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Economic Stability Dividend

Delete all references to the Economic Stability Dividend (ESD) throughout the agreement.

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5.6 Expertise Review

Employees will have their expertise assessed in relation to their discipline/program/service group in accordance with Article 1.811.

Following consultation between the School Chair/Department Head ... will determine the expertise requirements in accordance with Article 1.811 for those disciplines/programs/service ... teaches or works.

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Article 8 - CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

8.1.1 Expectation to participate in broad array of programs

Employees are expected to keep abreast of development in their field. The educational obligations of Selkirk College are to a broad spectrum of the community, therefore, in addition to programs for full time students, Continuing and Adult Education Community Education and Workplace Training programs involving evening courses, seminars, and institutes are provided. Employees will be selected with the expectation that they will participate in such programs.

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8.7 Rights to Newly Available Work

The members referred to in this process are assumed to have demonstrated the expertise to do the work as per Article 1.811, or in the case of "bumping", as per Articles 5.4 and 5.5.

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The Parties agree to the following amendment to the language of the collective agreement.

10.1 Assisted Leave for Professional Development

10.1.2 Application

An employee who applies for an assisted leave shall submit his/her request to the Convenor of the Professional Development Committee prior to October ± 15 of the year preceding the requested leave of absence. The application must include a letter of support from the Dean, including tentative start and end dates.

The remainder of the Article remains unchanged.

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10.4 Political Leave

If nominated as a candidate for election at the Federal, Provincial or Municipal level, leave of absence without pay shall be provided to take part in the election campaign.

If elected to full time office, a leave of absence without pay shall be provided for one (1) term of office. The employee shall submit a request at least one (1) month prior to the anticipated commencement of said leave.

The terms and conditions of such a leave of absence will be in accordance with Article 10.32.

Instructional faculty, who are returning from such leave, shall resume their duties at the beginning of the next recognized semester. Non-instructional faculty shall return at the earliest convenience of the College but not later than four (4) months from the date of the employee's written notification.

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The Parties agree to delete Appendix C from the collective agreement.

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LOU #10

Implementation of the new Article 7 Employee Evaluation Process

To allow time for the new Employee Evaluation process, as agreed to by the parties, to be effectively implemented, the process outlined in the 2010-2012 collective agreement will remain in place until July 1, 2016.

During that time the joint Selkirk College Faculty Association/Management Evaluation Committee ("the joint evaluation committee") will be tasked with:

- Researching best practice with respect to student evaluation of instruction;
- · Researching best practice with respect to peer review,
- Developing processes, forms and procedures associated with the new plan and making recommendations to the VP Education and Students
- Assisting with the launch of the new process, and
- Other tasks as requested by the VP Education and Students.

The evaluation processes identified in the new agreement (2014-2019) will be take effect July 1, 2016.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THE PAYMENT OF THE COORDINATOR STIPEND

The Parties agree that the Chief Flying Instructor and Studio Coordinator shall receive the following stipend:

Coordinator Stipend	Annual	Monthly
April 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 ¹	\$2,279.00	\$189.92
February 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 ¹²³	TBA	TBA
April 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 ¹³	\$2,290,40	\$190.87
February 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017 ¹²³	\$2,313.00	\$192.75
April 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018 ¹³	\$2,324.57	\$193.71
February 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 ^{1 2 3}	\$2,348.00	\$195.67
April 1, 2018 to January 31, 2018 ¹³	\$2,360.00	\$196.67
February 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019 ^{1,2,3}	\$2,384.00	\$198.67

The first day of the first full pay period after this date. For April 1, 2015, the first day of the first full pay period after this date or the first day of the first full pay period after the date of tentative settlement of the collective agreement (whichever is later).

²See Memorandum of Understanding on the Economic Stability Dividend (ESD). Annual wage rate may be adjusted depending on the ESD.

3Annual wage rates to be determined depending on the ESD.

The Parties further agree that upon the vacancy of both Coordinator positions, this MOA shall expire.

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3.2 Monthly dues

The College shall deduct from all employees an amount equal to the monthly dues of the Association. Such deductions will be made as a condition of employment for all employees. Such deductions shall be made from the first pay cheque in any calendar month-bi-weekly and shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Association prior to the last day of the following month.

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SCHEDULE C

The following are agreements reached between the parties in negotiations at the FPSE Template Table and form part of the overall settlement for the renewal of the 2014 – 2019 collective agreement:

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2019 - FPSE TEMPLATE TABLE

between

<u>POST-SECONDARY EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION ("PSEA")</u> representing those employer-members participating in the 2019 FPSE Template Table

("the Employers")

and

FEDERATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATORS OF BC ("FPSE")

representing those of its local unions participating (and whose employers are participating) in the 2019

FPSE Template Table

("the Union")

The parties listed in Schedule "1" have agreed that the following items will form part of the Memorandum of Settlement between them for the 2019 FPSE Faculty Common Agreement. The parties listed in Schedule "1" agree to recommend this Memorandum of Settlement together with the applicable local Memorandum of Settlement to their respective principals.

All changes to existing language are indicated by bold, italicized text and / or strikethrough where required for clarity.

The effective date for all changes to the new Common Agreement will be date of ratification, unless otherwise specified.

All of the terms of the 2014-2019 FPSE Faculty Common Agreement continue except as specifically varied below.

1. Article 3.2 – Joint Administration and Dispute Resolution Committee

3.2.1 Formation and Composition

The Parties to this agreement will maintain a Joint Administration and Dispute Resolution Committee (JADRC) consisting of five (5) representatives of the employers and five (5) three (3) representatives of each party the Provincial Bargaining Council. Where appropriate, additional individuals may be called as resources, by mutual agreement.

3.2.2 Operation

Meetings of JADRC shall be held as needed. A meeting shall be-called held within twenty (20) days of the written request of either party unless mutually agreed otherwise. A minimum of six (6) four (4) representatives with equal representation from the Common Parties will constitute a quorum. JADRC will set its own procedures and protocols. All decisions of JADRC will be mutual decisions between the Parties and will be recorded or confirmed in writing.

3.2.3 Purpose

The purpose of JADRC is to:

- (a) Assist in the administration of collective agreements the Common Agreement.
- (b) Provide a forum for dialogue between the Parties respecting issues impacting labour relations.
- (c) Provide a means for resolving issues pertaining to the implementation, interpretation and resolution of matters arising from the Common Agreement.
- (d) Appoint arbitrator(s) as applicable for Common Agreement Dispute Resolution
- (e) Develop strategies to reduce arbitration and related costs.

3.2.4 Common Agreement Dispute Resolution

Where a dispute arises concerning the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of this Agreement, the local parties will refer the dispute to JADRC using the Dispute Referral Form at Appendix C to this Agreement. Such referral would occur after the local grievance procedure is exhausted or deemed completed by agreement of the local parties.

JADRC will act as the registrar for referred disputes and will forward the matter to an arbitrator, within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the dispute by JADRC's designated registrar. (See Appendix D for the list of arbitrators.)

Notwithstanding the referral of a dispute to an arbitrator, the local parties may mutually agree to request that JADRC attempt to resolve the matter through a pre-hearing discussion at the JADRC level. Where JADRC reaches a mutual decision on a matter referred, the decision will be final and binding upon the local parties.

Prior to an arbitral hearing, and in the absence of any JADRC decision, the local parties may resolve a dispute which relates to the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of this Agreement. The resolution is without prejudice or precedent.

3.2.5 Process and Costs

A matter referred to an arbitrator will be scheduled and heard within sixty (60) calendar days of referral unless otherwise mutually agreed by the local parties. Decisions will be final and binding except as provided by Section 99 of the Labour Relations Code.

Arbitral decisions shall be rendered within fifteen (15) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing. Time limits may be altered by mutual agreement between the parties.

An arbitrator has the authority to order pre-hearing disclosure and to act as a mediator provided such action does not unduly delay a decision.

Each local party will be responsible for its own costs. The costs of the arbitrator will be shared by the local parties.

2. Article 7.8.2 – Additional Leaves

Should an employee require additional time to care for a gravely ill family member, additional leaves may be granted beyond the eight (8) twenty-seven (27) week period specified in Article 7.8.1 above. Such additional leave shall be pursuant to Article 7.2 General Leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act, including the certification criteria as outlined in the Act.

3. [NEW] Leave Respecting the Death of a Child

An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to 104 weeks if they are entitled to leave respecting the death of a child under the *Employment Standards Act* and such leave will be in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. There will be no interruption in the accrual of seniority or eligibility for benefits.

4. [NEW] Leave Respecting the Disappearance of a Child

An employee is entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to 52 weeks if they are entitled to leave respecting the disappearance of a child under the *Employment Standards Act* and such leave will be in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. There will be no interruption in the accrual of seniority or eligibility for benefits.

5. [NEW] Leave for Domestic Violence

Where leave from work is required due to an employee and/or an employee's dependent child being a victim of domestic violence, the employee shall be granted leave, in each calendar year, as follows in accordance with *Employment Standards Act*:

- (a) up to 10 days of unpaid leave to be taken intermittently or in one continuous period; and
- (b) up to 15 weeks of unpaid leave.

Notwithstanding the above, the Employer will provide pay for three (3) of the days referenced in (a) above. In the event existing legislation is changed regarding domestic violence leave to provide more than three (3) days paid leave, the Employer will provide such leave consistent with the legislation. (No stacking of entitlements.)

6. Article 7.11 – Public Duties

- **7.11.1** An employer will—may grant a leave of absence without pay to an employee to engage in election campaign activities in a municipal, provincial, or—federal or Aboriginal government election to a maximum of ninety (90) days. Such leaves will not be unreasonably denied.
- **7.11.2** An employer will grant a leave of absence without pay to an employee:
 - to seek election in a municipal, provincial, or Aboriginal government election to a maximum of ninety (90) days.
 - (b) Where elected to public office, for up to two (2) consecutive terms.
 - 7.11.3 The Parties agree that Article 7.11 Public Duties may be applied to duties that include non-elected Aboriginal governance.

7. Article 7.12 – Cultural Leave for Aboriginal Employees

7.12 Cultural Leave for Aboriginal Employees

- (a) A self-identified Aboriginal employee may request up to three (3) days' leave with pay per calendar year to organize and/or attend Aboriginal cultural event(s). Such leave will not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) Employees will provide the Employer with the dates of the days for which leave will be requested. Wherever possible, a minimum of two weeks' notice is required for leave under this provision.

Remainder of Article to remain the same except renumber.

8. Article 8.1.2 – Entitlement

Upon written request, an employee who elects the extended parental benefit, as defined under the *Employment Insurance Act*, shall be entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to six (6) twelve (12) consecutive months in addition to statutory requirements. An employee who elects the standard parental benefit as defined under the *Employment Insurance Act*, shall be entitled to up to twelve (12) consecutive months of leave without pay in addition to the statutory requirements.

Article 8.5.3 – Repayment of the Supplemental Employment Benefit

- (a) To be entitled to the Supplemental Employment Benefit as noted above, an employee must sign an agreement that they will return to work (provided there is reasonable expectation of work) and remain in the Employer's employ for a period of the duration of the leaves taken or six (6) months, whichever is less (exclusive of leave taken pursuant to Article 8.1.2) after their return to work. Should the employee fail to return to work for a period of the duration of the leaves taken or six (6) months, whichever is less, the employee shall reimburse the Employer for the Supplemental Employment Benefit on a pro rata basis. Should a repayment be required, any monies owing will be deducted from the employee's pay, if available, otherwise the employee will be invoiced.
- (b) Article 8.5.3(a) does not apply to an employee while they are on a leave under Article 8.1.2. Article 8.5.3(a) will apply once the leave under Article 8.1.2 has ended.

10. Article 9.2.1 - Benefit Provisions

(A) The Employer and the Union agree to amend the language of Article 9 as outlined below:

9.2 Specific Benefits

9.2.1 Benefit Provisions

The following benefits will be provided to employees based on eligibility requirements in the local collective agreements:

- (a) Basic Medical Insurance under the British Columbia Medical Plan, subject to Plan provisions. [Note: see LOU NEW]
- (b)(a) Extended Health Benefits
 - (i) Total lifetime coverage level will be unlimited.
 - (ii) Reimbursement level on claims will be ninety-five percent (95%); where existing reimbursement provisions in a local agreement exceed ninety-five percent (95%), the existing local provision will remain in force.

- (iii) Hearing Aid benefit claims will be to a maximum of six hundred dollars (\$600)-every five (5) years. Effective January 1, 2017, hearing aid coverage shall be increased to \$1000 every three (3) years.
- (iv) Medical Travel Referral Benefit shall be in accordance with the provisions set out in Appendix F.
- (v) Health and welfare benefits coverage will cease on the day that an employee's employment terminates.
- (vi) Eye vision exams shall be reimbursed to a maximum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) one hundred dollars (\$100) every two (2) years.
- (vii) Effective January 1, 2017, vVision care shall be increased to \$500 six-hundred and fifty dollars (\$650) every two (2) years.

Remainder of Article to remain the same except renumber.

- (B) Further to the above, while not to be included in the Common Agreement, effective date of ratification, the Employer agrees that the Extended Health Benefits plans will be amended such that the reimbursement for professional services will be amended from \$10 per visit maximum to \$20 per visit maximum for the first five (5) visits per calendar year, where applicable, and subject to the terms of each applicable Extended Health Benefits plans.
- (C) Further to the deletion of Article 9.2.1 (a) above, the Employer and the Union agree to the following Letter of Understanding, effective January 1, 2020:

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING [NEW]

MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN OF BC

The parties recognize that the method of funding MSP has been changed from an individually paid premium system to a system funded by an employer paid payroll tax.

If the government, at any time in the future, reverts to an individually paid premium system for basic medical insurance, the parties agree that the employer will pay 100% of the premium for employees on the same basis as exists in the 2014 – 2019 collective agreement.

11. Article 12 – Salaries

Article 12 – Salaries

12.1 Provincial Salary Scale

The Provincial Salary Scale is attached as Appendix A.

- 12.1.1 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2015-2019 or the first day of the first full pay period after the date of tentative settlement ratification of the collective agreement (whichever is later), all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on March 31, 2015-2019 shall be increased by one percent (1%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment from the date of ratification to April 1, 2019 will apply in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020 September 1, 2015. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.
- **12.1.2** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2016, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on January 31, 2016 shall be increased by the Economic Stability Dividend*.
- 12.1.3 12.1.2 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2016 2020, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on March 31, 2016 2020 shall be increased by one half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment from the date of ratification to April 1, 2020 will apply in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.
- **12.1.4** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2017, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on January 31, 2017 shall be increased by one percent (1%) plus the Economic Stability Dividend*.
- 12.1.5 12.1.3 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2017 2021, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on March 31, 2017 2021 shall be increased by one-half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%).
- **12.1.6**-Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2018, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on January 31, 2018 shall be increased by one percent (1%) plus the Economic Stability Dividend*.
- **12.1.7** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2018, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on March 31, 2018 shall be increased by one-half of one percent (0.5%).
- **12.1.8** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2019, all annual rates of pay in Appendix A of the collective agreement which were in effect on January 31, 2019 shall be increased by one percent (1%) plus the Economic Stability Dividend*.

The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar. These wage increases shall apply to all current employees who are members of the bargaining unit **on the date of ratification**.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any former employees who worked for any of the FTT Employers in a FTT bargaining unit position between April 1, 2019 and the date of ratification must apply to the applicable FTT Employer within eight (8) six (6) weeks of the date of ratification in order to be eligible and receive the increased amount as retroactive pay. It is understood that any retroactive payments will be processed when practicable, given the current public health issue.

* See Appendix A for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Economic Stability Dividend (ESD).

12.2 Secondary Scale Adjustment

All steps on secondary scales will be increased as follows:

- 12.2.1 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2015-2019 or the first day of the first full pay period after the date of tentative settlement ratification of the collective agreement (whichever is later): one percent (1%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment will apply from the date of ratification to April 1, 2019 in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020 September 1, 2015. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.
- **12.2.2** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2016: Economic Stability Dividend*.
- 12.2.3-12.2.2 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2016-2020: one-half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment will apply from the date of ratification to April 1, 2020 in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.
- **12.2.4**-Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2017: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.
- 12.2.5-12.2.3 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after-April 1, 2017-2021: one-half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%).
- **12.2.6** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2018: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.
- **12.2.7** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2018: one-half of one percent (0.5%).
- **12.2.8** Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2019: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.
- **12.2.9**-12.2.4 Despite Articles 12.2.1 to 12.2.8 12.2.3, above, local parties may elect to revise secondary scales to the extent possible within a weighted average of the salary increases specified in Article 12.2.

The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent or dollar as applicable. These wage increases shall apply to all current employees who are members of the bargaining unit **on the date of ratification**.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any former employees who worked for any of the FTT Employers in a FTT bargaining unit position between April 1, 2019 and the date of ratification must apply to the applicable FTT Employer within eight (8) six (6) weeks of the date of ratification in order to be eligible and receive the increased amount as retroactive pay. It is understood that any retroactive payments will be processed when practicable, given the current public health issue.

* See Appendix A for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Economic Stability Dividend (ESD).

...no changes to Articles 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5

12.6 Faculty Administrative Stipends

Stipends currently in place for faculty administrative positions that are occupied by employees covered by this Agreement shall be increased as follows:

12.6.1 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2015-2019 or the first day of the first full pay period after the date of tentative settlement ratification of the collective agreement (whichever is later): one percent (1%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment will apply from the date of ratification to April 1, 2019 in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020 September 1, 2015. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.

12.6.2 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2016: Economic Stability Dividend*.

12.6.3-12.6.2 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2016-2020: one-half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%). The Parties agree that retroactive adjustment will apply from the date of ratification to April 1, 2020 in the case of a tentative settlement on or before June 30, 2020. After that date there will be no retroactive adjustment. The parties agree that PSEA and FPSE may extend this June 30, 2020 deadline by mutual agreement.

12.6.4 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2017: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.

12.6.5-12.6.3 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2017-2021: one-half of one percent (0.5%) two percent (2%).

12.6.6 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2018: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.

12.6.7 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after April 1, 2018: one half of one percent (0.5%).

12.6.8 Effective the first day of the first full pay period after February 1, 2019: one percent (1%) plus Economic Stability Dividend*.

The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent or dollar as applicable. These wage increases shall apply to all current employees who are members of the bargaining unit **on the date of ratification**.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any former employees who worked for any of the FTT Employers in a FTT bargaining unit position between April 1, 2019 and the date of ratification must apply to the applicable FTT Employer within eight (8) six (6) weeks of the date of ratification in order to be eligible and receive the increased amount as retroactive pay. It is understood that any retroactive payments will be processed when practicable, given the current public health issue.

* See Appendix A for the Memorandum of Understanding on the Economic Stability Dividend (ESD).

12. Article 13.3

The following Articles are not subject to Article 13.1 above:

- Article 2 Harassment
- Article 3.1 Human Resource Database
- Article 3.2.1 3.2.5 Joint Administration and Dispute Resolution Committee
- Article 4 Prior Learning Assessment
- Article 6.1.7 Referral to JADRC
- Article 6.2 Program Transfers and Mergers
- Article 6.3 Registry of Laid Off Employees
- Article 6.4 Targeted Labour Adjustment
- Article 6.6 Educational Technology/ Distributed Learning
- Article 7.8 Compassionate Care Leave
- Article 8 Parental Leave
- Article 9.1 Joint Committee on Benefits Administration
- Article 9.3 Disability Benefits
- Article 12.1 and Appendix A Provincial Salary Scale
- Article 12.2 Secondary Scale Adjustment
- Letter of Understanding Expedited Arbitration

13. **Article 17 – Term**

This Agreement shall be in effect from April 1, 2014-2019 to March 31, 2019-2022, and shall continue in force until the renewal of this Agreement.

14. Appendix A – Provincial Salary Scale

Table to be updated as per Article 12 Salaries.

15. Appendix B – List of Investigators

APPENDIX B LIST OF INVESTIGATORS

The following list of investigators is attached for the use of the local parties at their option under Article 2.3.3 and 2.3.4

Rebecca Frame
Irene Holden
Betty Baxter Linda Sum
Ana Mohammed
Louise Pohl
Kyra Hudson
Laurie Mills
Yuki Matsuno

Ken Saunders

This list may be amended at any time by the Joint Administration Dispute Resolution Committee.

16. Appendix C – Dispute Referral Form

Renew.

17. Appendix D – List of Arbitrators

APPENDIX D LIST OF ARBITRATORS

The following arbitrators are to be chosen in rotation as referenced in Articles 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 and 3.2.6:

Irene Holden

Joan Gordon

Judi Korbin

Chris Sullivan

Colin Taylor

Ken Saunders

Robert Pekeles

Corinn Bell

This list may be amended at any time by the Joint Administration Dispute Resolution Committee.

18. Appendix E1 – Registry of Laid Off Employees – Form 1

Delete the Appendix in its entirety.

Further to the deletion of Appendix E1 Registry of Laid Off Employees – Form 1, the Employer and the Union agree to the following amendment to Article 6.3.1:

6.3 Registry of Laid Off Employees

6.3.1 Electronic Posting of Available Positions

On behalf of the Parties, the PSEA will maintain a system-wide electronic Registry of job postings and the necessary supporting database.

- (a) Institutions are encouraged to use the Registry for the posting of all available positions.
- (b) Institutions will post on the Registry all employment opportunities of half-time or more and longer than three (3) months in duration that are available to applicants beyond those employed by the institution—by completing the PSEA Electronic Posting of Available Positions form (Appendix E1—Form 1).
- (c) Postings will be removed from the Registry and archived to the database one (1) week after the closing by the institution that entered the posting.
- (d) Employers may elect to include job postings of positions from institutions not covered by this Agreement.
- (e) All employees covered by this Agreement may access the electronic registry of job postings for purposes of review.
- (f) Unions, employers and eligible employees have the right to access the information on the Registry.

19. Appendix E2 – Registry of Laid Off Employees (Form 2)

Renew.

20. Appendix F - Medical Travel Referral Benefit

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22.	Appendix H – Deferred Salary Leave
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23.	Appendix I – Family Members for 7.8 Compassionate Leave
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	<u>Letter of Understanding 1 – Variant Applications of Common Agreement Provisions to the NVIT parties</u>

25. <u>Letter of Understanding [NEW] – Employment Equity – Aboriginal Employees</u>

21. Appendix G – Dental Plan

Delete LOU 1 in its entirety.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING XX EMPLOYMENT EQUITY – ABORIGINAL EMPLOYEES

PSEA and FPSE recognize that Aboriginal employees are underrepresented in the post-secondary education system. They are committed to redress the under-representation of Aboriginal employees and therefore further agree that:

- PSEA and FPSE will encourage the employers, and with support from the local faculty association/union, to make application to the Human Rights Tribunal under section 42 of the Human Rights Code to obtain approval for a special program that would serve to attract and retain Aboriginal employees.
- PSEA and FPSE will assist the employers and the local faculty association/union as requested in the application for and implementation of a special program consistent with this Letter of Understanding.

26. Letter of Understanding 5 – Working Committee on Secondary Scales

Delete LOU 5 in its entirety. (To be replaced by LOU XX – Working Committee on Pay Scales Transition – see item 27.)

27. Letter of Understanding [NEW] - Working Committee on Secondary Pay Scales

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING XX

WORKING COMMITTEE ON SECONDARY PAY SCALES

1. Committee Mandate

The Employer and the Union agree to participate in a joint committee (the "Committee"), with a mandate to:

• Quantify the costs that would be required in order to transition the base pay for employees included in this letter of understanding for each local from the applicable secondary salary scales to the Provincial Salary Scale as appropriate subject to the parameters described below.

2. Application

This LOU will apply to non-regular faculty employees whose pay:

- a. Is determined according to a local salary scale other than the Provincial Salary Scale, or
- b. is differentiated from regular faculty employees due to limits on progression up the salary scale that do not apply to regular faculty employees, or
- c. is differentiated from regular faculty employees due to limits on initial placement on the salary scale that do not apply to regular faculty employees, or
- d. is differentiated from that paid to regular faculty employees through reduction formulas applied to the Provincial Salary Scale that do not apply to regular employees.

3. Exceptions and Additions

This letter of understanding shall not apply to classifications of non-regular faculty employees in the bargaining unit who do not perform work normally done by regular faculty bargaining unit members, as defined by the collective agreement. (For example, substitutes, continuing education instructors, and instructional/faculty assistants). Additionally, qualification-based differences in pay are excluded from the scope of this committee work.

In addition to non-regular employees, this letter of understanding shall apply to the following regular employee groups only:

i. Coast Mountain College: Part-time faculty < 50%

- ii. Selkirk College: Regular faculty being paid according to on-line courses (<u>LOU #7</u>rate <u>E</u>).
- iii. Any other regular faculty groups that the parties mutually agree.

4. Definition and Formula – Base Pay

This formula calculates base pay for non-regular employees included in this LOU.

This formula sets a standard to be used by the committee for calculating base pay for non-regular faculty employees who perform work normally done by regular faculty bargaining unit members, as defined by the collective agreement during the same time period of their work assignment. For those institutions that have a different pay structure in their local collective agreement for non-regular employees, the pay calculated using the following formula will be converted on the same/equivalent basis to their local pay structure for non-regular employees. (i.e. hourly, per course, weighted hourly, etc.).

Base Pay Formula and Conditions:

a) The standard for base pay is calculated by the following formula:

$$\frac{S*D*P}{V}$$
 where:

- **S** is the full-time annual salary on the appropriate step of the grid, as per local collective agreement placement provisions.
- **D** is the number of days in the appointment period.
- **P** is the percentage of full-time work during the appointment period.
- Y is two hundred and sixty-one (261) days, which is the number of working days in one year. This is calculated based on three hundred and sixty-five (365) days per year divided by seven (7) days per week and multiplied by five (5) working days per week.

Examples:

Standard Appointment:

A 16-week appointment at 25% of full-time work at step 6 salary would be $$72,340 \times 80 \text{ days x} \\ 0.25 \text{ divided by } 261 = $5,543.30$

Compressed Appointment:

The same work performed in a compressed format over an 8 week appointment would result in 50% of full-time work for 40 days: $$72,340 \times 40 \text{ days} \times 0.50 \text{ divided by } 261 = $5,543.30$

b) For clarity, base pay does not include lieu payments, such as vacation and/or benefits. These additional lieu payments, if applicable to non-regular employees in the local collective agreement, would be added to the base pay to formulate the non-regular employee's total compensation related to the term of the work assignment. c) The cost to transition an employee from the applicable secondary salary scales to the Provincial Salary Scale will be defined as the difference between the base pay the employee is paid using the secondary scale for the term of their work assignment and the amount the employee would be paid according to the above formula.

5. Costing Criteria:

- a) The Parties will use an average of the most recent 3 years of HRDB data (April 1, 2016 March 31, 2019) to cost their proposals for costing purposes where the data needed to cost the proposal is available in the HRDB. Where the data necessary to cost the proposals is not available in the HRDB data, the parties will use data from the institution's historic records using the same 3 year period. Where the institution does not use an April 1 March 31 year, the records used will be those that most closely fit that time period.
- b) Normal rounding principles will apply. If rounding to the nearest dollar, less than .5 dollars will be rounded down to the nearest lower whole dollar and .5 dollars or more will be rounded to the nearest higher whole dollar. If rounding to the nearest cent, less than .5 cents will be rounded down to the nearest lower whole cent and .5 cents or more will be rounded to the nearest higher whole cent.

6. Committee Composition

The Committee shall be equally represented and shall consist of:

- Four (4) Employer Representatives, two (2) of which will be from PSEA; and
- Four (4) Union Representatives.

Costs for leaves and expenses to be borne by each party.

7. Timelines

The work of the Committee will conclude no later than March 31, 2022. This information shall be provided by the Committee to each party's respective principals and may be brought forward by either party in the next round of collective bargaining.

28. Items Tentatively Agreed

Items tentatively agreed by the parties during these negotiations are included as Schedule 2 of this memorandum of settlement and included as agreed changes to the 2014-2019 FPSE Faculty Common Agreement.

29. The date of ratification will be the date the parties to a local agreement, including the PSEA Board of Directors, conclude the ratification of the local portion and the Common Agreement portion of their 2019-22 collective agreement.

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SCHEDULE 1

- Camosun College / CCFA (FPSE Local 12), Camosun College
- Coast Mountain College / AWU, CUPE Local 2409 (FPSE Local 11), Coast Mountain College
- College of New Caledonia / FACNC (FPSE Local 3), College of New Caledonia
- College of the Rockies / CORFA (FPSE Local 6), College of the Rockies
- North Island College / NICFA (FPSE Local 16), North Island College
- Okanagan College / OCFA (FPSE Local 9), Okanagan College
- Selkirk College / SCFA (FPSE Local 10), Selkirk College

SCHEDULE 2

The parties have tentatively agreed to the following amendments:

"Coast Mountain College"

"Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training"

Gender Neutral Pronouns

Article 2 – Harassment

Article 2.2.1

Article 2.3.4 Investigation

Article 7.1 Definitions

Article 7.8.1 Entitlement

Article 8 Parental Leave

Article 15 Health and Safety Equipment

Memorandum of Understanding – Re: Economic Stability Dividend

Letter of Understanding 2 – Harassment Investigators

Letter of Understanding 3 – Expedited Arbitration

Letter of Understanding 4 – Review of Collective Agreements

- a) Replace "Northwest Community College" with "Coast Mountain College" wherever it appears in the agreement to reflect the name change of the college.
- b) Replace "Ministry of Advanced Education" with "Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training" wherever it appears in the agreement to reflect the name change of the Ministry.
- c) Replace "her/his" and "his/her" with "their" or "them" as appropriate, and "s/he" with "they" wherever they appear in the agreement to use gender neutral pronouns.

<u>Article 2 – Harassment</u>

Replace "alleged harasser" with "respondent" in Article 2 – Harassment wherever it appears to update the language to more commonly used terminology.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend Article 2.2.1 as follows:

As of this date, the grounds protected against discrimination by *BC's Human Rights Code* [R.S.B.C. 1996 c.210] are age, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation and, in the case of employment, unrelated criminal convictions race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or because that person has been convicted of a criminal or summary conviction offence that is unrelated to the employment or to the intended employment of that person.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend Article 2.3.4 Investigation as follows:

Where either the complainant or alleged harasser does not agree to mediation, or no resolution is reached during the mediation, the complaint will be referred to an investigator selected from a list of investigators agreed upon by the local parties. The parties will consider, among other things, the ability of the selected investigator to begin their investigation in a timely manner.

An investigator will be appointed within ten (10) working days of referral.

Where the local parties are unable to agree on a list of investigators, JADRC will determine the list. (See Appendix B.)

The referral should, where possible, include a written statement from the complainant and the alleged harasser which succinctly outlines the issue(s) in dispute. The referral should be assembled by the Institution and forwarded to the Investigator with a copy sent to the union(s).

The appointment of an investigator does not preclude an investigator from mediating the dispute where possible up to the time of submission of the Investigator's report to the local parties pursuant to Article 2.3.5(a) below.

Any complaint of harassment will be kept confidential except as is necessary to investigate and resolve the issue. Investigators will stress the confidentiality of the investigation with the person(s) interviewed.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend Article 7.1 Definitions as follows:

All references to spouse within the leave provisions of this agreement include heterosexual, common law and same sex partners married and common-law partners regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. References to family include spouse, children, children's spouses, stepchild, stepchild in-law, siblings, in-law siblings, parents, step-parents, parents-in law, grandparents, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and any other person living in the same household who is dependent on the employee. For the purpose of Article 7.8 – Compassionate Care Leave – only, the definition of "family member" is as set out in Appendix I.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend Article 7.8 Compassionate Care Leave as follows:

7.8.1 Entitlement

An employee will be granted a compassionate care leave of absence without pay for up to eight (8) twenty-seven (27) weeks to care for a gravely ill family member. For the purpose of this Article 7.8, "family member" is defined as one of the persons listed in Appendix I – Family Members for the Purpose of Article 7.8 Compassionate Care Leave. In order to be eligible for this leave, the employee must provide a medical certificate as proof that the ill family member needs care or support and is at risk of dying within twenty-six (26) weeks.

An employee who is granted a compassionate care leave of absence to care for a gravely ill family member shall be entitled to the benefits as follows:

- The employee's benefit coverage will continue for the duration of the compassionate care leave, to a maximum of eight (8) twenty-seven (27) weeks, and the premium payment shall be on the same basis as if the employee were not on leave.
- b) Where an employee elects to buy back pensionable service for part of all of the duration of the compassionate care leave, to a maximum of eight (8) twenty-seven (27) weeks, the employer will pay the employer portion of the pension contribution in accordance with the Pension Plan regulations.
- c) Compassionate care leave, up to a maximum of eight (8) twenty-seven (27) weeks, shall be treated as continuous employment for the purposes of seniority accrual under this Agreement.
- d) An employee who returns to work following a leave granted under this provision shall be placed in the position the employee held prior to the leave or in a comparable position.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend provisions of Article 8 Parental Leave as follows:

8.2 Commencement of Leave

Leave taken under Article 8.1.2 shall commence:

- **8.2.1** for the birth mother, immediately after the end of the leave taken under the maternity leave provisions or within **seventy-eight (78)** fifty-two (52) weeks of the birth unless the employer and the employee agree otherwise.
- **8.2.2** for a spouse, a biological father, or a common-law partner to care for the child after the child's birth and within **seventy-eight (78)** fifty two (52) weeks of the birth.
- **8.2.3** for an adopting parent, within **seventy-eight (78)** fifty-two (52) weeks after the child is placed with the parent.

8.3 Benefits Continuation

The Employer will maintain coverage for medical, extended health, dental, group life and disability benefits for leaves taken under Article 8. For the period of the leave, premium and pension contribution payment will be as follows:

- (a) Premium payment for benefit coverage shall be on the same basis as if the employee were not on leave.
- (b) Contributions for pensionable service shall be on the same basis as if the employee were not on leave. Where an employee elects to buy back pensionable service for part or all of the Article 8 leave, the employer will pay the employer portion of the pension contributions in accordance with the Pension Plan regulations.

8.4 Return to Work

- **8.4.1** An employee who returns to work following a parental leave shall retain the seniority the employee had attained prior to the leave and shall accrue seniority for the period of leave.
- **8.4.2** An employee who returns to work following a parental leave, shall be placed in the same position that employee held prior to the leave or in a comparable position.
- **8.4.3** An employee who has taken leave under this provision is entitled to all increases in wages and benefits the employee would have been entitled to had the leave not been taken.
- **8.4.4** Where the proposed commencement of the leave or return to work does not coincide with the instructional calendar the local parties will negotiate mutually acceptable dates.
- **8.4.5** Upon written request, an employee on parental leave under Article 8.1.2 may return to work on a graduated basis. Upon receipt of a request, the local parties will mutually agree to an acceptable graduated parental leave return to work plan for the employee.

8.5 Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) for Maternity and Parental Leave

- **8.5.1** Effective April 1, 2002, wWhen on maternity or parental leave, an employee will receive a supplemental payment added to Employment Insurance benefits as follows:
 - (a) For the first two (2) weeks of maternity leave an employee shall receive one hundred percent (100%) of their her salary calculated on their her average base salary.
 - (b) For a maximum of fifteen (15) additional weeks of maternity leave the employee shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the Employment Insurance benefits and ninety-five percent (95%) of her salary calculated on her average base salary.
 - (c) For up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) weeks of parental leave, the biological mother, adoptive or legally recognized parent shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the Employment Insurance Standard Parental El Bbenefits and eighty-five percent (85%) of the employee's salary calculated on their her average base salary.
 - (d) For up to a maximum of thirty-seven (37) weeks of parental leave, the spouse, biological father or the common law partner or adoptive parent who is caring for the child shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the Employment Insurance benefits and eighty-five percent (85%) of the employee's salary calculated on his/her average base salary.
 - (d) If the biological, adoptive or legally recognized parent elects the Extended Parental El Benefit, for a maximum of sixty-one (61) weeks the parent shall receive the same total SEB benefit amount received under article 8.5.1(c) when the employee opts for the thirty-five (35) week El benefit, spread out and paid over the 61 week period. The Employer will make this calculation.
 - (e) Provided the employee received SEB as per Article 8.5.1(a), (b), (c), or (d), for the last week of the parental leave, where no EI benefit is paid, the employee shall receive one hundred (100%) of their salary calculated on their average base salary.
 - (f) The average base salary for the purpose of Article 8.5.1(a) through (e) (d) is the employee's average base salary for the twenty-six (26) weeks preceding the maternity or parental leave. If the employee has been on unpaid leave for part of the preceding twenty-six (26) weeks, then up to four (4) weeks of that unpaid leave will be subtracted from the twenty-six (26) weeks for the purpose of calculating the average base salary.
 - **8.5.2** An employee is not entitled to receive Supplemental Employment Benefits and disability benefits concurrently. To receive Supplemental Employment Benefits the employee shall provide the employer with proof of application for and receipt of Employment Insurance benefits.

Effective the date of ratification, the Employer and the Union agree to amend Article 15 Health and Safety Equipment as follows:

The employer agrees to supply at no cost to employees all pieces of health and safety apparel and equipment required by the BC Workers' Compensation Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Memorandum of Understanding – Re: Economic Stability Dividend (ESD)

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<u>Letter of Understanding 2 – Harassment Investigators</u>

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<u>Letter of Understanding 3 – Expedited Arbitration</u>

9. Issuance of Decision

The decision of the arbitrator is to be completed on the agreed form and mailed to the local parties within three (3) working days of the hearing.

<u>Letter of Understanding 4 – Review of Collective Agreements</u>

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