

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between the

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

and the

B.C. GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION (BCGEU)

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ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE

1.1 Purpose of Agreement

- (a) The purpose of this agreement is to establish and maintain orderly collective bargaining procedures between the College Board, hereinafter referred to as the College, and the Union.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the College Board may at its sole discretion delegate functions related to its authority as employer to the College President or others.
- (c) The parties to this agreement share a desire to improve the quality of the educational services provided at Douglas College. Accordingly, they are determined to establish, within the framework provided by the law, an effective working relationship at all levels of the College in which members of the bargaining unit are employed.

1.2 Future Legislation

In the event that any future legislation renders null and void or materially alters any provision of this agreement, the parties will negotiate a mutually agreeable provision to be substituted for the provision rendered null and void or materially altered. All other provisions of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

1.3 Conflict with Policies

Every reasonable effort will be made to harmonize college policies with the provisions of this agreement. In the event of a conflict between the contents of this agreement and any policies made by the College, the term of this agreement will prevail.

1.4 Gender and Singular Terms

- (a) The words "*employee*" or "*employees*" are used throughout this agreement for convenience only and the same shall be construed as meaning and including any person employed by the College under this agreement.
- (b) Wherever the singular is used in the collective agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural if the context requires unless otherwise specifically stated.

1.5 Human Rights Code

The parties hereto subscribe to the principles of the *Human Rights Code* of British Columbia.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

The following specific definitions of words, terms or phrases shall be used to establish the intent and meaning of the language of this agreement:

2.1 Auxiliary Employee

Means an employee who is employed for:

- (a) special projects; or
- (b) temporary positions created by the College of eight months' duration or less. These positions of 17½ hours or more per week may only be filled for consecutive terms totalling 16 months; or

- (c) replacement of employees on leave; or
- (d) part-time work of less than 17½ hours per week; or
- (e) positions as identified in Clause 28.1(c).

It is understood and agreed that temporary positions created by the College shall be reviewed by the College after four months in order to determine whether or not the position should be made permanent. The College shall report on the results of such reviews at the Labour/Management Relations Committee.

2.2 Consultation or Discussion

A process intended as a vehicle through which the parties may make known their respective views and opinions, but not intended to connote consensus or mutual agreement.

2.3 Promotion

Means a change from an employee's position to one with a higher maximum salary level.

2.4 Regular Employee

Means an employee who is appointed to a:

- (a) continuous full-time position; or
- (b) continuous part-time position of 17½ hours or more per week; or
- (c) repeating fixed term positions (minimum 17½ hours per week) having a term of at least eight months.

2.5 Travel Status

Travel by an employee, outside the college region on college business, where authorization for such travel has been requested in advance on the appropriate form, and approved by the College.

2.6 Layoff

Layoff is a cessation of employment, or elimination of a job resulting from a decrease in the amount of work required to be done by the College, or reduction in hours that changes the employee's status, a reorganization, program termination, technological change, closure, shortage of operating funds as determined by the College, or other material change in organization.

2.7 Day

For the purpose of timelines in the collective agreement:

- (a) a day shall mean a calendar day;
- (b) a working day shall mean any weekday day excluding Saturday, Sunday and excluding any day the College is closed for a paid holiday.

ARTICLE 3 - UNION RECOGNITION AND RIGHTS

3.1 Bargaining Unit Defined

The bargaining unit shall comprise all employees included in the bargaining unit as described in the certificate at each college or institution, issued by the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia, except positions excluded by mutual agreement between the parties or excluded by the Labour Relations Board of British Columbia.

(a) The College will notify the Union of the creation of any position which the College intends to treat as an excluded position, along with the reasons justifying such exclusion. Such notice shall be given upon creation of such position at least 30 days prior to filling the new position. In the event the parties do not agree that the position is excluded, the question of inclusion or exclusion may be referred to the BC Labour Relations Board. Pending a Labour Relations Board decision, the position may be filled and worked.

The College will provide the Union with a copy of the organizational chart for the immediate branch or program where the position is located, a copy of the position's job description and a copy of the job description for the position which supervises the position in question.

(b) If an existing position is changed, such that the Union has concerns about its status, the information as described in (a) above will be supplied upon request. In the event the parties cannot agree, the question of inclusion or exclusion may be referred to the relevant labour relations legislation. Where the parties fail to agree and pending a decision from the relevant body administering the labour relations legislation, the position may be filled and worked in the jurisdiction in which the position is currently contained.

3.2 Bargaining Unit Recognized

The College recognizes the B.C. General Employees' Union, as the exclusive bargaining agent for all employees to whom the certification issued by the Labour Relations Board on December 20, 1974, and as amended by the Labour Relations Board on September 4, 1981, applies.

3.3 Correspondence

The College agrees that all correspondence between the College and the Union related to matters covered in this agreement shall be sent to the President of the Union or their designate, with a copy to the Chairperson of the bargaining unit. The College agrees that a copy of any correspondence between the College or College's official and any employee in the bargaining unit covered by this agreement, pertaining to the interpretation or application of any clause in this agreement as it applies to that employee's employment, shall be forwarded to the President of the Union or their designate and to the Chairperson of the bargaining unit.

3.4 No Other Agreement

No employee covered by this agreement shall be required or permitted to make a written or oral agreement with the College or its representative which may conflict with the terms of this agreement.

3.5 No Discrimination for Union Activity

The College and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised or practised with respect to any employee for reason of membership or legitimate and lawful union activity.

3.6 Recognition and Rights of Stewards

The College recognizes the Union's right to select stewards to represent employees. The College and the Union will agree on the number of stewards, taking into account both operational and geographical considerations. The Union agrees to provide the College with a list of the employees designated as stewards. Stewards shall obtain the permission of their immediate supervisor before leaving their work to perform their duties as a steward. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. On resuming normal duties, stewards shall notify their supervisors. The duties of stewards shall include but are not restricted to:

- (a) investigation of complaints of an urgent nature;
- (b) investigation of grievances and assisting any employee whom the steward represents in preparing and presenting a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure;
- (c) supervision of ballot boxes and other related functions during ratification votes;
- (d) carrying out duties within the realm of safety responsibilities.

The Union agrees that stewards will not abuse the rights given by this clause.

3.7 Bulletin Boards

The College will provide glassed-in bulletin boards for the exclusive use of the Union. A glassed-in bulletin board will be provided at each campus. The location of the bulletin board on each campus will be determined by mutual agreement.

3.8 Union Insignia

- (a) A union member shall have the right to wear or display the recognized insignia of the Union.
- (b) The Union agrees to supply union shop cards for each of the College's places of operation covered by this agreement, to be displayed at the entrance to each building; such shop cards remain the property of the Union, and shall be surrendered upon demand by the Union.
- (c) The recognized insignia of the Union will include the designation "BCGEU". This designation may be placed on documents prepared by a member of the Union. This designation shall be placed below the signatory initials in the correspondence.

3.9 Right to Refuse to Cross Picket Lines

- (a) All employees covered by this agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a picket line arising out of a strike as defined in the relevant labour legislation.
- (b) No employee shall be required to cross, or suffer loss of pay for failure to cross, a picket line where the employee is apprehensive for their personal safety.
- (c) Failure to cross a picket line encountered in carrying out the College's business shall not be considered a violation of this agreement nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action.
- (d) Employees should not expect to receive pay for work not performed, statutory holiday pay or vacation pay as a result of observance of picket lines. Health and welfare benefits will be continued and the Union will pay the costs normally paid by the College.

3.10 Time Off for Union Business**(a) Without Pay**

Time off without pay and without loss of seniority will be granted:

- (1) to an elected or appointed representative of the Union to attend conventions of the Union and bodies to which the Union is affiliated;
- (2) for elected or appointed representatives of the Union to attend to union business which requires them to leave their premises of employment; and
- (3) for employees who are representatives of the Union on a bargaining committee to attend meetings of the Bargaining Committee.

(b) Without Loss of Pay

Time off without loss of pay or seniority or benefits will be granted:

- (1) to three employees who are representatives on the Bargaining Committee to leave their employment to carry on negotiations with the College;
- (2) in addition, the Union may call upon up to two additional employees to assist the Bargaining Committee with technical information and advice. It is understood that this will be necessary only during the period of negotiations, and on an irregular basis;
- (3) to stewards to perform their duties pursuant to Clause 3.6 (Recognition and Rights of Stewards); and
- (4) to employees called to appear as witnesses before an arbitrator on behalf of the College or the Union.
- (5) The Chairperson of the bargaining unit or alternate designated by the Union shall be granted 25% college-paid time release from a full workload per year. Such time shall be used to facilitate the operation of the collective agreement and employee college relationships. The Chairperson shall schedule such time with their supervisor. This provision is in addition to any other college-paid release time in the collective agreement.

Where such leave is granted, the College will replace the employee as necessary. The cost of this provision will be borne by the institution as a general operating expense.

(c) The College will replace employees when the Union initiates a union leave with a regular employee in the same department and/or work area. Failing this, the College will call in qualified auxiliaries for replacement. If no regular or auxiliary employee is available to substitute, the College will actively recruit qualified replacements for backfill.

It is understood that employees granted time off without loss of pay pursuant to this article shall receive their current rate of pay while on time off without loss of pay. Time off granted under this article shall include sufficient travel time. The College agrees that the granting of any of the above time off shall be subject to their requirements but shall not be unreasonably withheld. To facilitate the administration of paragraph (a) of this article, when time off without pay is granted, the time off shall be given without loss of pay and the Union shall reimburse the College the appropriate salary and benefit costs, including travel time incurred.

3.11 Local Union Meetings

- (a) Employees shall be entitled to be absent from work for two hours prior to 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of attending union meetings. This leave shall be granted three times per calendar year and shall be with no loss of pay or benefits.
- (b) Afternoon shift employees shall be entitled to two hours near the beginning of their shifts as per (a) above.
- (c) The Union shall notify the College of the details of such meetings, two weeks prior to the meeting, where possible, and shall consult with the College on appropriate dates.
- (d) An additional two hours shall be granted to all employees, as per the provisions of (a) and (b) above, for the purposes of dealing with local ratification matters. This leave shall only be granted once during the contractual period.
- (e) Clause 3.11(c) (Local Union Meetings) shall not apply to Clause 3.11(d).

3.12 Employee and Family Assistance Program

- (a) The Union and the College recognize the need for a joint program to assist employees and their immediate families resolve problems that affect their personal lives and their job performance.
- (b) A joint committee consisting of one member of each of the bargaining units within the College and an Administrator will meet a minimum of twice a year. The union representative will be granted time off with pay to attend the meetings of the Joint Committee.
- (c) The role of the Joint Committee is to provide consultation to the program carrier on the marketing and success of the program at the College.
- (d) The program carrier will provide the Joint Committee with feedback on the usage of the program while maintaining information confidentiality of the individual users.
- (e) In the event of confidentiality being breached, the employee will not suffer adverse effects related to their employment.
- (f) The Joint Committee will be both apprised of and work within the budget of the program. The College in turn agrees to maintain, if not enhance, the level of funding for the program.
- (g) Current levels of service related to alcohol or drug abuse will be maintained for the duration of this agreement.

3.13 Future Committees

It is agreed that any future open committees struck by the College which may deal with matters affecting any employee covered by this agreement shall include representation from within the Union's bargaining unit.

3.14 Representation at Open Senior Management Team Meetings

- (a) The Union reserves the right to send one representative to open meetings of the Senior Management Team.

The union representative shall be granted sufficient time off without loss of pay and without loss of seniority or benefits to attend open Senior Management Team meetings.

- (b) The union representative at the open Senior Management Team meeting shall be designated from within the Union's bargaining unit.
- (c) A copy of the agenda and such other information as may be assembled for use in open Senior Management Team meetings shall be supplied to the Union's representative prior to each open meeting of the Senior Management Team.
- (d) The Union agrees that in no event will the College incur any additional expense for overtime or other payroll premium expense in consequence of an employee's participation in these meetings.
- (e) The Union shall provide the College with the name of the representative and alternate who will represent the Union at open meetings of the Senior Management Team.

3.15 Union Office Space

The College will provide an office not less than 12 square meters in size. The College will ensure the office is furnished and will provide a telephone, a desktop personal computer "pc", and access to the College's computer communication network.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

4.1 Union Security

- (a) All bargaining unit employees shall, as a condition of continued employment, maintain such membership.
- (b) All employees hired on or after execution of this agreement shall, as a condition of continued employment, become members of the Union, and maintain such membership.

4.2 Additional Limitations on Contracting Out

- (a) The College will not contract out any work presently performed by the employees covered by this collective agreement which would result in the layoff of such employees, including a reduction in assigned workload.
- (b) The College agrees to provide, upon request of the Union, copies of all purchase service agreements to the bargaining unit Chairperson and to discuss the contracts that are of concern to the Union. The parties recognize the obligations of the College under Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation and agree to maintain confidentiality of all private information in these contracts.

ARTICLE 5 - CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES

- (a) The College shall, as a condition of employment, deduct from the wages or salary of each employee in the bargaining unit, whether or not the employee is a member of the Union, and upon receipt of proper authorization, the amount of the regular monthly dues payable to the Union by a member of the Union in the next appropriate pay period following receipt of such authorization.

An employee shall, as a condition of continued employment, complete an authorization form providing for the deduction from an employee's monthly wages or salary the amount of the regular monthly union dues payable to the Union by a member of the Union.

The Union may by written demand require the College to dismiss an employee who refuses to authorize a deduction in favour of the Union. At least one month's notice to the College will be given.

(b) The College shall deduct from any employee who is a member of the Union any assessments levied in accordance with the Union Constitution and/or Bylaws and owing by the employee to the Union.

(c) Deductions shall be made from each normal pay owing to the employee and membership dues or payments in lieu thereof shall be considered as owing in the month for which they are so deducted.

(d) All deductions shall be remitted to the President of the Union not later than 28 days after the date of deduction and the College shall also provide a list of names as well as classifications of those employees from whose salaries such deductions have been made, together with the amounts deducted from each employee.

(e) Before the College is obliged to deduct any amount under Section (a) of this article, the Union must advise the College in writing of the amount of its regular monthly dues. The amount so advised shall continue to be the amount to be deducted until changed by further written notice to the College signed by the President of the Union. Upon receipt of such notice, such changed amount shall be the amount deducted.

(f) From the date of the signing of this agreement and for its duration, no employee organization other than the Union shall be permitted to have membership dues or other monies deducted by the College from the pay of the employees in the bargaining unit.

(g) The College shall supply each employee, without charge, with a receipt for income tax purposes in the amount of the deductions paid to the Union by the employee in the previous year. Such receipts shall be provided to the employees prior to March 1st of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE 6 - COLLEGE AND UNION SHALL ACQUAINT NEW EMPLOYEES

6.1 Union Orientation

(a) Upon hire, a new employee shall be advised of the location of the collective agreement on the College's website and advised of name and location of stewards. A copy will be provided to each employee upon request.

(b) Within the first 15 calendar days of employment, a shop steward will be given an opportunity to interview each new employee during regular working hours, without loss of pay, for up to 30 minutes. The purpose of this interview is to allow the steward to acquaint the employee with the benefits and duties of union membership and the employee's responsibilities and obligations to the College, and the Union. This article applies to those employees who are hired for more than 30 days.

(c) The Chairperson of the bargaining unit shall be advised of the name and location of all new employees through the Union Dues Deduction Form within 10 days of their appointment.

6.2 Orientation Committee

The parties agree that an orientation committee will function for the purpose of maintaining an effective orientation program for staff.

The BCGEU and the College will be entitled to equal representation on the Committee. The BCGEU appointee(s) will suffer no loss of seniority, benefits or pay as a result of attending Orientation Committee meetings.

The College agrees to provide 60 minutes to the bargaining unit Chairperson or designate to meet privately with new employees as a group. The B.C. General Employees' Union presentation will, when possible, be the final item on the agenda for orientation sessions.

ARTICLE 7 - COLLEGE'S RIGHTS

7.1 College's Right to Manage

The Union acknowledges that the management and direction of the employees in the bargaining unit is retained by the College except as this agreement otherwise specifically provides.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the College reserves the right to decide the number of employees required for work at the College, the hours, size and locations of its operations, and the right to discipline employees for just and reasonable cause. These rights shall not be exercised in a discriminatory manner.

7.2 College Held Harmless

Where this agreement allows, permits or grants to the Union the exclusive use of space, or the right to call upon the College to enforce any provision of this agreement to the possible detriment of any employee, the Union agrees to hold the College harmless from any claims, demands or judgements resulting from any action initiated by the College at the request or demand of the Union, except for any claim or liability arising out of an error committed by the College.

ARTICLE 8 - COLLEGE-UNION RELATIONS

8.1 Representation

No employee or group of employees shall undertake to represent the Union at meetings with the College without the proper authorization of the Union. To implement this the Union shall supply the College with the names of its officers. Similarly, the College shall supply the Union with a list of its supervisory or other employees with whom the Union may be required to transact business.

8.2 Bargaining Committee

A bargaining committee shall be appointed by the Union and shall consist of five members of the Union together with the President of the Union or their designate. The Union shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of members of the staff of the Union when negotiating with the College. Three members of the Committee named by the Union, shall suffer no loss of regular pay for service on the Committee while actively and directly engaged in the negotiating process for the renewal of this agreement, and including all necessary caucuses, but in no event will any member of the Committee be entitled to overtime or premium time for time spent in negotiations with the College.

8.3 Union Representation

The College agrees that access to its premises will be granted to members of the staff of the Union when dealing or negotiating with the College as well as for the purpose of investigating and assisting in the

settlement of a grievance. Members of the union staff shall notify the designated supervisory official in advance of their intention and their purpose of entering and shall not interfere with the operation of the department or section concerned.

In order to facilitate the orderly, as well as the confidential investigation of grievances, the College will make available to union representatives or stewards temporary use of an office or similar facility.

8.4 Technical Information

- (a) The College agrees to provide to the Union such public information that is available relating to employees in the bargaining unit, as may be required by the Union for collective bargaining purposes. The Union recognizes the need for confidentiality of certain information prior to announcements by the provincial government, and such information is excluded from the operation of this clause.
- (b) The bargaining unit Chairperson shall be provided with a copy of the annual budget approved by the College Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 9 - LABOUR/MANAGEMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

9.1 Continuation of Meetings

In recognition of the mutual benefits of ongoing consultations and open communications between the employees and the College, the Union and the College agree to continue to conduct Labour/Management Relations Committee meetings.

9.2 Membership

The Committee shall consist of equal numbers of union and college representatives, with a minimum of two and a maximum of five representatives from each party. For the Union, one of the five union representatives shall be the President or designate.

9.3 Guiding Principles

The parties agree that the Committee shall be guided by the following:

- (a) The Labour/Management Relations Committee is intended as an open forum wherein matters of mutual concern and benefit can be freely and candidly discussed. Items may be put on the agenda by either party upon written notification to the other party prior to each meeting.
- (b) A college and a union representative shall be designated as joint chairpersons and shall alternate in presiding over meetings.
- (c) Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be prepared and signed by the joint chairpersons as promptly as possible after the close of the meeting.
- (d) The parties understand and agree that the Labour/Management Relations Committee is not intended to serve as a supplement or an alternative to the grievance/arbitration process, nor to interfere with or attempt to re-negotiate any provisions of the agreement between the parties.
- (e) It is intended by the parties that the Labour/Management Relations Committee will be limited to serving as a vehicle for joint discussion and consultation, with a view to exploring possible solutions to mutual problems and concerns. This Committee is in no way intended to limit or restrict the rights reserved to the College to manage its operations or affairs.

(f) Meetings of the Labour/Management Relations Committee will be held at the request of either party as soon as is possible following the request to meet.

(g) It is intended that any employee participating in meetings of the Labour/Management Relations Committee as a representative of the Union will not suffer loss of remuneration otherwise payable by the College when such meetings are held during working hours. Further, it is agreed that under no circumstances is the College obligated to pay any additional wages, salaries, overtime or other premiums in the event that the parties agree to schedule a meeting of the Labour/Management Relations Committee during non-working hours.

ARTICLE 10 - GRIEVANCES

10.1 Definition of Grievances

(a) A grievance shall be defined as any dispute or controversy between the College and the Union or the College and one or more of its employees covered by this agreement in respect of any matter relating to working conditions specifically covered by this agreement; any matter involving the interpretation or application of any provision of this agreement; or any matter involving the alleged violation of any provision of this agreement.

It is understood and agreed that any grievance arising during the term of this agreement shall be settled in accordance with this procedure without any stoppage of or interruption of work, either partial or complete.

(b) The College agrees to provide, to the President of the Union, with a copy to the Chairperson of the Bargaining Committee, a list of designated supervisors and those employees they supervise.

10.2 Step 1 - Verbal Grievances

Any employees who have a grievance shall first go to the supervisor directly in charge of work. The employees may, at their option, be accompanied or represented by their steward or representatives of the Union. The supervisor shall be given an opportunity to answer the complaint verbally. The parties involved shall be given a maximum of three working days to solve the grievance.

10.3 Time Limits to Present Initial Grievance

Employees who wish to present a grievance at Step 2 of the grievance procedure, in the manner prescribed in Article 10.4, must do so not later than 30 days after the date:

- (a) on which they were notified orally or in writing of the action or circumstance giving rise to the grievance; or
- (b) on which they first became aware of the action or circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

10.4 Step 2 - Written Grievance

(a) Subject to the time limits in 10.3, employees may present a grievance at this level by:

- (1) recording this grievance on the appropriate grievance form, setting out the nature of the grievance and the circumstances from which it arose;

(2) stating the article or articles of the agreement infringed upon or alleged to have been violated and the remedy or correction required, and where applicable, the reasons why just cause does not exist; and

(3) transmitting this grievance to the designated local supervisor through the union steward.

(b) The local supervisor shall:

(1) forward the grievance to the representative of the College authorized to deal with grievances at Step 2; and

(2) provide the employee with a receipt stating the date on which the grievance was received.

10.5 Time Limit to Reply at Step 2

(a) Within 10 days of receiving the grievances at Step 2, the representative designated by the College to handle grievances at Step 2 and the union area staff representative or designate shall meet to examine the facts, the nature of the grievance and attempt to resolve the dispute. This meeting may be waived by mutual agreement.

(b) The representative designated by the College to handle grievances at Step 2 shall reply in writing to an employee's grievance within 21 days of receiving the grievance at Step 2.

10.6 Step 3

The President of the Union, or their designate, may present a grievance at Step 3:

(a) within 14 days after the decision has been conveyed by the representative designated by the College to handle grievances at Step 2; or

(b) within 14 days after the College's reply was due.

10.7 Time Limit to Reply at Step 3

(a) Within 10 days of a grievance being filed directly at Step 3, the representative designated by the College to handle grievances at Step 3 and the union staff representative or designate shall meet. The parties will meet to examine the facts, the nature of the grievance and attempt to resolve the dispute. The meeting may be waived by mutual agreement.

(b) The representative designated by the College to handle grievances at Step 3 shall reply in writing to the grievance within 14 days of receipt of the grievance at Step 3.

10.8 Failure to Act

If the President of the Union, or designate, does not present a grievance to the next higher level within the prescribed time limits, the grievance will be deemed to be abandoned. However, the Union shall not be deemed to have prejudiced their position on any future grievance.

10.9 Time Limit to Submit to Arbitration

Failing satisfactory settlement at Step 3, and pursuant to Article 11, the President of the Union or designate may inform the College of the intention to submit the dispute to arbitration within:

(a) 30 days after the College's decision has been received; or

- (b) 30 days after the College's decision was due.

10.10 Amending of Time Limits

The time limits fixed in this grievance procedure may be altered by mutual consent of the parties, but the same must be in writing. Where a grievance or a reply is presented by mail, it shall be deemed to be presented on the day on which it is post-marked and it shall be deemed to be received on the day it was delivered to the appropriate office of the College or the Union.

10.11 Dismissal or Suspension Grievance

In the case of a dispute arising from an employee's dismissal or suspension, the grievance may commence at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure within 30 days of the employee receiving notice of dismissal or notice of suspension. The requirements for stating the particulars of the grievance and reply contained in Clause 10.4 (Step 2 - Written Grievance) will nevertheless apply.

10.12 Deviation from Grievance Procedure

The College agrees that after a grievance has been initiated by the Union, the representative of the College will not enter into discussion or negotiation with respect to the grievance, either directly or indirectly with the aggrieved employee without the consent of the Union. In the event that after having initiated a grievance through the grievance procedure, an employee endeavours to pursue the same grievance through any other channels than this grievance procedure, then the Union agrees that pursuant to this article, the grievance shall be considered to have been abandoned.

10.13 Policy Grievance

Where either party disputes the general application, interpretation or alleged violation of an article of this agreement, the dispute shall be discussed initially with the College or the Union as the case may be. Where no satisfactory agreement is reached, either party may submit the dispute to arbitration, as set out in Article 11 (Arbitration) of this agreement.

10.14 Technical Objections to Grievance

It is the intent of both parties to this agreement that no grievance shall be defeated merely because of a technical error in processing the grievance through the grievance procedure. To this end an arbitration board shall have the power to allow all necessary amendments to the grievance and the power to waive formal procedural irregularities in processing of the grievance, in order to determine the real matter in dispute and to render a decision according to equitable principles and the justice of the case. Time limits specified in this Article 10 shall not be deemed to be nor construed as matters of technicality but as matters of substance.

ARTICLE 11 - ARBITRATION

11.1 Notification

Where a difference arising between the parties relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this agreement, including any questions as to whether a matter is arbitrable or where an allegation is made that a term or condition of this agreement has been violated, either of the parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure in Article 10 (Grievances), notify the other party within 30 days of the receipt of the reply at the third step, of its desire to submit the difference or allegations to arbitration.

11.2 Appointment of the Arbitrator

When a party has requested that a grievance be submitted to arbitration, it shall indicate to the other party of the agreement within seven days its intention to submit the matter in dispute to a single arbitrator to be agreed upon by both parties.

11.3 Failure to Appoint

If the parties fail to agree upon an arbitrator within seven days of their appointment, either party may seek the appointment pursuant to Section 86 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

11.4 Procedure

The Arbitrator shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations; shall hear and determine the difference or allegation; and shall make every effort to render a decision within 15 days of the first hearing.

11.5 Decision of Arbitration

The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final, binding and enforceable on the parties. However, the Arbitrator shall not have the power to change this agreement or to alter, modify or amend any of its provisions.

11.6 Expenses of Arbitrator

Each party shall pay one-half of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator.

11.7 Amending Time Limits

The time limits fixed in the arbitration procedure may be altered by mutual consent of the parties but the same must be in writing.

ARTICLE 12 - DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE

12.1 Discipline Procedure

- (a) Where a supervisor intends to interview an employee for disciplinary purposes, the supervisor shall notify the employee in advance of the meeting and shall advise the employee that a steward's presence is recommended. The employee shall be given sufficient time to arrange for a steward to attend the meeting, providing that this does not result in an undue delay of the appropriate action being taken. This clause shall not apply to those discussions that are of an operational nature and do not involve disciplinary action.
- (b) No employee shall be disciplined, suspended or discharged except for just cause, and an employee shall be discharged only upon the written authority of the College.
- (c) The College shall inform the union steward verbally prior to imposing a suspension of more than five days.
- (d) Where this agreement requires reasons in writing for disciplinary action, it is understood and agreed that compliance with that requirement shall be sufficient if verbal reasons are given immediately in the presence of the employee's steward, and are confirmed in writing within two working days.

(e) When an employee is discharged or suspended, the employee shall be given the reason in writing in the presence of their steward. If a meeting on college property is not advisable for safety reasons, such meeting may be held at a mutually-agreed location. In an instance where such a meeting is not possible due to bona fide safety concerns of either party, the employee's copy of the written reasons will be sent by registered mail to the employee's last recorded address. Likewise, a copy of the employee's letter will be immediately delivered to the bargaining unit Chairperson. The President of the Union shall be advised, within five working days, in writing by the College of the reason for such discharge or suspension.

(f) It is understood that where the employee being disciplined, suspended or discharged is a steward or union officer, the employee shall have the right to have a staff representative or union officer present.

12.2 Right to Grieve

An employee considered by the Union to be wrongfully or unjustly disciplined, suspended or discharged shall be entitled to recourse under the grievance procedure, in accordance with Article 10 (Grievances) of this agreement.

12.3 Justice and Dignity

The parties agree that in certain situations, it may be in the best interest of both the College and employees that employees be reassigned or removed from all job sites during an investigation of conduct. In cases where an employee cannot be reassigned, the employee shall be considered to be on a leave of absence without loss of pay until the College makes a decision relative to imposing discipline.

12.4 Burden of Proof

In cases of discipline, suspension and discharge the burden of proof of just cause shall rest with the College.

Evidence called in support of disciplinary action taken by the College and evidence called in support of any grievance or response to disciplinary action shall be limited to evidence in support of the reasons raised in Clause 12.1 (Discipline Procedure) or Clause 10.4 (Step 2 - Written Grievance).

12.5 Right to Grieve Other Disciplinary Action

(a) Disciplinary action that is grievable by employees shall include written censures, letters of reprimand and adverse reports or performance evaluation. Employees shall be given a copy of any such document placed on their file which might be the basis of disciplinary action. Should employees dispute any such entry in their file, they shall be entitled to recourse through the grievance procedure and the eventual resolution thereof shall become part of their employment record. Any such document, other than official evaluation reports, shall be removed from the employee's file after the expiration of 18 months from the date it was issued, provided there has not been a similar further infraction.

(b) Disciplinary action resulting from findings of harassment or violence shall be removed from the employee's file after the expiration of 24 months from the date it was issued, provided that there has not been a similar infraction.

(c) Sick leave, unpaid leave, and leave on an approved WorkSafeBC claim will not count toward the 18-month periods.

- (d) The College agrees not to introduce as evidence in any hearing any document from the file of an employee, the existence of which the employee was not aware at the time of filing.

12.6 Harassment and Inappropriate Personal Conduct

The parties recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from sexual harassment, personal harassment based upon discrimination, inappropriate personal conduct, including bullying behaviours. The College confers particular responsibilities upon its administrators, managers and supervisors to implement college policies and to work diligently within their programs, divisions or departments towards fulfilling the College's institutional commitment to provide a learning and working environment free of discrimination, harassment and other prohibited behaviours. This includes the responsibility to foster a safe and non-discriminatory environment, to inform those under their authority of their responsibilities to avoid prohibited behaviour, to monitor activities within their jurisdiction, and to deal expeditiously and effectively with reports of prohibited conduct.

All employees shall be subject to discipline should they engage in prohibited behaviours as defined in Clauses 12.7, 12.8 or 12.9. Bullying behaviours may fall under any of these clauses, depending on the nature of the conduct alleged.

Complaints filed under Clauses 12.7 (Sexual Harassment), and 12.8 (Personal Harassment), shall be investigated in accordance with procedures set out in Clause 12.10. Complaints filed under Clause 12.9 (Inappropriate Personal Conduct) will be handled through Article 10 (Grievances).

12.7 Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is one form of discrimination and is defined as any unwelcome comment or conduct of a sexual nature that may detrimentally affect the work environment, or lead to adverse, job-related consequences for the complainant. Employees can be sexually harassed by persons of the same or a different gender. To constitute harassment, behaviour may be repeated or persistent or may be a single serious incident.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- (a) sexual advances with actual or implied work-related consequences;
- (b) unwelcome remarks, questions, jokes or innuendo of a sexual nature, including sexist comments or sexual invitations;
- (c) verbal abuse, intimidation, or threats of a sexual nature;
- (d) leering, staring or making sexual gestures;
- (e) display of pornographic or other sexual materials;
- (f) offensive pictures, graffiti, cartoons or sayings;
- (g) unwanted physical contact such as touching, patting, pinching or hugging;
- (h) physical assault of a sexual nature.

The definition of sexual harassment is not meant to inhibit interactions or relationships based on mutual consent or normal social contact between employees.

The legitimate study of topics of a sexual nature within the College's curriculum is not considered sexual harassment.

12.8 Harassment Based Upon Discriminatory Grounds

(a) Harassment based upon discriminatory grounds means verbal or physical behaviour that is discriminatory in nature, based upon another person's Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political beliefs, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, gender identity or expression, age or sexual orientation. It is discriminatory behaviour, which would be considered reasonably to create an intimidating, humiliating or hostile work or learning environment and serves no legitimate, work related purpose. To constitute harassment, behaviour may be repeated or persistent, or may be a single serious incident.

Such behaviour could include, but is not limited to:

- (1) physical threats or intimidation;
- (2) words, gestures, actions or practical jokes, the natural consequence of which is to humiliate, alarm or abuse another person;
- (3) distribution or display of offensive pictures or materials.

12.9 Inappropriate Personal Conduct

(a) Inappropriate conduct means "*unwelcome*" or "*unwanted*" verbal or physical behaviour that is non-discriminatory in nature, directed at a person or specific group of people, which causes substantial distress in that person or group of people and serves no legitimate work-related purpose. As well, improper personal conduct does not include action occasioned through the exercise, in good faith, of the College's managerial/supervisory rights and responsibilities. In this context "*unwelcome*" or "*unwanted*" means any action which the respondent reasonably knows, or ought to know is not desired. Such behaviour could include but is not limited to:

- (1) words, gestures, actions or practical jokes, the natural consequence of which is to humiliate, ridicule, insult or degrade and which creates an intimidating or offensive environment;
- (2) physical threats or intimidation;
- (3) distribution or display of offensive pictures or materials.

(b) Behaviour may be repeated or persistent or may be a single serious incident.

(c) A written grievance in relation to this clause must be filed no later than 30 days from the last occurrence and shall specify the details of the allegation(s).

12.10 Complaint Procedure for Sexual Harassment or Personal Harassment based on Discriminatory Grounds

(a) *Initial Consultation*

An employee who believes that they have been harassed and who is considering the initiation of a complaint may begin by discussing the matter with a Harassment Advisor. There will be a list of mutually agreed-upon Advisors who will advise and assist employees of the College in connection with harassment complaints. The Advisor will review the allegations on a confidential basis and provide the Complainant with information relating to due process, standards of confidentiality, standards of proof, college procedures and policies and advise on effective methods to resolve the matter.

The Labour/Management Relations Committee will create and maintain a list of Harassment Advisors and the College will make the names of the Harassment Advisors available on the college website.

Following consultation with the Advisor, the Complainant may choose any of the following options:

- (1) to resolve the matter themselves with the Respondent;
- (2) to request the Harassment Advisor to attempt an informal resolve between the Complainant and Respondent;
- (3) to request informal mediation between the Complainant and Respondent;
- (4) to proceed with a Formal Complaint in accordance with Clause 12.10(b);
- (5) to take no further action.

(b) *Formal Complaint*

(1) The employee shall file a complaint to the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate, who will arrange to have the complaint investigated and assessed by a mutually acceptable investigator, based on the factual evidence arising from the complaint. The investigator will be chosen by the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate and the union area staff representative. The investigator will adhere to the principles of due process in carrying out the investigation. The proof that the Respondent has committed the harassment complained of shall be clear and convincing evidence.

(i) For sexual harassment the complaint must be submitted in writing within six months of the latest alleged occurrence.

(ii) For personal harassment based upon discriminatory grounds, the complaint must be submitted in writing within 30 calendar days of the latest alleged occurrence.

(2) A Formal Complaint must specify the details of the allegation(s) including:

(i) name, classification and work location of the respondent;

(ii) a detailed description of the specific action(s), conduct, event(s) or circumstance(s) which constitute harassment;

(iii) the specific remedy sought to satisfy the complaint;

(iv) date(s) of incident(s);

(v) name(s) of witness(es), if any;

(vi) description of prior attempts to resolve the matter, if any.

(3) Upon receipt of the written complaint, the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate shall notify the union area office staff representative and the bargaining unit Chairperson in writing.

(4) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate will investigate and assess the complaint based on the facts, employing the concept of due process. The investigation must be concluded within one month of the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate receiving the written complaint.

- (5) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate may request an extension for the investigation period from the union area office staff representative or bargaining unit Chairperson. Extensions will not be withheld unreasonably.
- (6) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate will inform the Complainant that they have the option of having a steward present as an observer at the meeting(s) at which the Complainant is present.
- (7) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate will inform the Respondent that they have the option of having a different steward present as an observer at the meeting(s) at which the Respondent is present.
- (8) Pending determination of the complaint, the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate who is investigating may take interim measures to separate the employees concerned if deemed necessary.
- (9) In cases where a finding of harassment may result in the transfer of an employee, normally, it shall be the Respondent who is transferred, except where the Complainant requests to be transferred.
- (10) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate may:
- (i) make findings of fact;
 - (ii) decide if the facts constitute harassment;
 - (iii) attempt to mediate a resolve;
 - (iv) if harassment has occurred, recommend administrative action to the President;
 - (v) dismiss the complaint.
- (11) The Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate, who has investigated and assessed the facts as they relate to the incident(s), shall complete a written report to the President within five working days of completion of the investigation.
- (12) The union area office staff representative, the bargaining unit Chairperson, the Complainant and the Respondent shall be apprised in writing of the recommendation(s) and/or action(s) to be taken.
- (13) Where the Complainant is not satisfied with the final disposition, the Complainant may grieve at any step of the Grievance Procedure up to and including arbitration. The time limits and procedures as specified under Article 10 (Grievances) will apply.
- (14) Where the complaint is determined to be frivolous or vindictive in nature, the College will take appropriate action, which may include discipline.

ARTICLE 13 - SENIORITY

13.1 Seniority Defined

(a) *Service Seniority Defined*

Means a regular employee's service with the College.

Regular employees shall be credited with service seniority equivalent to their length of continuous service with the College.

(b) *Classification Seniority*

Means regular employees' length of service in their present classification. All regular employees shall be credited with classification seniority equivalent to their length of service in their present classification with the College.

13.2 Seniority List

The service seniority list shall be updated semi-annually and will be sent to the President of the Union or designate and to the bargaining unit Chairperson no later than the last day of April and October of each calendar year.

13.3 Loss of Seniority

Except as otherwise provided for in this agreement, regular employees shall not accrue seniority when a leave of absence without pay is for periods over 60 days' duration. Regular employees shall continue to accrue seniority if they are absent from work with pay. Employees shall lose their seniority only in the event that:

- (a) they are discharged for just cause;
- (b) subject to 13.4, they voluntarily terminate their employment or abandon their position; or
- (c) they are on layoff for more than one year.

13.4 Re-Employment

(a) Regular employees who resign their position and within 60 days are re-employed as a regular employee shall be granted a leave of absence without pay covering those days absent and shall retain all previous rights in relation to seniority and other fringe benefits.

(b) If the period between resignation and re-employment exceeds 60 days, but does not exceed five years, the employee shall, upon completion of three year's continuous service from the date of re-employment, have their previous length of service credited for purposes of seniority and vacation entitlement.

13.5 Seniority on Demotion

Regular employees who suffer demotion through no fault of their own, or who take a voluntary demotion, shall have their classification seniority adjusted to include all service previously held in the lower classification, together with all service in any higher classifications.

ARTICLE 14 - LABOUR FORCE ADJUSTMENT, LAYOFF AND RECALL

14.1 Labour Force Adjustment

(a) It is agreed that the College will make every reasonable attempt to minimize the impact of funding shortfalls and reductions on the workforce.

(b) Subject to budgetary constraints and the amount of funding available for labour adjustment costs; fairness, flexibility and employee choice will prevail in the implementation of labour force adjustment strategies as approved by the College.

(c) It is incumbent upon the College to communicate effectively with employees and the Union as soon as the impact of any funding reduction or shortfall or profile change has been assessed.

(d) If a workforce reduction is necessary, the Joint Labour/Management Committee will canvass employees, starting with those directly affected, and then proceeding if necessary to other areas over a 14-day period, or such longer time as the Committee agrees, to find volunteer solutions that provide as many viable options as possible and minimize potential layoffs.

(e) The College and the Union agree that the pre-layoff canvass may be carried out through verbal or written communication, whichever is agreed to by the Committee.

14.2 Menu of Labour Adjustment Strategies

To minimize layoffs, the following menu of labour force adjustment strategies will be considered and whenever reasonably possible, offered by the College at the appropriate time in the employee reduction process set out in the collective agreement:

- job-sharing;
- reduced hours of work through partial leaves;
- transfers to other areas within the bargaining unit subject to available work and meeting qualifications, with minimal training required;
- paid and unpaid leaves of absence for use to seek alternate employment, retirement adjustment, retraining, etc.;
- voluntary severance;
- purchasing past pensionable service. If permissible the College will match a minimum of three years' contributions to the appropriate pension plan (College Pension Plan, Municipal Pension Plan or Public Service Pension Plan) where an employee opts for early retirement;
- early retirement incentives;
- agreed secondment;
- retraining;
- continuation of Health and Welfare Benefits; and
- combinations and variations of the above or other alternatives.

14.3 Layoffs May Occur

Once strategies other than layoff have been explored, the College may proceed, if need be, to layoffs. For those affected by layoff, the provisions of the collective agreement will apply.

14.4 No Stacking of Entitlements

While various options may be considered and offered, there will be no stacking of entitlements.

14.5 Pre-Layoff Canvass

Where the College identifies a need to proceed with a layoff pursuant to Clause 14.6, the College shall notify the bargaining unit Chairperson and the staff representative, in writing, prior to the issuing of any layoff notices. The notice shall include where the reduction is required, the number of positions to be affected, the department(s), the campus, the pay level classification and qualifications of the position(s), the reasons for layoff, and the cost reduction.

The bargaining unit Chairperson, the staff representative and the Associate Vice President, Human Resources, or designate, will meet to discuss a pre-layoff canvass. The discussion will include:

- (a) identifying where the reduction(s) is required and number of position(s) to be affected;
- (b) identify specific position(s) to be canvassed based on a review of the pay level, classification and qualifications of the position(s) targeted for reduction.

Once the position(s) to be canvassed are agreed upon by the parties, the College shall conduct the pre layoff canvass by sending out written notice to identified employee(s) in (b) above.

Response from employee(s) to the voluntary layoff canvass must be submitted to the Human Resources Department within 10 working days of issuance of the written notice. Employee responses shall be in writing.

Where there is a reduction of one position and two employees choose severance, the employee with the most service seniority shall be granted voluntary layoff. An employee who takes this voluntary layoff is entitled to severance pay per Clause 14.14 and other benefits per Clause 14.13.

It is understood that employees electing severance under this provision shall not be entitled to bumping rights or recall.

The College will confirm the layoff with the employee in writing, this decision is final and binding on the employee and the College.

If no employee from among the identified employees opts for voluntary layoff, the College will commence with layoff notice per Clause 14.6.

14.6 Layoff

- (a) Auxiliary employees will be laid off prior to regular employees in classifications and groupings as identified in Clause 33.4 (Layoff and Recall).
- (b) Regular employees shall be laid off in reverse order of service seniority providing the remaining employees have the ability, qualifications, and experience to perform the remaining work.
- (c) Where seniority is equal, the regular employee with the superior qualifications, skill, knowledge and training for their particular job is deemed to have greater seniority.

(d) *Bumping Procedure*

- (1) A regular employee shall not be entitled to bump another employee where the bump would constitute a promotion.
- (2) Regular employees who receive notice of layoff shall have the right to bump employees with less seniority.
- (3) The right to bump, subject to (2) above, shall be exercised in the following order:
 - (i) The employee with the least seniority at the same pay level for whose position the laid-off employee has the qualifications, ability and experience to do the job shall be bumped.
 - (ii) If (i) above does not result in a bump, the same procedure will be applied at each subsequent lower pay level.
- (4) Regular employees who are bumped as a result of (2) and (3) above, shall have the same right to bump employees with less seniority.

(5) It is agreed that the trial or probationary period specified in Clause 28.6(a) (Trial Period) will apply to employees moving into a new job as a result of bumping.

(6) In the event the employee proves to be unsatisfactory in the new job, the provisions of Clause 14.6 shall reapply. In the event the employee does not have the necessary seniority or qualifications, ability and experience to bump a second time, or they have proven to be unsatisfactory in the second job, they will be laid off and eligible for recall or severance pursuant to Clauses 14.9, 14.11 and 14.14.

(7) A regular employee shall notify the College in writing within five days of receiving layoff notice whether bumping rights will be exercised or whether the employee opts for a layoff.

(8) If a regular employee opts for a layoff the employee must choose either recall rights in accordance with Clause 14.9 or severance pay in accordance with Clause 14.14. If a regular employee declines to make a selection they shall be deemed to have chosen recall rights.

14.7 Application of Clauses 14.6 and 14.9

The application of the layoff, bumping and recall procedures in Clause 14.6 and 14.9 shall be subject to joint college/union discussion. These procedures shall be carried out on a college-wide basis.

In the case of a dispute arising from Clause 14.6 and Clause 14.9, the matter shall be resolved through the grievance procedure, commencing at Step 3.

14.8 Advance Notice

(a) Where possible, the College will notify regular employees who are to be laid off, at least 40 working days prior to the effective date of layoff. If the employee has not had the opportunity to work 20 full days after notice of layoff, the employee shall be paid in lieu of work for that part of the 20 days during which work was not made available.

(b) An employee who is offered an auxiliary recall and accepts that recall, cannot claim the right to notice or pay in lieu pursuant to Clause 14.8(a) when the auxiliary work expires and the employee returns to layoff status.

14.9 Recall Rights and Procedure

(a) Regular employees on layoff shall retain recall rights commencing with the date of layoff for a period of one year.

(b) In the event an employee performs auxiliary work during their period of layoff, the auxiliary time worked will be added to the one-year period of recall eligibility specified in Clause 14.9(a).

(c) Recall shall be in order of service seniority, regular employees preceding auxiliary employees, providing the regular employee has the necessary qualifications, ability and experience to fill the position and the recall would not constitute a promotion.

(d) In the event the employee is recalled to their former position or to a position at the same pay level as their former position, the employee, at the time of recall, will be placed at the same step in the pay level that they were in at the time of layoff.

14.10 Repeating Term Employees**(a) Fixed Term Layoff**

When the College lays off repeating fixed term employees at the end of their fixed term and issues a recall notice for the beginning of the next fixed term, Clauses 14.6(a), (b), (d) and 14.9(c) will not apply. However, repeating fixed term employees may bump auxiliary employees whose duration of employment expires before the recall notice specified in the preceding sentence.

(b) Layoff

This does not preclude the College from giving notice of layoff to a repeating fixed term employee during a fixed term or to a fixed term employee who has received a recall notice to begin a fixed term. In the event of a layoff of this nature, Clause 14.10(a) does not apply. Refer to Clauses 14.5 to 14.9 and 14.11 to 14.14.

14.11 Recall from Layoff Without Posting

In the event a vacancy occurs and a regular employee on layoff status possesses the necessary qualifications, ability and experience, and providing the recall would not constitute a promotion, the vacancy will be offered to the most senior regular employee on the recall list and Clause 28.1(a) (Job Postings) will not apply.

14.12 Notice of Recall

(a) Notice of recall to a regular position shall be made by email, or if unsuccessful, by telephone and registered mail to the last address of the employee known by the College. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the President of the Union. It shall be the employee's responsibility to keep the College informed of their contact information including their current email, home address and telephone number during the period of layoff or recall. The employee must notify the College of their acceptance of the recall within five working days of date of the recall notice.

(b) Regular employees may refuse recall to an auxiliary position without affecting recall rights pursuant to Clause 14.9.

14.13 Continuation of Benefits

A regular employee on layoff will be entitled to the following benefits:

- Clause 20.2 - (Extended Health Benefits);
- Clause 20.4(a) - (Group Life Insurance); and
- Clause 20.5 - (Dental Plan)

for a period of one year from the date of layoff, or as per Article 14.9(a). Premium payments will be in accordance with provisions provided in the above clauses.

14.14 Severance Pay

(a) A regular employee may opt to receive severance pay on the date the layoff was scheduled to occur, in which case the employee shall be deemed to have resigned and shall forfeit all seniority and right to recall.

(b) A regular employee with less than one years' service seniority who has elected severance pay pursuant to this article shall be entitled to severance pay in an amount equal to two weeks' current straight-time pay.

(c) In the event of a layoff of a regular employee with one or more years' service seniority who opts for severance pay the following shall apply:

- (1) for the first year of completed service seniority, three weeks' current straight-time pay;
- (2) for the second year of completed service seniority, three weeks' current straight-time pay;
- (3) for each completed year of service seniority thereafter, one-half month's current straight-time pay;

The employee shall not receive an amount greater than six months' current straight-time pay.

ARTICLE 15 - HOURS OF WORK

15.1 Standard Workweek

(a) Except for those employees provided for in paragraph (c) and (d) below, the standard workweek shall consist of 35 hours of work on any five consecutive days, only one of which can be a Saturday or Sunday. Thirty days' written notice shall be given for a change in the five consecutive working days.

(b) Regular part-time employees may be scheduled to work less than seven hours per day and 35 hours per week, as per Article 2.

(c) The Union and the College recognize that various versions exist of a modified workweek concept which average 35 hours per week. It is understood and agreed that such cases are exceptions to Clause 15.1(a) only in respect to the 35-hour limitation, and the seven hour per day limitation.

(d) Where, for bona fide operational reasons the College schedules employees to work Saturday or Sunday, the following criteria shall apply:

- (1) New positions created and vacant positions may include Saturday and/or Sunday as a regular workday. Postings for these positions shall state the consecutive days of work.
- (2) No regular employee hired prior to April 27, 2000 shall be required to work Saturday or Sunday as a regular workday, unless the employee is currently scheduled to work Saturday or Sunday.
- (3) A premium of one additional hour of pay per shift shall apply to all regularly scheduled work on Saturday and Sunday.
- (4) No employee shall be laid off or have their hours of work reduced as a result of this article.

(e) The College agrees to an overall limit of 20% of regular employees on regular workweeks which include Saturday and Sunday.

15.2 Standard Workday

(a) The standard workday for regular employees shall be seven hours per day, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- (b) Regular part-time employees may be scheduled to work less than seven hours per day and 35 hours per week, as per Article 2 (Definitions).

15.3 Meal Periods

- (a) Unpaid meal periods will be scheduled as close to the middle of the workday or shift as possible and to correspond to dining room facilities. The length of the meal period shall be not less than 30 minutes and not more than 60 minutes.
- (b) Employees shall be entitled to take their meal period away from the workstation. Where this cannot be done because of a specific requirement of the immediate supervisor, the meal period shall be considered as time worked and compensated for at the applicable overtime rate.

15.4 Scheduling of Hours

- (a) Except in the case of shift operations, or a modified workweek, the regular workday shall be scheduled to occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (b) Flexible or modified hours for individual employees may be scheduled upon mutual agreement between the employees at the local level and the College's designated representative. Such hours shall be scheduled between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

15.5 Clean-up Time

Employees shall be allowed reasonable time during the workday or shift for clean-up purposes.

15.6 Reporting Stations and Reporting to Work

- (a) Where employees are required to report to a central location in order to be assigned their work location, their shift, or workday shall commence from the time they are required to report for assignment.
- (b) Every regular employee covered by this agreement shall be assigned a regular designated reporting station, or stations. Where an employee is assigned to more than one reporting station, they will be assigned to each reporting station on a regularly scheduled basis. When temporarily assigned another work location, time spent in travel from the employee's residence to the new work location in excess of time normally spent in travel from the employee's residence to employee's designated reporting station shall be considered as time worked.
- (c) When employees' reporting stations are to be changed, they shall be given a minimum of 30 calendar days' advance notice of such change.
- (d) Where a position's regular designated reporting station is to be changed, the College will canvass employees in the targeted position to determine if there are any volunteers for the change in reporting station. Where more than one employee volunteers, reassignment will be determined on the basis of service seniority. Where no employee volunteers, the College will assign to the changed reporting station the most junior employee(s), provided that the junior employee has the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the work required by the College.
- (e) In the event that the College requires the employee to change reporting stations before the expiry of the minimum 30 calendar days of the notice period, then the employee will be eligible to receive the standard College per-kilometre allowance, and bridge toll, if applicable, where the employee uses their personal vehicle, as follows:

- (f) (1) once per day for each day within the unexpired notice period, on which the employees report to the new reporting stations, and
- (2) only to compensate the employee for the number of additional kilometres necessarily travelled between their residence and the new reporting station.

15.7 Rest Periods

All employees shall have two 15-minute rest periods in each work period in excess of six hours, one rest period to be granted before and one after the meal period. Employees working shifts of four and one-half hours but not more than six hours, shall receive two rest periods during such a shift. Employees working shifts of less than four and one-half hours shall be granted one rest period during such a shift. Rest periods shall not begin until one hour after the commencement of work or not later than one hour before either the meal period or the end of the shift, however, a single rest period of 30 minutes may be taken subject to the mutual agreement of the parties. Rest periods shall be taken without loss of pay to the employees.

15.8 Changes in Hours of Work - Work Schedules

- (a) The College will provide written notification to those regular employee(s) that are to be affected by significant changes in their existing work hour/schedules.
- (b) Employee(s) request(s) for changing existing work schedules(s) will be made in writing to their supervisor.
- (c) The parties agree that the Labour/Management Committee is the final avenue for concerns raised over any change as specified in 15.8(a) or (b).

ARTICLE 16 - SHIFT WORK

16.1 Definition of Shifts

- (a) "*Day Shift*" shall be defined as any shift which starts between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. inclusive.
- (b) "*Afternoon Shift*" shall be defined as any shift which starts between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. inclusive.
- (c) "*Evening Shift*" shall be defined as any shift which starts between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. inclusive.
- (d) "*Overlapping Shifts*" shall be defined as any shift which starts between:
- (1) 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. inclusive; or
 - (2) 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. inclusive; or
 - (3) 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. inclusive.

16.2 Shift Premiums

Shift premiums shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule:

Shift Starting Time	Hours at No Premium	Hours at \$1.00 Premium	Hours at \$1.05 Premium
6:00 a.m.	7		
7:00 a.m.	7		

Shift Starting Time	Hours at No Premium	Hours at \$1.00 Premium	Hours at \$1.05 Premium
8:00 a.m.	7		
9:00 a.m.	7		
10:00 a.m.	7		
11:00 a.m.	7		
12:00 p.m.	4	3	
1:00 p.m.	3	4	
2:00 p.m.		7	
3:00 p.m.		7	
4:00 p.m.		7	
5:00 p.m.		7	
6:00 p.m.		7	
7:00 p.m.		7	
8:00 p.m.		4	3
9:00 p.m.		3	4
10:00 p.m.			7
11:00 p.m.			7
12:00 a.m.			7
1:00 a.m.			7
2:00 a.m.			7
3:00 a.m.			7
4:00 a.m.	3		4
5:00 a.m.	4		3

- (a) Shift premiums will apply to hours worked on part-time shifts.
- (b) Shift premiums will apply to a maximum of seven hours per assigned shift where the length of the workday has been varied in accordance with Article 15 (Hours of Work).
- (c) Shift premiums will apply to overtime hours in conjunction with a shift.

16.3 Notice of Shift Schedules

- (a) Schedules of shift work for regular employees and auxiliary employees working a scheduled shift shall be posted at least five days in advance of the starting day of a new schedule. However, the College will make every effort to post shift schedules 14 days in advance and employees involved will be consulted prior to any change in the shift schedule in order to determine their availability.
- (b) In the event that employees' schedules of shift work and/or hours of work are changed without the five days' advance notice required, they will receive a premium of \$0.50 per hour for work performed on the first new scheduled shifts to which they changed in addition to their regular pay. Subsequent shifts worked on the new schedules shall be without this premium.
- (c) In the event that an employee's schedules of shift work are changed without 48 hours' advance notice, the employee may choose to decline the shift scheduled.

16.4 Rotation and Scheduling

- (a) Where practical, having regard for the operational requirements of the College and the situations and circumstances of the affected employees, shifts will be rotated on an equal basis amongst the employees who are involved.
- (b) All employees involved in the scheduling shall be consulted prior to its implementation.

16.5 Exchange of Shifts

Employees may initiate a shift exchange with the approval of the College, provided that sufficient advance notice is given. The College will not incur additional costs per Clause 16.2 and 16.6 due to shift exchange.

16.6 Short Changeover Premium

(a) If shifts are scheduled so that there are not 24 hours between the start of an employee's shift and the start of that employee's next shift, a premium calculated at overtime rates will be paid for hours worked on the succeeding shift within the 24-hour period.

(b) Where an employee exercises seniority rights or request in writing to work shifts, one of which falls within the 24-hour period from the start of the previous shift, the employee shall not be entitled to claim or to be paid the premium rate referred to in (a) above.

16.7 Split Shifts

No shift shall be split for a period longer than the regularly scheduled meal periods.

ARTICLE 17 - OVERTIME**17.1 Definitions**

(a) "*Overtime*" means work performed by full-time employees in excess or outside of their regularly scheduled hours of work.

(b) "*Straight-time rate*" means the hourly rate of remuneration.

(c) "*Time and one-half*" means one and one-half times the straight-time rate.

(d) "*Double-time*" means twice the straight-time rate.

17.2 Overtime Entitlement

All overtime hours must be approved by the appropriate excluded administrator in advance of the overtime being worked. The administrator may delegate this authority to an employee in the bargaining unit who has supervisory authority.

(a) An employee working a regularly scheduled seven-hour day shall be entitled to overtime after seven hours of work on the regularly scheduled workday.

(b) An employee working a regularly scheduled day of fixed duration on a modified workweek shall be entitled to overtime after the regularly scheduled hours in a day are exceeded.

(c) An employee working a flexible schedule of daily hours shall be entitled to overtime after the total hours for the averaging period have been exceeded.

(d) An employee shall be entitled to overtime compensation after 35 hours in any regular workweek, seven hours in any regular workday, or the agreed upon number of hours for a modified work period.

17.3 Recording of Overtime

Employees shall record starting and finishing times for overtime worked in a form determined by the College.

17.4 Sharing of Overtime

The first opportunity for overtime work would go to those specific individuals who normally do the work in question. Otherwise it shall be allocated on an equitable basis within the work area.

Regular full-time employees shall be afforded the opportunity to work the overtime prior to regular part time employees and auxiliary employees working overtime.

17.5 Overtime Compensation

(a) Overtime worked shall be compensated at the following rates:

- (1) time and one-half for the first two hours of overtime on a regularly-scheduled workday;
- (2) double-time for time worked in excess of two hours of overtime on a regularly scheduled workday; and
- (3) double-time for all hours worked on a day of rest.

The compensation of overtime in (1) and (2) is to be on a daily basis and not cumulative.

(b) Employees who work on a paid holiday which is not a scheduled workday shall receive their regular day's pay, and they shall receive additional compensation at the rate of double-time for all hours worked. However, for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, they shall receive additional compensation at the rate of double-time and one-half for all hours worked.

(c) Employees on travel status who are required to travel on the College's business outside their regular working hours shall be compensated at the applicable overtime rates for all hours travelled. The College may determine the means of such travel.

(d) Employees shall have the option of receiving payment for overtime compensation or the equivalent compensating time off in lieu of being paid, to a limit of 50 hours.

(e) If employees elect to take compensating time off for overtime compensation, they shall be entitled within 60 days to schedule such earned time off.

(f) At year end, or at termination of employment, any overtime banked during that calendar year shall automatically be paid out either on the second pay of the new year or on the employee's final paycheck, whichever applies.

(g) Overtime shall be calculated in 30-minute increments.

(h) For employees whose positions with the College do not require travel but who opt to travel with the College when an opportunity arises as part of their position within their department, the parties agree as follows:

- (1) The employee will request the travel in writing to their Manager at least four weeks before the date of travel, where possible.
- (2) Managerial approval of voluntary travel is subject to operational requirements at the College.
- (3) If the voluntary travel is approved, the provisions of the collective agreement apply except Clause 17.5(c). Regular rates of pay as per Clause 32.3 will apply and the employee will not be

entitled to claim overtime for social events attended or travel time outside of the employee's regular working hours.

(4) For time spent away from the College, the employee will be entitled to claim a per diem allowance, where applicable, in accordance with the College's Expense Reimbursement rates, and is therefore not entitled to claim the Overtime Meal Allowance in Clause 17.6.

17.6 Overtime Meal Allowance

Employees who are required to work a minimum of two and one-half hours' overtime before or after their scheduled hours of work shall be provided with a hot meal or shall be reimbursed in the amount of 15. A meal break of one-half hour with pay shall be given at the overtime rate. A further hot meal allowance of \$10 and a meal break of one-half hour with pay shall be provided during each subsequent five hour overtime period.

17.7 No Layoff to Compensate for Overtime

Employees shall not be required to lay off during regular hours to equalize any overtime worked.

17.8 Right to Refuse Overtime

Employees shall each have the individual right to refuse to work overtime without being subject to disciplinary action for so refusing. This right shall not be exercised in concert.

17.9 Overtime for Part-Time Employees

Part-time employees working less than seven hours per day, and who are required to work in excess of their regularly scheduled hours, shall be paid at the rate of straight-time for the hours so worked up to and including seven hours in the working day. Regular overtime rates shall apply after seven hours in the day and for all work performed on Statutory holidays and days off designated by the College. Any employee working more than 35 hours in a week shall receive overtime after the 35 hours.

17.10 Callout Provisions

Regular employees who are called back to work outside normal hours, shall be compensated for a minimum of four hours at the applicable overtime rates, and will be reimbursed at applicable mileage rates for portal-to-portal transportation. A callout is not an extended shift.

17.11 Rest Interval

Employees required to work overtime beyond their regularly scheduled shift shall be entitled to eight clear hours between the end of the overtime worked and the start of their next regular shift. If eight clear hours are not provided, overtime rates shall apply to all hours worked on the regular shift.

ARTICLE 18 - HOLIDAYS

18.1 Paid Holidays

(a) The College recognizes the following as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Family Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Easter Monday	Christmas Eve Day

Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day
British Columbia Day	New Year's Eve Day
Labour Day	

(b) Any other day proclaimed as a holiday by the federal, provincial and/or municipal government, in which an employee regularly works, provided that the municipality declaring such a holiday gives its own employees a holiday as a result of such proclamations.

(c) Notwithstanding the (a) and (b) above, should the government of the Province of British Columbia introduce a statutory holiday to honour Indigenous reconciliation (even if not titled "*Day of Truth and Reconciliation*") on a date other than September 30, employees shall be entitled to the new provincial holiday but not the federal holiday. For clarity, the Federal National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 would not constitute a paid holiday pursuant to (a) and (b) above.

(d) Employees who are on leave of absence without pay shall be entitled to the provisions of Article 18 when they have received at least 10 days' pay at straight-time rates during the 30 calendar days immediately preceding the paid holiday.

18.2 Holidays Falling on Saturday or Sunday

For the employee whose workweek is from Monday to Friday and when any of the above noted holidays falls on a Saturday and is not proclaimed as being observed on some other day, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purpose of this agreement and when a holiday falls on a Sunday and it is not proclaimed as being observed on some other day, the following Monday (or Tuesday, where the preceding article already applies to the Monday) shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purposes of this agreement.

18.3 Holiday Falling on a Day of Rest

When a paid holiday falls on an employee's day of rest, the employee shall be entitled to a day off with pay in lieu. The day in lieu shall be taken on the first regularly-scheduled workday following the day of rest.

18.4 Holiday Falling on a Scheduled Workday

An employee who works on a designated holiday which is a scheduled workday shall be compensated at the rate of double-time for all hours worked plus a day off in lieu of the holiday; except for Christmas and New Year's when the compensation shall be at the rate of double-time and one-half for all hours worked plus a day off in lieu of the holiday.

18.5 Holiday Coinciding with a Day of Vacation

Where an employee is on vacation leave and a day of paid holiday falls within that period, the paid holiday shall not count as a day of vacation.

18.6 Paid Holiday Pay

(a) Payment for paid holidays will be made at an employee's regular rate of pay, at the time the holiday is worked, except if an employee has been working in a higher paid position than employee's regular position for a majority of the scheduled work hours in the 60 working days preceding the holiday, in which case employee shall receive the higher rate.

- (b) Holidays for part-time regular employees will be paid on a pro rata basis.

ARTICLE 19 - ANNUAL VACATIONS

19.1 Vacation Entitlement

- (a) Vacation entitlement shall be accumulated as earned to the employee's credit at the rate of one twelfth of the annual entitlement for each month in which the employee has received at least 10 days' pay at straight-time rates as a regular employee.
- (b) Employees shall be entitled to take vacation with pay in accordance with the following schedule commencing with their first complete calendar year as a regular employee:
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| (1) | In the first complete calendar year of employment..... | 15 days |
| (2) | In the fourth complete calendar year of employment..... | 20 days |
| (3) | In the sixth complete calendar year of employment..... | 25 days |
| (4) | In the 12 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 30 days |
| (5) | In the 15 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 31 days |
| (6) | In the 16 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 32 days |
| (7) | In the 17 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 33 days |
| (8) | In the 18 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 34 days |
| (9) | In the 19 th complete calendar year of employment..... | 35 days |
- (c) In the event of an employee having taken vacation in a calendar year but failing to complete entitlement, a pro rata deduction from final pay will be made.
- (d) Vacation entitlement for part-time regular employees is calculated on a pro rata basis.

19.2 Prime Time Vacation Period

Subject to operational requirements and the provisions of Article 19, it is the intent of the parties that no employees shall be restricted in the time of year they choose to take their vacation entitlement. However, all employees shall be allowed to take their vacation entitlement during the period April 1st to September 30th inclusive, which shall be defined as the prime-time vacation period.

19.3 Vacation Preference

Preference in the selection and allocation of vacation time shall be determined on the basis of service seniority within a vacation group. A vacation group, for the purpose of vacation preference, is a group of employees who are required to cover for one another during vacation periods. Where employees choose to split their vacation, their second choice of vacation time shall be made only after all other employees concerned have made their initial selection.

19.4 Vacation Schedules

- (a) Employees will submit their vacation requests, indicating preference, no later than March 15th of each year.
- (b) The College will approve vacation requests no later than April 1st of each year.
- (c) The College will post approved vacation schedules no later than April 15th of each year.

- (d) Employees who do not submit their vacation requests by March 15th of each year shall not be entitled to exercise those rights in respect to any vacation time previously selected by an employee with less seniority.
- (e) Employees who transfer to another office or work location where the vacation schedule has already been completed will not be entitled to exercise their seniority rights for that year only. However, every effort shall be made to grant vacation at the time of the employee's choice.
- (f) The Union recognizes the importance to the College of assuring coverage of positions.

19.5 Vacation Relief

Where vacation relief is required, in order of seniority, the College shall give regular employees in the same department and/or work area who meet the minimum qualifications the opportunity to substitute in higher-paying positions and arrange for staff replacements at the lowest paying category.

19.6 New Employees

An employee earns, but is not entitled as a matter of right to receive, vacation leave during the first three months of continuous service. The College may authorize vacation leave during this period, upon written request by the employee.

19.7 Scheduled Vacations

Vacation schedules, once approved by the College, shall not be changed, except by mutual agreement between the employee and the College.

19.8 Vacation Pay

Payment for vacations will be made at an employee's regular rate of pay at the time vacation is taken, except if an employee has been working in a higher paid position than employee's regular position for a majority of the scheduled work hours in the 60 working days preceding employee's vacation in which case employee shall receive the higher rate.

19.9 Approved Leave of Absence with Pay During Vacation

When employees are qualified for sick leave, bereavement, or any other approved leave with pay during their vacation period, there shall be no deduction from the vacation credits for such leave. An employee intending to claim displaced vacation leave must advise the College and provide a fully completed sick leave form within five working days of returning to work. The period of vacation so displaced shall be taken at a mutually agreed time.

19.10 Callback on Vacation

- (a) Employees who have commenced their annual vacation shall not be called back to work except in cases of extreme emergency. Employees called back shall be compensated at the rate of double-time for all time worked and shall be entitled to schedule vacation at a later date. Expenses incurred in callback, including transportation costs, etc. shall be reimbursed by the College.
- (b) Time necessary for travel in returning to the employee's place of duty and returning again to the place from which the employee was recalled shall not be counted against the employee's remaining vacation entitlement.

19.11 Vacation Carryover

- (a) An employee may carry over up to 12 unused vacation days from one calendar year to the following year.
- (b) Where the employee has neither scheduled vacation days nor indicated an intent to carry over unused vacation days as described in (a) above, the College may require the employee to do so, or the College may schedule the vacation time for the employee.
- (c) The restrictions in this clause do not apply in situations where, for operational reasons, the College asks and the employee agrees to cancel scheduled vacation within the last three months of the year. In such cases, the employee may carry over no more than 20 days from one calendar year to the following year.
- (d) If, before the end of one calendar year, an employee is unable to take full vacation entitlement due to a leave such as a parental or disability leave, then, within 30 days of return to work, the employee shall schedule the carried over vacation leave at a mutually acceptable time, to be taken no later than the end of the following calendar year.

19.12 Disposition of Vacation Time

Employees shall not receive cash in lieu of vacation time, except upon termination.

ARTICLE 20 - HEALTH AND WELFARE**20.1 Group Benefit Plan**

The Group Benefit Plan Booklet will provide you additional information on the benefit entitlement identified in this article. The Extended Health Benefits, Group Life, Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability insurance, as well as the Dental Plan, will all be paid in accordance with the schedule of benefits listed in the carrier's plans, and subject to the limitation and eligibility requirements specified in the Plans.

A current copy of the Group Benefit Plan booklet is available on the Douglas College website.

20.2 Extended Health Benefits

All regular employees may choose to have themselves and their dependants covered by the Extended Health Care Benefits, which shall include an eyeglass or contact lens prescription option. The College shall pay the full cost of the premium.

- (a) Total lifetime coverage level will be unlimited.
- (b) Hearing aid benefit claims to a maximum of \$1,000 every five years.
- (c) Vision care benefit claims will be to a maximum of \$650 every two years.
- (d) Employees will be reimbursed a total of \$100 every two years for vision exams.

20.3 Benefits for Part-Time Employees

Part-time employees with regular appointments of at least 17.5 hours per week (35 hours biweekly) will be entitled to group life insurance, extended health, dental and medical benefits, the premiums of which will be paid on a pro rata basis and will be in accordance with the terms and policies of the carriers.

20.4 Group Life, Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability Insurance

- (a) All regular employees shall participate in a mutually agreed upon group life plan. The full cost of the premium shall be borne by the College.
- (b) All regular employees shall participate in a mutually agreed-upon Short-Term Disability and Long Term Disability Plan. The full cost of the premiums shall be borne by the College.
- (c) The College agrees to continue the STIIP and LTD provisions of Part VII of the College, University College, Institute and Agency Support and Technical Staff Accord, signed February 25, 2000.

20.5 Dental Plan

The College pays the entire premium of a comprehensive dental plan. The plan pays for service to the staff member and dependants on the following basis:

- (a) 100% of routine treatment, including diagnostic, preventive, surgical, restorative services, prosthetic repairs, endodontics and periodontics. Dental recall exams (polishing, application of fluoride and recall) will be limited to once every nine months except dependent children (up to age 19) and those with dental problems as approved by the Plan.
- (b) 60% of major treatments such as crowns, bridges and dentures;
- (c) 50% of orthodontic treatment to a maximum of \$3,000 per dependant between the ages six to 17 inclusive.

20.6 Sick Leave

Sick leave is defined as absence because of an employee's illness or injury not incurred in the performance of their duties. The purpose of the Sick Leave Plan is to insure against loss of earnings for college employees who are prevented by illness or injury from performing their duties.

- (a) All eligible employees shall be granted sick leave with pay for the first 30 calendar days of absence due to illness or injury not compensable under the provisions of the *Workers Compensation Act*.
- (b) After 30 calendar days of a single and continuous illness or injury, the provisions of STIIP and Long-Term Disability Plans shall apply.
- (c) An ill or injured employee who receives paid sick leave in accordance with Article 20 and who for the same leave(s) receives compensation for lost wages arising from the *Workers Compensation Act*, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, or legal action initiated by the employee against a third party or other entity is obligated to notify and reimburse the College for an amount equal to that which was paid by the College for the leave(s). Upon commencing such leave, the employee may be required to sign a form which will assign first payment to the College in the amount of any monies paid by the College in respect the leave.

20.7 Appeals

An employee requiring clarification on their Health and Welfare Benefits or that chooses to appeal a claims decision should contact Human Resources who will provide an outline of the appeal procedure.

20.8 Employee to Inform College

Employees shall make every reasonable effort to inform the College as soon as possible of their inability to report to work because of illness or injury. Employees returning to work from sick leave/WCB shall immediately return to the payroll schedule the employee was on prior to the leave.

20.9 Sick Leave Form

An employee absent from work through illness or injury shall submit, within three days of returning to work from the initial absence, a fully completed sick leave form. The College may also request a fully completed report from a qualified medical practitioner in one or more of the following circumstances:

- (a) where it appears that a pattern of consistent or frequent absence from work is developing;
- (b) where the employee has been absent for five consecutive scheduled days of work;
- (c) where at least 15 days have elapsed since the last statement was obtained and the employee has been in receipt of plan benefits throughout that period.

Benefits will cease to be paid when an employee fails to provide satisfactory evidence of medical disability during the benefit period.

Where the College requests a report from a medical practitioner the College will bear the costs incurred in obtaining same.

20.10 Joint Early Intervention Program (JEIP)

The parties have agreed to participate in the Post-Secondary Joint Early Intervention Program (JEIP). The parties also agreed that the JEIP will incorporate the following principles:

Jointly Managed - The program will be jointly managed by the Employer and the Union.

Mandatory - An employee may be referred for participation in the JEIP when absent from work for five or more consecutive days or where it appears that there is a pattern of consistent or frequent absence from work. If an employee is referred, the employee must participate in the JEIP.

Rehabilitative - The JEIP is rehabilitative in nature.

Confidential - The parties involved in the program will maintain confidentiality of all information.

20.11 Ineligible for Sick Leave

Employees are not eligible for sick leave with pay for any period during which they are on leave of absence without pay, under suspension, on strike, on layoff, or locked out.

20.12 Medical Examination

- (a) Where the College requires an employee to submit to a medical examination, it shall be at the College's expense and on the College's time, other than a medical examination required under Clause 20.9 hereof.
- (b) The right is reserved to the College to define the scope of the medical examination. The cost of this examination to be set by the fee schedule subscribed to by the BC Medical Association.

20.13 Benefit Coverage During Leave of Absence

(a) The parties to this agreement recognize and agree that except where specific arrangements are made as provided in this agreement, all benefits and entitlements provided by this agreement are suspended for an employee who is absent on leave of absence without pay.

(b) Where an employee has been granted an approved leave of absence without pay, in excess of 30 accumulated calendar days, and the employee has been participating in the following benefit coverage:

- Group Life Insurance;
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit;
- Dental Plan;
- Extended Health Care;
- Medical Services Plan of BC.

The employee may maintain coverage in those Plans. The employee must pay 100% of the premiums for this coverage during such leave. The College will continue to remit premiums on behalf of such employees. Mutually acceptable arrangements for repayment of the employee's portion shall be made in advance of the commencement of the leave. Failure by the employee to effect payment of the premiums may result in loss of coverage.

(c) Where an employee has been granted an approved leave of absence without pay, in excess of 30 calendar days, and the employee has been participating in the Long-Term Disability Plan, the provisions of (b) above shall apply for payment of premiums during the leave.

For an employee who is disabled during the leave of absence, and who is unable to return to work on the previously agreed-to date of return from leave, payment of benefits shall be as follows:

Effective the previously agreed-to date of return from leave, the provisions of Clause 20.6 shall apply for 30 days.

On the 31st day, the Short-Term Disability Plan shall come into effect and continue for a period of 26 weeks, at the expiration of the 26 week period, the Long-Term Disability Plan shall come into effect and continue for the term of the disability.

20.14 Pension Plan

Enrolment in the Municipal Pension Plan shall be as set out in the *Pension (Municipal) Act*.

In order to enable employees who qualify according to the Municipal, College or *Public Service Pension Act* to buy back previous pensionable service, the College agrees to provide payroll deduction in an amount suitable to the employee and to provide the administration necessary to enable such buy back.

20.15 Early Retirement Incentive

(a) The College may make a written offer of an early retirement incentive to a regular employee(s) who is age 55 or over and has minimum of 10 years' contributory pensionable service in the Municipal Pension Plan.

(b) The offer will advise the employee of the right to consult their union, the early retirement date, the specific amount of the incentive, the payment schedule, any financial counselling being offered to the employee at the expense of the College, and the availability of any continuation of medical, extended health or other benefits in a group of employees or retirees.

- (c) Acceptance or rejection must be communicated in writing by the employee within 30 days of the date of the offer, unless this period is extended by mutual agreement.
- (d) The amount of the incentive will be based on regular salary, without inclusion of premium rates or the employee's experience earning premium rates of pay, paid out one time only in accordance with the following scale:

Period of Time to Retirement	Incentive
0 up to 1 year	0-20% of annual salary
1 up to 2 years	21-40% of annual salary
2 up to 3 years	41-60% of annual salary
3 up to 4 years	61-80% of annual salary
4 up to 5 years	81-100% of annual salary
5 or more years	100% of annual salary

ARTICLE 21 - STAFF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

21.1 Education and Training

Preamble

Both parties recognize a need to provide employees with opportunities to improve their skills and qualifications, and to prepare for promotional advancement for present or foreseeable jobs within the College.

21.2 Fund

The College shall, at the beginning of each fiscal year allot an amount equal to \$49.50 per regular employee, to be disbursed according to the provisions of this article.

21.3 Staff Learning and Development Fund

A regular employee with one or more years of service seniority is entitled to apply for funds for learning and development under Article 21.

- (a) Applications under this article shall be considered by a joint committee, appointed as a subcommittee of the Labour/Management Relations Committee, comprised of equal numbers of union and college representatives, maximum of two representatives a piece.
- (b) The Labour/Management Relations Committee shall establish criteria to be used by this Subcommittee when considering applications under this article.
- (c) Applications may be approved, amended or denied by the Subcommittee. If the Subcommittee approves, the application for funding and the appropriate Administrator grants the leave, then the College shall grant the employee leave without loss of pay or partial pay as recommended by the Subcommittee.

It is understood that the authority of this Subcommittee to approve funding for leave under this article is only for the specific hours in which the training is to be undertaken plus travel.

- (d) Disputes arising out of application of this article shall be referred to the Labour/Management Relations Committee for resolution. Failure to resolve the dispute at that level may result in the dispute being submitted to Step 3 of the grievance procedure.
- (e) The total costs approved by the Subcommittee shall not exceed the total amount set aside in Clause 21.2 above. For the purposes of this article costs may include salaries, tuition fees, and/or course materials required by the applicant.
- (f) Leave approved in one fiscal year may be partially taken in the subsequent fiscal year where the course or seminar is scheduled so as to begin in one fiscal year and conclude in a subsequent fiscal year.
- (g) Leave granted under this article shall be without loss of seniority or benefits. Employees granted leave shall continue to accrue seniority and receive all benefits during the period of such leave.

21.4 Administration of the Fund

- (a) For the purpose of administering this fund, the year shall be divided into three periods with one third of the total amount in the fund allocated for expenditure in each period.
- (b) Applications received by December 1st, February 1st, April 1st, June 1st, August 1st and October 1st will be reviewed and approved/rejected within 30 days.
- (c) Applications received after the dates specified will receive consideration within 30 days of receipt. Any grant approved will depend upon the availability of funds allocated to that expenditure period.
- (d) Any funds unexpended to the end of a period will be carried forward for expenditure in subsequent periods. Funds may be carried from one fiscal year to the next.
- (e) Approval for funding may be approved retroactively.
- (f) Preference shall be given to an application which clearly shows that the activity to be funded is part of the employee's plan for career development, over an application for funding for an activity unrelated to any plan.
- (g) The funds shall be used for credit and credit-free courses and activities.
- (h) No single employee shall be sponsored for education and training at a total cost to the fund in excess of \$2,000 per fiscal year period for tuition fees, course materials and travel expenses. The cost of travel expenses shall not exceed the cost of tuition fees. The total cost of approved applications will not exceed the amount available in the fund. Preference will be given to applications from employees who have not used this fund in the previous 12 months.
- (i)
 - (1) Activities shall be funded up to 100% of the cost of tuition, not to exceed the limit outlined in Clause 21.4(h).
 - (2) Preference will be given to activities offered by an accredited recognized institution and/or a professional association which form part of a course of studies leading to a diploma, certificate, or degree.
- (j) The fund shall be charged only for replacement salaries, tuition fees, and/or course materials.
- (k) If the activity only occurs during the employee's normal working hours, it is understood that the Subcommittee's approval of the application for the employee to attend the activity, without loss of pay/with partial pay/without pay is subject to the operational needs of the College.

Where such leave is granted, it shall only be for a period sufficient to cover attendance at the activity plus travel time. Any request for leave exceeding the time frame specified in this paragraph is beyond the jurisdiction of this Subcommittee and would have to be dealt with via Clause 22.8.

The Administrator, on behalf of the College, has the sole discretion to determine if a replacement is necessary.

(l) (1) Monthly, the Subcommittee will provide the Chairperson of the Bargaining Committee a copy of the budget summary.

(2) Annually, the Subcommittee will provide the Chairperson of the Bargaining Committee a copy of the Subcommittee's financial records which show the specific allocations and expenditures.

(m) None of the above is to be interpreted as limiting the discretionary power of the Subcommittee in assessing special and unique cases and making recommendations to the Labour/Management Relations Committee.

(n) In the event that an employee does not attend, fails or withdraws from an approved education and training activity, the College is authorized to commence payroll deductions until the total amount paid by the Education and Training Fund has been deducted (maximum recovery rate shall not exceed 5% of an employee's basic biweekly salary).

(o) If an employee terminates employment with the College prior to completion of a course, the College is authorized to deduct the total fee from the employee's final paycheck.

21.5 Future Operation

The Labour/Management Relations Committee shall monitor the operation of this clause and may, from time to time, recommend appropriate procedural/structural changes to the parties.

21.6 College Study Benefits

An employee with one or more years of service seniority shall be entitled to take two College credit courses or the equivalent PLA credits per semester, without payment of the tuition fee, outside the employee's normal working hours. If such courses are only offered during regular working hours, permission may be obtained from the administrator provided that arrangements are made to make up time absent at no expense to the College.

21.7 Knowledge and Skills Development Committee

(a) Continuation of Committee

The Knowledge and Skills Development Committee will continue to operate to promote and organize activities designed to enhance technical and work-related skills and knowledge of employees.

The Committee is composed of two union representatives plus the Associate Vice President, Human Resources or a designate as ex-officio member.

(b) Funding

The Committee shall be allotted an annual budget of \$7.50 per regular employee.

The Committee may allot funds to departmental or work unit groups who apply in writing to the Committee for employee development activities. Applications for such funding must clearly state the

nature of the activities, the estimated cost and how the activities satisfy the requirements set out in Subclause (a) above.

(c) It is agreed that employees covered by this agreement be granted time off without loss of pay, seniority or benefits, to attend sessions organized by the Knowledge and Skills Development Committee with the permission of the College.

Every effort will be made to allow employees to attend these meetings.

(d) Funds may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next.

21.8 Educational Leave

(a) The College supports the concept of career development for the purposes of enabling employees to upgrade their skills and knowledge in order to prepare for future employment opportunities within British Columbia's advanced education system.

(b) The College may grant a regular employee with a minimum of three years' regular service, educational leave to a maximum of 12 months, once every two years under this article. It is agreed that there will be a minimum of two years between such leaves. A maximum of five such leaves may be approved in any given year.

(c) The College shall maintain coverage of medical, extended health, group life and dental premiums while the employee is on leave under this article.

(d) Requests for educational leave shall be submitted in writing, three months prior to the commencement of leave. An employee may withdraw their request until such time as a replacement has been selected.

(e) An employee shall return to the College at the completion of the leave for a period of time equal to the period of the educational leave taken.

(f) Should an employee not fulfil the requirement in (e) above, they shall reimburse the College for the full costs of the benefits paid by the College, with a repayment schedule that is mutually agreeable.

(g) Employees granted leave under this article shall suffer no loss of seniority, provided they fulfil the requirements in (e) above. In the event the employee does not fulfil the requirements in (e) above they shall be credited with seniority proportional to the length of time spent upon return to work. Upon return to the College, the employee shall return to their former position. In the event that the position has been eliminated, Article 14 will apply.

The College shall provide \$9,545 per year for this purpose. Funds allocated for the purposes of this article that are unused at the end of any given fiscal year shall be re-allocated to the Education and Training Fund provided for in Article 21.

21.9 Professional Development for Specialized Positions

(a) Employees filling regular positions that require a degree or equivalent shall be entitled to up to two days' leave with pay per fiscal year for the following purposes:

- (1) to attend conferences or conventions related to the employee's field or specialization;
- (2) to participate in seminars, workshops, symposia, or other similar out-service programs to keep up-to-date with knowledge and skills in the employee's respective field.

(b) Requests for leaves greater than two days, but not exceeding five days may be granted at the sole discretion of the appropriate Administrator. These additional days (if approved) will be from the department's budget.

Under no circumstances will an employee be reimbursed for more than the maximum allowed in (e) below.

(c) Professional development leave shall not be cumulative.

(d) Employees wishing to proceed on professional development leave shall submit a request, in writing, to the College indicating the leave required and the relevance of the particular event to the employee's job.

(e) The College shall reimburse an employee, proceeding on professional development, all or part of the expenses to a maximum of \$900 per fiscal year. Eligibility for reimbursement is subject to the availability and sufficiency of funds in the Staff Training and Development Fund referenced in Clause 21.2.

ARTICLE 22 - SPECIAL AND OTHER LEAVE

22.1 Bereavement Leave

(a) In the case of bereavement in the immediate family, employees not on leave of absence without pay shall be entitled to special leave at their regular rate of pay, up to five working days upon a death in the immediate family of the employee. Immediate family, for the purposes of this clause, means the spouse, child, parent, guardian, foster parent, foster child, sibling, grandchild or grandparent of an employee. It includes common-law spouses, step-parents, and step-children, and same sex partners and their children as long as they live with the employee as a member of the employee's family.

(b) In the event of the death of any other relative permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee permanently resides, the employee shall be entitled to paid leave for one day for the purpose of attending the funeral/service. If an employee is on vacation leave at the time of bereavement leave, the employee shall be granted bereavement leave and be credited the appropriate number of days to vacation leave credits if the employee attends the funeral of a family member as defined.

(c) An employee may split their leave entitlement into two separate leave periods, one adjoining the date of death and the other leading to and/or including the date of the service.

22.2 Full-Time Union or Public Duties

The College shall grant, on written request, leave of absence without pay:

(a) for employees to seek election in a municipal, provincial, federal or Indigenous government election;

(b) for employees selected for a full-time position with the Union or any body to which the Union is affiliated for a period of three years, which may be renewed by mutual consent. Seniority shall not accumulate during this leave of absence beyond a period of three years;

(c) for employees elected to a public office for a maximum period of five years.

22.3 Leave for Court Appearances

- (a) The College shall grant paid leave to employees other than employees on leave without pay, who serve as jurors or witnesses in a court action, provided the employee is not the plaintiff or defendant in a civil case or the accused in a criminal matter.
- (b) An employee in receipt of their regular earnings while serving at court shall remit to the College all monies paid to them by the court, except travel and meal allowances not reimbursed by the College.
- (c) Time spent at court by employees in their official capacity shall be at their regular rate of pay.
- (d) Court actions arising from employment, requiring attendance at Court, shall be with pay.
- (e) In the event an accused employee is jailed pending a court appearance, such leave of absence shall be without pay.
- (f) An employee shall advise their supervisor as soon as they are aware that such leave is required.

22.4 Elections

The College shall comply with federal, provincial, municipal and Indigenous government statutory requirements as they relate to elections within those respective jurisdictions. Employees eligible to vote in a federal, provincial, municipal or Indigenous government election or a referendum, will receive the statutory time during the hours in which the polls are open, in which to cast their ballot.

22.5 Family Illness

In the case of unanticipated illness or hospitalization of a spouse, dependent child or parent, when no one at the employee's home other than the employee can provide for the needs of the affected person, the employee may request leave with pay. Such requests shall be made in writing to their administrator. In no circumstances will paid leave under this clause be granted for more than 35 hours over a calendar year.

22.6 Medical and Dental Appointments

- (a) Employees shall be entitled to time off without loss of pay for medical and dental appointments, but will make every effort to arrange them at the beginning or end of the working day. An employee shall advise their supervisor as soon as they are aware that such leave is required.
- (b) Requests to accompany a spouse, dependent child or dependent parent to a medical or dental appointment will be granted by the College. The employee may use banked overtime or reschedule their workday/week or use available vacation entitlement or take leave without pay. Employees are expected to schedule such appointments in advance where possible. Leave will be granted on short notice for situations requiring immediate attention.

22.7 Special Leave

An employee not on leave of absence without pay shall be entitled to special leave at their regular rate of pay for the following should they occur on a scheduled workday:

- (a) Birth or adoption of the employee's child 1 day
- (b) Serious household or domestic emergency..... 1 day
- (c) Attend funeral/service as pallbearer or mourner ½ day
- (d) Attend their formal hearing to become a Canadian Citizen 1 day*
- (e) Moving of household effects - once per year 1 day*

* When possible, employees shall provide prior notice for leave under (d) and (e) above.

22.8 General Leave

Notwithstanding any provisions for leave in this agreement, an employee may request leave of absence without pay for personal reasons. Such requests are to be made in writing to the College, and similarly will be responded to in writing together with the reasons if the request is to be refused. Approval shall not be withheld unjustly. The Union recognizes the prime objective of the College is the delivery of educational training and services to students.

General leaves shall be for a maximum of one year unless exceptional circumstances warrant an extension. College approved general leave(s) will be copied to the bargaining unit Chairperson.

22.9 Special Leave for Religious Holidays

Upon request, an employee shall be granted up to two days per calendar year without pay for the observance of religious holidays not already acknowledged in the collective agreement. Employees shall provide the College with two weeks' notice of the leave request.

22.10 Leave of Absence for College Committees

An employee whose assigned work schedule would prevent them from attending meetings of a college committee to which they have been elected or appointed, will be granted a leave of absence from their regular duties without loss of pay or other entitlements to attend such meeting(s).

Where such leave is granted, the College will replace the employee as necessary. The cost of this provision will be borne by the College as a general operating expense.

22.11 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 the *Employment Standards Act*:

- (a) Up to five days of paid leave;
- (b) Up to five days of unpaid leave; and
- (c) Up to 15 weeks of additional unpaid leave.

For the purposes of (a) or (b), the leave may be taken intermittently or in one continuous period and a leave taken pursuant to (c) may be taken in one continuous period or intermittently upon approval by the employer.

In the event that legislation changes regarding domestic violence leave that applies to the College and provides a greater amount of paid or unpaid leave than identified in (a) through (c) above, the legislation will supersede.

22.12 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.

22.13 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.

22.14 Compassionate Care Leave*Entitlement*

An employee is entitled to a compassionate care leave of absence without pay for up to 27 weeks to care for a gravely ill family member if they are entitled to leave respecting compassionate care for a gravely ill family member 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.

22.15 Gender Affirmation Leave

An employee who is undergoing gender affirmation may request a leave for the procedure(s) required during the transition period. The employee will provide a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming that they will be undergoing gender transition. Employees may request such leave pursuant to either Clause 22.8 or Clause 20.6. The employer and the employee will work together to tailor the general transition plan to the employee's particular needs.

ARTICLE 23 - MATERNITY, PARENTAL AND ADOPTION LEAVES*Preamble*

The terms and conditions for Maternity, Parental and Adoption leaves for auxiliary employees shall be in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. For the purposes of Article 23, the term "*birth-parent*" refers to an employee who is pregnant or one who has given birth.

23.1 Maternity Leave

- (a) A pregnant employee is entitled to up to 17 consecutive weeks of unpaid maternity leave.
- (b) A pregnant employee will provide the College with a written request for leave at least four weeks prior to the start of the leave and a medical certificate in support of the request for leave.
- (c) The maternity leave may start no earlier than 13 weeks before the expected birth date, and no later than the actual birth date, and must end no later than 17 weeks after the leave begins. If the employee requests to return earlier than six weeks after giving birth the employee is required to produce a doctor's certificate, which supports a request for a shorter period. The leave period may be extended up to six consecutive weeks if a doctor certifies that it is required.
- (d) A birth parent must request parental leave, as set out in Clause 23.2 and the *Employment Standards Act*, at least four weeks before beginning parental leave. To take parental leave, the birth parent must begin that leave immediately after their maternity leave, unless the College and the employee agree otherwise.

(e) Where an employee who is at work becomes ill or injured prior to the leave, or upon commencement of the leave up to the birth of the child, such illness or injury shall be covered by Clause 20.6 (Sick Leave).

(f) On return from maternity leave, an employee shall be placed in their former position.

(g) When an employee is on maternity leave, employment is considered continuous for the purposes of calculating annual vacations, seniority and termination entitlement, as well as for pension, medical or other plans of benefits to the employee. The College will also continue to make payments to any such plans unless the employee chooses not to continue with their share of the cost of a plan. The employee is also entitled to all increases in wages and benefits which the employee would have received if not on leave.

(h) An employee on maternity leave shall notify the College of the date when the employee shall be returning to work, four weeks prior to the expiration of the maternity leave. If no notification is given, the employee shall be deemed to have abandoned the position.

23.2 Parental and Adoption Leave

(a) The purpose of these unpaid leaves is for the primary care and custody of the new born or newly adopted child(ren).

(b) A birth parent who takes leave under Clause 23.1(c) in relation to the birth of the child with respect to whom the parental leave is to be taken is entitled to up to 61 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave. When a birth parent requests unpaid parental leave in combination with unpaid maternity leave, the combined leaves will not exceed 78 weeks.

(c) Eligible employees shall be granted parental leave without pay for a period of up to 62 consecutive weeks following the birth or adoption of the child(ren). The other parent must begin the leave within 78 weeks after the birth of the child(ren). Likewise, an adopting parent must begin the leave within 78 weeks after the child(ren) is/are placed with the parent.

(d) The employee shall notify the College in writing, a minimum of four weeks prior to the anticipated commencement of the leave, and in the case of adoption leave, as much notice as is practical.

(e) The employee shall, upon request, furnish proof of the birth or adoption of the child(ren).

(f) When an employee is on parental or adoption leave, employment is considered continuous for the purposes of calculating annual vacations, seniority and termination entitlement, as well as for pension, medical or other plans of benefits to the employee. The College will also continue to make payments to any such plans unless the employee chooses not to continue with their share of the cost of a plan. The employee is also entitled to all increases in wages and benefits which the employee would have received if not on leave.

23.3 Supplemental Employment Benefit for Maternity and Parental Leave

(a) When on maternity or parental leave, an employee will receive a supplemental payment added to Employment Insurance benefits as follows:

(1) For up to 17 weeks of maternity leave, an employee who is the birth parent shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the Employment Insurance benefits and 75% of their salary calculated on their average base salary.

(2) For up to a maximum of 35 weeks of parental leave, the birth parent, other parent or adoptive parent who is caring for the child shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the Standard Parental Employment Insurance benefits and 75% of the employee's salary calculated on their average base salary.

(3) Where the birth parent, other parent or adoptive parent who is caring for the child elects the Extended Parental Employment Insurance benefits, for a maximum of 61 weeks the parent shall receive the same total Supplemental Employment Benefit amount received under Clause 23.3(a)(2) when the employee opts for 35 week Standard Parental Employment Insurance benefit, spread out and paid over the 61 week period. Payroll will make this calculation.

(4) The average base salary for the purpose of Clauses 23.3(a)(1) to 23.3(a)(3) is the employee's average base salary for the 26 weeks preceding the maternity or parental leave. If the employee has been on unpaid leave for part of the preceding 26 weeks, then up to four weeks of that unpaid leave will be subtracted from the 26 weeks for the purpose of calculating the average base salary.

(b) An employee is not entitled to receive Supplemental Employment Benefits and disability benefits concurrently. To receive Supplemental Employment Benefits, the employee shall provide the College with proof of application for and receipt of Employment Insurance benefits.

(c) (1) To be entitled to the above noted benefits, an employee must sign an agreement that they will return to work and remain in the College's employ for a period of 12 months or equivalent to the leaves taken, whichever is less, after their return to work.

(2) (i) Should the employee fail to return to work and remain in the employ of the College for the return to work period in Clause 23.3(c)(1), the employee shall reimburse the College for the benefits above on a pro rata basis.

(ii) In the event an employee commences another authorized leave with or without pay prior to the conclusion of the period in Clause 23.3(c)(1), the requirement to return to work and remain the College's employ in Clause 23.3(c)(1) will be suspended until such time when the employee returns from the authorized leave.

23.4 Employment Protection

(a) The College may not terminate an employee on maternity, parental or adoption leave or change a condition of employment, without the employee's and Union's written consent.

(b) As soon as the maternity, parental or adoption leave ends, the employee must be returned to their former position.

23.5 Extension of Parental or Adoption Leave

If the child has a physical, psychological or emotional condition requiring an additional period of parental care, the employee is entitled to up to an additional five consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, beginning immediately after the end of the parental or adoption leave.

A doctor's certificate is required. Benefit provisions under Clause 23.1(g) shall apply.

23.6 Return to Work

- (a) Notwithstanding Clause 19.1 (Vacation Entitlement) and Clause 19.8 (Vacation Pay) regular employees shall continue to accrue vacation for the entire period of maternity and parental leave.
- (b) Vacation earned pursuant to Clause 23.6(a) may be carried over to the following year, notwithstanding Clause 19.11 (Vacation Carryover).

ARTICLE 24 - WORK ENVIRONMENT

24.1 Joint Consultation

- (a) Where new or additional equipment is required, affected employees shall be consulted prior to purchase or rental.

The College agrees not to initiate White Noise in any present or future college facility without prior consultation with the Union.

- (b) Where renovations (which may affect the working area of the employees) are planned for an existing building, employees from the working area concerned shall be consulted regarding such renovations, before renovations may begin.

- (c) Where a permanent change is considered in the location of work areas or in working conditions, the employees concerned shall be consulted before any changes may begin.

ARTICLE 25 - SAFETY & HEALTH

25.1 Conditions

The Union and the College agree that regulations made pursuant to the *Workers Compensation Act*, the Occupational Environment Regulations or any other statute of the Province of British Columbia pertaining to the working environment, shall be fully complied with.

25.2 Safety Committee

The College and the Union agree to maintain the Health and Safety Committee composed of an equal number of representatives from each party. The representative(s) for the BCGEU will be appointed by the Union. A union and college representative shall be elected as co chairpersons. This Committee will meet as required by the Workers' Compensation Board Regulations to make recommendations to the College President or their designate on unsafe, hazardous or dangerous conditions with the aim of preventing and reducing risk of occupational injury or illness. A copy of all minutes of the Health and Safety Committee shall be forwarded to the Union, and the College Board. Such minutes will be posted in the College and on local web (the college intranet) within seven days of each meeting.

25.3 Occupational First Aid Level 2 Requirements

- (a) The Union and the College agree that First Aid Regulations made pursuant to the *Workers Compensation Act* shall be fully complied with. Where the College requires employees to obtain or renew their Occupational First Aid Level 2 Certificate, the cost shall be borne by the College and where applicable, leave to take the necessary courses shall be granted with pay. The College shall make a reasonable effort to grant employees holding Occupational First Aid Level Certificates under this article

leave with pay to attend conventions and local training sessions sponsored by the Industrial First Aid Attendants' Association of British Columbia and the Workers' Compensation Board.

(b) A monthly premium shall be paid to employees required to possess a certificate under this article. The amount of the premium shall be \$90 per month for an Occupational First Aid Level 2 Certificate.

(c) The Union recognizes that should no qualified employee covered by this agreement be available, other employees of the College may be designated for the purposes of this article.

25.4 Unsafe Work Conditions

No employee shall be disciplined for refusal to work on a job which is deemed unsafe by:

- (a) a member of the Health and Safety Committee after resolution in writing by a majority of the Committee; or
- (b) a person designated by the Health and Safety Committee; or
- (c) a Safety Officer.

25.5 Injury Pay Provision

Employees who are injured on the job during working hours and are required to leave for treatment or are sent home for such injury shall receive payment for the remainder of their shift.

25.6 Transportation of Accident Victims

Transportation to the nearest physician or hospital for employees requiring medical care as a result of an on-the-job accident shall be at the expense of the College.

25.7 Computer Monitors

- (a) The College will ensure that new equipment will:
 - (1) meet radiation emission standards established by WorkSafeBC;
 - (2) have both keyboards and screens that tilt; and
 - (3) have vertically and horizontally adjustable keyboards, screens, and chairs.
- (b) The Health and Safety Committee will review and make recommendations consistent with the practices recommended by the WorkSafeBC publication: *"How to Make Your Computer Workstation Fit You"*.

25.8 Health and Safety Courses

The College shall arrange, in consultation with the Workers' Compensation Board and the Union, an appropriate training program for all members of the Health and Safety Committee, such training to be provided during normal working hours at no loss in salary or benefits to committee members.

25.9 Safe Exit Access

The College agrees that, upon request, it will allow an afternoon or evening shift employee to leave the workstation at a mutually convenient time to move the employee's automobile closer to an elevator or building exit. Employees may request college provided security employees to escort them to their vehicle, on the premises, after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and at any time on weekends. The parties agree that the escort option outlined above will only be provided on campuses with college provided security employees.

25.10 Health and Safety Training

Regular employees and auxiliary employees in posted positions shall participate in a Health and Safety Training session once in a calendar year. The training program offered by the College must be approved by the joint Health and Safety Committee prior to such training commencing. Training will be provided during normal work hours and employees shall suffer no loss of pay or benefits.

25.11 Communicable Diseases

(a) The College and the Union share a desire to prevent the acquisition and transmission of communicable diseases in the workplace such as: HIV, TB and Hepatitis.

(b) The Health and Safety Committee will consider, review and make recommendations on issues such as, but not limited to; education, protective equipment and protocols.

25.12 Workplace Violence

(a) It is recognized that college employees on any campus may be at risk of physical violence, threatening statements or behaviours from students, persons with business at the College, or the public.

(b) The College agrees that:

- (1) employees shall receive training in the recognition and management of such incidents;
- (2) applicable physical and procedural measures to protect employees shall be implemented;
- (3) employees who are victims of violence shall receive immediate critical incident stress debriefing and post traumatic counselling. Leave required to attend such debriefing or counselling sessions will be without loss of regular pay.

25.13 Surveillance

The College's Use of Video Security Equipment Guidelines shall be followed in regard to surveillance matters. The guidelines may be obtained from the Facilities Department.

ARTICLE 26 - WORK CLOTHING**26.1 Supply of Work Clothing**

(a) The College agrees to provide the appropriate uniform or wearing apparel to employees required by the College to wear a uniform or standard form of dress.

(b) The College shall not introduce changes in style or colour of uniforms except by agreement with the Union.

(c) Regular employees who are required either by the College or Workers' Compensation Board Regulations to wear safety footwear will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$90 per calendar year or a maximum of \$180 every two calendar years.

Effective July 1, 2023, maximum reimbursement for safety footwear will be as follows: \$125 per calendar year or \$250 every two years.

26.2 Maintenance of Clothing

It shall be the College's responsibility to ensure that uniforms and clothing issued are properly cleaned, maintained and repaired. The College shall bear all costs of such cleaning, maintenance and repair.

26.3 Union Label

All uniforms and clothing issued by the College shall bear a recognized union label.

ARTICLE 27 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**27.1 Definitions**

A technological change shall mean the introduction by the College into its work, undertaking or business of a change in plant or equipment which will significantly affect the terms and conditions of employment of a significant number of employees. Technological change shall not include layoffs caused by budget limitations, decreases in the amount of work to be done or other temporary, seasonal, or sessional interruptions of work.

27.2 Notice

Not less than two months before the introduction of any technological change, the College shall notify the Union of the proposed change.

27.3 Collective Bargaining

Within 14 days of the date of notice under Clause 27.2 of this agreement, the Union and the College shall commence collective bargaining for the purpose of reaching agreement as to the effects of the technological change and in what way, if any, this agreement should be amended.

27.4 Failure to Reach Agreement

Where, under Clause 27.3, an agreement is not reached prior to the full implementation of the technological change, the Union may apply to the tribunal established under the relevant labour legislation to determine whether the collective agreement should be declared to be terminated.

27.5 Training

Where technological change may require additional knowledge and skill on the part of the regular employees, such employees shall be given the opportunity to study, practise and train to acquire the knowledge and skill necessary to retain their employment. The length of the training period shall be established through the collective bargaining referred to in Clause 27.3. The College agrees to pay regular employees at their regular rate of pay during such training period without loss of seniority, vacation or benefits.

27.6 Alternate Provisions

Where additional knowledge and skills are not appropriate pursuant to Clause 27.5 or the employee fails to qualify for the new work within a maximum four months period of time, Article 14 (Labour Force Adjustment, Layoff and Recall) shall apply.

27.7 Priority in Vacancy

A regular employee who is displaced from a job by virtue of technological change will be given an opportunity to submit an application for any job vacancies then existing or which become available within 35 days of the effective date of displacement, in accordance with the Job Posting Procedures forming part of this agreement. In the event that the employee does submit an application for such a job, the employee will be granted an interview in connection with the job vacancy. An employee may not receive both severance pay and a training period for work at a college position.

ARTICLE 28 - PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES**28.1 Job Postings**

- (a) When a new position is created within the bargaining unit, the College shall post notice of the new position. The posting shall be placed on the Human Resources website for a minimum of one week, and in college publications where appropriate and timely, so that all members will know about the new position. A copy of the job posting shall be forwarded to the Union, and to each steward in the bargaining unit. Should the new position be a temporary one, the posting shall clearly state that should any other regular employee be selected to fill the position it will be on a substitution pay basis.
- (b) When a vacancy occurs which the College intends to fill, it shall be posted as outlined in (a) above, except in the cases of temporary vacancies which shall be filled as follows:
 - (1) Regular employees in the same department and/or work area shall be given the first consideration in filling the position in a substitution pay situation, without posting, pursuant to the criteria for substitution established under Clause 19.5 (Vacation Relief).
 - (2) If the temporary vacancy is not filled by a regular employee in the same department and/or work area it shall be posted, clearly stating that should any other regular employee be selected to fill the position, it will be on a substitution pay basis pursuant to the criteria for substitution established under Clause 19.5 (Vacation Relief).
- (c) Temporary vacancies or new positions not exceeding 120 calendar days may be filled by an on call employee without posting, provided that the provisions of (b)(1) above have been fully exhausted. Extension of this 120 day period must receive prior approval of the Union in writing.
- (d) It is understood that regular employees who have passed their initial probation (trial) period and who are successful in applying to full-time or part-time temporary positions will have their former position protected.
- (e) When a new job classification is created within the bargaining unit, the College shall consult with the Union regarding the placement of the job classification on the salary scale in Appendix A.
- (f) It is understood that the provisions of Clause 14.9 (Recall Rights and Procedure) and Clause 14.11 (Recall from Layoff Without Posting) shall take precedence over the terms of this article.
- (g) In the case of a selection where there is no candidate with the minimum required knowledge, abilities and skills, the College has the sole discretion to offer the position to the most qualified candidate at a pay level two steps below the pay level assigned to the position. A selection implemented under this clause will not result in a reduction in salary to the employee.

This offer will be contingent on the Union being advised of the name of the candidate, the selection in question, pay level, and the assigned period of time the candidate has to acquire the minimum skills for the position. The assigned period of time the candidate has been given to acquire the minimum skills will not be extended. This clause shall not apply to external candidates.

28.2 Information in Postings

Such notice shall contain the following information:

Classification, general description of duties, qualifications including required knowledge skills and education, work schedule, pay rate or range, and reporting station. Such qualifications may not be established in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner.

All job postings shall state "*Qualified internal applicants shall be given first consideration in filling this position*".

28.3 No Outside Advertising

No outside advertisement for any vacancy shall be placed, without the bargaining unit Chairperson's consent, until the applications of present employees have been considered or until after one week from the date of posting, as provided in Clause 28.2. Any posting, which may appear on college bulletin boards or web sites that are accessible to the public, will clearly state "*This vacancy is available to internal applicants only.*"

28.4 Role of Seniority in Promotions and Transfers

Both parties recognize:

- (a) The principle of promotion within the service of the College.
- (b) That job opportunity should increase in proportion to length of service.
- (c) That education, skills, knowledge and experience for filling a position are equally important to (a) and (b) above.

28.5 Job Stability

- (a) Notwithstanding articles pertaining to probation period, regular employees shall not be eligible to apply for another regular posted position within their initial probation period, except by mutual agreement of the parties.
- (b) Notwithstanding articles in the collective agreement pertaining to trial periods, employees shall not be eligible to apply for another posted position within their trial period unless the posted position constitutes a promotion or results in a change from auxiliary to regular status. The provisions of this article may be waived by mutual agreement of the parties.

28.6 Trial Period

- (a)
 - (1) For new employees, the trial period will be six months and will be considered the probationary period.
 - (2) For post-probationary employees, the trial period will be four months.
 - (3) Successful applicant(s) will serve the appropriate trial period. The length of the period will be stated to the employee in the appointment letter from the College.

(b) In the event that an auxiliary employee filling a position on a continuous full-time basis successfully posts into the same position when it is made permanent, the length of the trial period shall be reduced or fully satisfied by a period equivalent to the length of time spent in the same position. Continuous part-time service will, on a cumulative basis, be recognized to reduce the trial period to a maximum of one-half the normal period.

(c) Conditional on satisfactory service, the employee shall be declared permanent after the trial period. In the event the employee proves unsatisfactory in the position during the trial period, or if the employee is unable to perform the duties of the new job classification; the employee shall be returned to the former position, wage or salary rate and without loss of seniority. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of the re-arrangement of positions shall be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate without loss of seniority.

(d) It is understood that the trial period specified in this article applies in all situations where an employee first fills a position. In the case of auxiliary employees hired for casual relief, the trial period may be cumulative days worked.

28.7 Evaluation Reports

(a) A formal employee evaluation will be carried out at least once a year.

(b) The College shall provide an employee with a copy of the evaluation report to allow a reasonable time for review prior to conducting the evaluation meeting.

(c) The evaluation report will be reviewed with the employee and no item shall appear in this report which has not been reviewed with the employee.

(d) The employee's evaluation shall be done by the immediate supervisor.

(e) The employee's immediate Administrator may participate in the conduct of the evaluation prior to the employee being required to sign the evaluation report.

(f) The employee may request the attendance of the immediate Administrator and/or shop steward during the evaluation interview.

(g) The form shall provide for the employee's signature in two places; one indicating that the employee has read and accepts the appraisal, and the other indicating that the employee disagrees with the appraisal. The employee shall sign in only one of the places provided.

(h) The employee shall receive a copy of this evaluation report at the time of signing.

(i) The employee's evaluation shall not be changed after an employee has signed it, without the knowledge of the employee.

(j) If the employee's increment is to be denied it must be so stated on the Evaluation Report.

(k) When an employee has grieved an evaluation report, that evaluation will not be placed on the employee file until the grievance is concluded.

28.8 Selection Panels

Selection panels for posted positions within the bargaining unit shall be convened by the College. The College may choose not to convene a selection panel if only one candidate is being considered.

28.9 Local Union Observer

The President of the Union or designate may sit as an observer on Selection Panels for posted positions within the bargaining unit. The observer shall not be from the classification area of the position being considered.

28.10 Notification to Employee and Union

Within five working days of the date of appointment to a vacant position within the bargaining unit, the name of the successful applicant shall be sent to each applicant from within the bargaining unit. Upon request, unsuccessful applicants from within the bargaining unit shall be given, in writing, the reasons why they were unsuccessful. The Union shall be notified of all appointments, hiring, layoffs, transfers, recalls and terminations of employment within five working days.

28.11 Right to Grieve

Where employees feel they have been aggrieved by any decision of the College related to promotion, demotion or transfer, the employees may grieve the decision at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure in Article 10 of this agreement within 30 days of being notified of the results of the Selection Panel.

28.12 Employee Files

- (a) Each employee will be permitted to review the employee's own employee file, subject to the conditions herein specified.
- (b) The employee file will only be accessible during normal college business hours, and only when the employee has given reasonable notice that access is requested.
- (c) The employee cannot remove the file from the office in which access is provided, and the employee cannot remove anything from the file or add anything to it.
- (d) The College shall not place any documentation on an employee's employee file of which the employee is not aware.

28.13 Employee Training

- (a) When new, enhanced or changed work processes are introduced into an employee's job, the College shall identify and provide the learning opportunities, support and/or training required to perform the job duties.
- (b) The College will discuss the employee development needs with the affected employees.
- (c) Employees shall suffer no loss of pay, excluding overtime, to participate in this training.

28.14 Transfer Without Posting

The College and Union jointly have the authority to grant lateral transfers or voluntary demotions, to vacancies, without posting for:

- (a) compassionate or medical grounds to employees who have completed their probationary period.
- (b) all employees who have become incapacitated by industrial illness or industrial injury arising out of employment at the College.

Such jurisdiction is not limited to initial placement but is retained for subsequent moves should it become necessary.

28.15 Reorganization

The parties agree that where there is a reorganization/restructuring, it shall be implemented in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) The College agrees to give the President of the Union or designate three months' advance notice of a reorganization within the College which will affect employees within the bargaining unit.
- (b) The College agrees to meet and consult first with the staff representative and the bargaining unit Chairperson. Subsequently, the parties and the affected employee(s) shall meet to discuss the implications of such changes prior to the implementation of same.
- (c) Following the above consultations, the College will advise the employee(s) to be affected in writing. A steward will be appointed by the bargaining unit Chairperson to be available for all meetings or discussion with employee(s).
- (d) When any reorganization is planned, all positions covered by the collective agreement affected by the reorganization will be reviewed and graded by the Human Resources Department before reorganization is implemented. Prior to the effective date of implementation, the College will meet with the employee(s) and present revised job description(s).
- (e) Where there is a dispute regarding the classification and/or pay level determined by the Human Resources Department, it may be appealed pursuant to Article 29. If the appeal is successful, any salary increase will be retroactive to the implementation date of the reorganization.
- (f) Any employee affected by the reorganization will not be subject to the provisions of Clause 28.6.
- (g) An employee who, through reorganization, accepts a position with a reduced salary, shall receive salary protection in accordance with Clause 29.8 (Reclassification of Position). However, the employee must accept subsequent job offers to higher rated positions for which they are qualified or forfeit the protection of Clause 29.8 (Reclassification of Position).

28.16 Resignation and/or Notice of Retirement

An employee shall notify the College of their decision to leave the employ of Douglas College by giving a minimum of four weeks written notice in advance of the effective date of retirement. In instances where an employee resigns, the employee will try to provide at least two weeks' notice or as much notice as reasonably possible.

ARTICLE 29 - JOB CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION

29.1 Position Descriptions

The College agrees to supply the President of the Union or their designate with the position descriptions for those classifications in the bargaining unit.

29.2 Job Evaluation Plan and Committee

- (a) The administration of the Job Evaluation Plan will be consistent with the Gender Neutral Joint Job Evaluation Manual for Job Description, Classification and Salary/Wage Administration.

(b) The Manual sets out the preamble, purpose and definitions; the Job Evaluation Plan factors for classifying positions; the agreed methods for describing and classifying jobs; how to apply the job descriptions and classifications and how to maintain job descriptions and classifications.

(c) The College and the Union shall designate, in writing to each other, their representatives for a joint job evaluation committee. They will handle job descriptions and classifications through the required stages. The parties agree that there shall be two representatives from the College and two from the Union. The union representatives will suffer no loss of seniority or remuneration otherwise payable by the College when such meetings are held during working hours.

(d) The College and the Union shall each designate a referee for the purpose of dispute resolution. Additionally, and included in such designation, the parties shall agree and name a person to act as an arbitrator.

29.3 Classification Rating

The parties agree that classifications in the bargaining unit shall not be rated below the 1993 base rate for Grid Level III.

29.4 Job Evaluation and Salary Assignment

Evaluated positions have been described and classified in accordance with the provisions of the Gender Neutral Joint Job Evaluation Manual. As well, a rate of pay has been applied to employees in the positions or jobs in accordance with the salary scale set out in Appendix A of the collective agreement.

29.5 Job Evaluation

(a) All bargaining unit positions shall be evaluated by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee.

(b) The Committee has the responsibility to arrive at an agreement on each position's job description evaluation and reasons for classification. The Committee Co-Chairpersons' signatures confirm that agreement has been reached on each job description and classification. In the event agreement is not reached, the issue will be adjudicated by the agreed appeal process.

(c) An employee who believes their position is incorrectly classified shall request, through their immediate excluded supervisor, a copy of their current job description and classification and a job review questionnaire.

(d) The employee shall outline their current duties and responsibilities on the job-review questionnaire. Then they will review the completed questionnaire with their immediate excluded supervisor.

(e) The employee shall submit a written request for a position classification review and an original copy of the job-review questionnaire to Human Resources Department with a copy to the Joint Job Evaluation Committee's Union Co-Chairperson.

(f) Human Resources Department staff will review and, where necessary, prepare a revised position description with reasons for classification. The Joint Job Evaluation Committee will review the employee's request at the next pre-scheduled committee meeting.

(g) Such requests will be adjudicated by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee in accordance with the process outlined in the Joint Job Evaluation Plan Manual.

(h) Joint Job Evaluation Committee decisions are final and binding.

- (i) If the Joint Job Evaluation Committee is unable to make a decision, the disputed issue will be referred to Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

29.6 Criteria for the Arbitrator

- (a) In the event the dispute is arbitrated, the parties agree that it is preferable that the Arbitrator has knowledge of job evaluation.
- (b) The Arbitrator shall consider factors, degrees and related methods used within the point evaluation system under the Gender Neutral Job Evaluation Plan developed by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee. They shall be supplied with all the documentation, existing evaluation results, job specifications, as well as individual position ratings for all jobs within the unit. The parties specifically agree that neither market value nor volume of work will be a factor in determining classification level.
- (c) The existing scale shall be maintained and the Arbitrator shall not have the authority to increase the number of steps except with the consent of the parties.

29.7 New Position

The Joint Job Evaluation Manual outlines the process to be followed when new positions are created.

29.8 Reclassification of Position

An employee shall not have their salary reduced by reason of a change in the classification of their position, which is caused other than by the employees themselves.

29.9 Retroactivity

Reclassification requests approved by the Joint Job Evaluation Committee shall be retroactive to the date the request was filed.

ARTICLE 30 - EMPLOYEE WORKLOAD

Except in the case of an emergency, an employee's workload shall not be increased beyond a level that could reasonably be expected of an employee in a regular workday.

Disputes arising out of this article shall first be referred to the employee's supervisor. Failing resolution within three days, the matter shall be referred to the Labour/Management Committee.

If the dispute is not resolved by the Labour/Management Committee within five days, the matter will be submitted to an Investigator under Article 11 (Arbitration).

ARTICLE 31 - PERSONAL DUTIES

It is understood by both parties that work not related to the business of Douglas College should not be performed on the College's time.

To this end, it is agreed that an employee will not be required to perform duties of a personal nature for a supervisory employee.

ARTICLE 32 - PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES**32.1 Equal Pay**

The College shall not discriminate between male and female employees by employing a person of one sex for any work at a rate of pay that is less than the rate of pay at which a person of the other sex is employed for similar or substantially similar work.

32.2 Paydays

Employees shall be paid biweekly on alternate Fridays. Pay shall be issued by direct deposit to the credit of an employee's account in a savings institution. Regular employees who receive manual paycheques prior to February 28, 2006 shall be entitled to be paid manually until such time as they choose to be paid by direct deposit.

32.3 Rates of Pay

An employee shall be paid in accordance with the biweekly rates set out in Appendix A to this agreement.

32.4 Wage Increments

(a) The term "*increment*" as used herein shall be understood to mean the increase in salary accruing to an employee when the employee becomes entitled to payment according to the next higher increment step set out in the applicable salary scale in Appendix A.

(b) The first increment to which the employee becomes entitled will be payable on the first of the month concurrent with or next following the completion of one year's employment with the College.

In the event an employee is promoted into a new grid level at Step A, that employee will receive an increment in accordance with the paragraph above.

(c) Subsequent increments to which the employee becomes entitled shall be payable on the first of the month concurrent with or next following the yearly anniversary date of the employee's last increment increase.

(d) The employee's anniversary date for purposes of entitlement to the next increment increase will change and be effective from the date on which the employee assumes a new or different job within the bargaining unit which constitutes a promotion.

(e) The dates upon which an employee would otherwise become entitled to an increment increase in accordance with the terms of this article, will be extended by a time period equal to any authorized unpaid leave of absence granted to the employee where such leave is for more than an accumulated total of 30 days in a calendar year.

(f) Part-time and repeating term employees shall become entitled to the increments set out above when they have worked the equivalent number of hours required by a full-time employee.

32.5 Wages

All wage scales for positions specified in Appendix A shall be increased as follows:

(a) Effective July 1, 2022, all wage scales in Appendix A which were in effective on June 30, 2022 shall be increased by \$0.25 per hour. The resulting rates of pay will then be increased by a further 3.24%. The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent or dollar as applicable.

- (b) Effective July 1, 2023, all wage scales in Appendix A which were in effect on June 30, 2023 shall be increased by 5.5%. The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent or dollar as applicable.
- (c) Effective July 1, 2024, all wage scales in Appendix A which were in effect on June 30, 2024 shall be increased by 2%. The new rates shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent or dollar as applicable.
- (d) The above wage increases shall be adjusted pursuant to Letter of Understanding 3: Cost of Living Adjustment in the 2022-2025 BCGEU Common Agreement.

These wage increases shall apply to all current employees who are members of the bargaining unit on the date of ratification of the applicable local agreement and any employees who retired on or after July 1, 2022.

32.6 Substitution Pay

- (a) When employees are designated by the College to temporarily substitute in or perform the principal duties of a higher paying position for which a salary range has been established, they shall receive the rate in the salary range which is two steps higher than their current rate or the minimum of the range for the position in which the employee is substituting, whichever is greater.
- (b) Regular employees with adequate qualifications shall be given first preference for substitution pay pursuant to Clause 28.1 (Job Postings).
- (c) An auxiliary employee may be entitled to substitution pay if a regular employee is not available subject to provision (b).

32.7 Rate of Pay on Promotion or Reclassification

When an employee is promoted or reclassified to a higher paying position, the employee will receive the rate for the position of a single salary, or, in the case of positions on a salary range, will receive the rate in the salary range which is two steps higher than the employee's previous rate or the minimum of the new range, whichever is greater.

32.8 Pay on Temporary Assignment

Regular employees temporarily assigned by the College to a position with a rate of pay lower than their regular rate of pay shall maintain their regular rate of pay.

32.9 Kilometre Allowance

- (a) An allowance for all kilometres travelled on the College's business shall be paid to the employees required by the College to use their own vehicles in the performance of their duties. Expense claim forms are available on the College's website.
- (b) When an employee is transporting the College's equipment or materials at the College's request and on the College's business, the employee shall not be responsible for loss, damage or theft of the College's equipment or materials transported in the employee's vehicle.
- (c) Mileage and bridge tolls, when applicable, will be payable from an employee's normal campus and inter-campus and off-campus mileage will accumulate from there.
- (d) Expense claims will be paid in accordance with the Douglas College Expense Claim Guidelines, available on the College's website.

32.10 Business Insurance

(a) An employee who is in a position designated by the College to travel in excess of six days per month per insurance year on college business shall, subject to the prior approval of the Bursar or designate, be reimbursed upon presentation of appropriate receipts and documents, 100% of the annual incremental cost based on Safe Drivers' Discount rates of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Class 007 (Business) premium that is over and above that for Class 002 (Pleasure, Drive to Work or School). Such reimbursement shall be limited to one vehicle per employee and it is the designated employee's responsibility to purchase Class 007 vehicle insurance when necessary. If the College so reimburses an employee, the employee shall normally use their personal motor vehicle for college business requiring a motor vehicle.

(b) The College will pay a maximum of \$50 towards the comprehensive deductible in the case of an employee, whose personal vehicle sustains damage from college equipment which the employee is transporting.

32.11 Meal Allowance

Employees on travel status shall be entitled to a meal allowance for the time spent away from the College. Expense claim forms are available at the Printing Department.

32.12 Transportation for Employees

Transportation will be provided to employees who are required to work other than their normal working hours, and who must travel to or from their home during the hours between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and when convenient public transportation or other transportation facilities are not available. An employee shall be reimbursed for the cost of commercial transportation.

32.13 Transportation - Go Green

The College will provide an amount equal to the cost of a parking pass per semester for three semesters per year for regular employees.

32.14 Cashier Policy

Employees who perform duties as cashiers shall not be penalized financially. Cashiers who do make excessive or too frequent errors shall be:

- (a) provided with further training as a cashier; or
- (b) provided retraining with a view to relocation in a more suitable position.
- (c) In the event Steps (a) and (b) above fail, the employee may be demoted and will be paid the rate for the new classification.

32.15 Upgrading Qualification

- (a) Where the College requires employees to upgrade their skills or qualifications in order to operate or maintain new equipment, the cost of training, and normal living and travel expenses as laid down will be borne by the College.
- (b) When training is available during regular work hours, the employee shall attend during regular work hours. Such training time will be considered as time worked and the employee's regular rate of pay will be maintained throughout the training period. Seniority and vacation will also accrue.

32.16 Overpayment of Salary and Allowance

- (a) Where an error has resulted in an overpayment in an employee's basic salary, premium rates or allowances it may be rectified in total and retroactively for a period not to exceed one year from the date on which the error was discovered.
- (b) The employee shall be provided with one month's notice of the College's intent to recover any excess payment. The notice shall specify the amount, period and reason for the overpayment, and the method of repayment.
- (c) The rate of recovery shall not exceed the rate at which the overpayment was made and shall be discussed between the employee and the College's Payroll Manager prior to being repaid. Maximum recovery rate shall not exceed 10% of an employee's basic biweekly salary.
- (d) This policy does not apply to claims for damages, etc. arising from alleged violations in the application or interpretation of the collective agreement.

32.17 Substitution Pay in Lieu of Formal Reclassification

If the College does not wish certain duties to be continued to be performed by the employee, the College has the authority to pay substitution pay for the period for which the duties were performed.

ARTICLE 33 - AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES**33.1 Appointment**

An auxiliary employee shall receive, within five working days of the employee's start date a letter of employment clearly stating their employment status and expected duration of employment.

33.2 Seniority

- (a) The College shall maintain a seniority list showing the date of first hire, last appointment date, present classification, and total days and hours worked. A copy of this list shall be forwarded to the Union in February of each year.
- (b) An auxiliary employee shall accumulate service seniority equal to the number of days worked.
- (c) Auxiliary employees who become regular shall be credited with all service seniority accrued as an auxiliary.
- (d) After working an accumulated number of hours equivalent to 65 working days in a 12-month period immediately prior to a posting auxiliary employees shall have such hours of service, from the first date of their employment, recognized for the purposes of applying as an internal applicant for a position. In the event the selection process requires a tiebreaker, the hours of service shall be the determining factor.

33.3 Loss of Seniority

Auxiliary employees shall lose their seniority in the event that:

- (a) they are discharged for just cause;
- (b) they voluntarily terminate or abandon their employment with the College;

- (c) they are on layoff for more than six months;
- (d) they turn down five consecutive jobs in which the duration and nature of the work is reasonably similar to that which they carried out prior to layoff.

33.4 Layoff and Recall

(a) Layoff of auxiliary employees shall be in reverse order of auxiliary seniority in the classification seniority grouping as follows:

- (1) Accounting, Admissions, Records Clerks
- (2) Departmental Assistants I and II, Clerk Typists, Educational and Student Services, Bookstore
- (3) Continuing Education
- (4) Systems and Computing
- (5) Project/Lab Technicians
- (6) Facilities
- (7) Learning Resources
- (8) Human Resources
- (9) Community Resource Development
- (10) Communications and Marketing Office
- (11) Math Advisor, International Education, Language & Cultural Assistants
- (12) Visual Language Program Assistant
- (13) Research
- (14) Co-op Placement Clerks
- (15) Native Language Speaker, Costume Assistant, Stagehand
- (16) I-Care
- (17) Women's Centre Coordinator

(b) On call auxiliary employees identified in Clause 28.1(c)(Job Postings) shall be recalled in order of service seniority in the classification seniority grouping as listed above provided the auxiliary has the qualifications, ability and experience for the job which is available.

33.5 Application of Agreement

The provisions of Articles 13 (Seniority), 14 (Labour Force Adjustment, Layoff and Recall), 19 (Annual Vacations), 20 (Health and Welfare), 21 (Staff Learning and Development), 22 (Special and Other Leave), 23 (Maternity, Parental and Adoption Leaves), and 27 (Technological Change) of this agreement do not apply to auxiliary employees. The provisions of the other articles apply to auxiliary employees except as otherwise indicated.

33.6 Annual Vacation

Auxiliary employees will be entitled to receive annual vacation at the rate of 4% of their regular earnings. After 1,000 days worked, auxiliary employees will be entitled to receive annual vacation at the rate of 6% of their regular earnings.

33.7 Health and Welfare

Auxiliary employees shall receive compensation per hour worked in lieu of Health and Welfare Benefits, as follows:

Date	Hourly Premium
July 1, 2022	\$0.52
July 1, 2023	\$0.56
July 1, 2024	\$0.57*

* This rate may be adjusted pursuant to the BCGEU Template Table MOA - LOU 3: Cost of Living Adjustment.

33.8 Paid Holidays

Auxiliary employees who work the day before and the day after a designated paid holiday, or who have worked 15 of the previous 30 days, shall be paid for the holiday and entitled to the provisions of Article 18 (Holidays).

33.9 Entitlement to Wage Increments

- (a) When an auxiliary employee works in the same classification during the qualifying period defined in Clause 32.4 (Wage Increments) on a full-time or equivalent part-time basis, the employee becomes entitled to increments in the applicable salary scale as defined in Appendix A (Salary Scales).
- (b) When an employee, filling a position on an auxiliary basis, subsequently successfully posts into the same position if it is made permanent, increment adjustments will be calculated on the individual's total service in the position.
- (c) When the auxiliary employee has attained a higher increment level as per (a) above and the job subsequently ceases, the employee will carry the increment level forward to the next assignment, provided the skills and knowledge required are reasonably similar in nature.
- (d) Auxiliary employees who are employed in non-posted periods of service less than 30 calendar days, shall become entitled to increments when they have worked the equivalent number of hours required by full-time employees.
- (e) Auxiliary employees hired into non-posted positions after March 31, 2005 will be paid at increment A with no progression.

33.10 Entitlement to Benefits

Auxiliary employees working a minimum of 17½ hours per week in temporary positions of six months' continuous duration or more will be eligible to apply for benefits outlined in Article 20, subject to the following:

- (a) Clause 33.7 will not apply;

(b) at the expiration of their term of employment, their benefit coverage will cease and would only recommence should they later succeed in posting into another 17½ hours per week job of the required duration.

Note: Benefits for eligible auxiliary employees will be paid on a pro rata basis, proportionate to their time worked; and will be in accordance with the terms of the policies with the carriers.

33.11 College Study Benefits

A current auxiliary employee with one or more years of full-time equivalent service seniority (261 days) shall be entitled to take one College credit course per semester, without payment of the tuition fee, outside the employee's normal working hours.

33.12 Sick Leave

Auxiliary employees who have completed 90 consecutive days of employment, and who have not already received five days of paid illness or injury pursuant to Clause 20.6 (Sick Leave), shall be entitled to up to five days of paid illness and injury leave per calendar year.

ARTICLE 34 - LABORATORY HOURS

34.1 Supervision Time

For the purposes of this article, "*supervision time*" means scheduled student-contact hours in a laboratory or other related area for the purpose of student direction or demonstration.

34.2 Laboratories

For the purpose of this article, laboratories shall be defined as:

- (a) *Traditional* - Group paced laboratory activities normally requiring marking external to the laboratory supervision.
- (b) *Open* - Individually paced laboratory activities normally including assessment as part of supervision.
- (c) *Combination* - Any combination of group paced and individually paced activities.

34.3 Non-Supervisory Activities

Activities exclusive of supervision time shall include marking, research, reading, preparation time, set-up and take-down, meetings and required travel. These activities shall be allotted separate time from supervision time, and shall, together with supervision time, make up the 35 hours per week.

34.4 Maximum Number of Hours

The maximum number of supervisory hours per week that any Laboratory Technician IV can be expected to carry shall be:

- (a) *Traditional Labs* - The number of supervisory hours will not exceed 18 hours per week. Where the technician is required to mark fewer than 65 students, and has three or fewer preparations, then up to a maximum of 21 hours may be required.
- (b) *Open Lab* - 25 hours.

- (c) *Combination Lab* - shall be prorated.

34.5 Maximum Number of Students

A Laboratory Technician shall be responsible for supervising not more than 18 students at one time. For the purpose of allowing employees to alternate on rest periods the maximum of 18 may be exceeded for the duration of the rest period only.

34.6 Workload

Workload for Laboratory Technicians Working 20 Hours/Week or Less:

- (a) Laboratory Technician IV working in traditional laboratory environments, shall carry a maximum course load of two courses, and a maximum of three sections.
- (b) Clause 34.3 above shall apply to the number of hours allotted.

ARTICLE 35 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

35.1 Duration

This agreement shall be binding and remain in effect to midnight, June 30, 2025.

35.2 Notice to Bargain

- (a) This agreement may be opened for collective bargaining by either party on or after March 1, 2025, but in any event, not later than midnight, March 31, 2025.
- (b) Where no notice is given by either party prior to March 31, 2025 and both parties shall be deemed to have given notice under this article on March 31, 2025 and thereupon Clause 35.3 of this agreement applies.
- (c) All notices on behalf of the Union shall be given by the President or designate of the Union and similar notice on behalf of the College shall be given by the Chairperson of the College Board or designate.

35.3 Commencement of Bargaining

Where a party to this agreement has given notice under Clause 35.2, the parties shall, within 14 days after the notice was given, commence collective bargaining.

35.4 Changes in Agreement

Any change deemed necessary in this agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the life of this agreement.

35.5 Agreement to Continue in Force

Both parties shall adhere fully to the terms of this agreement during the period of bona fide collective bargaining.

35.6 Effective Date of Agreement

- (a) Except where otherwise specified, the provisions of this agreement shall be in effect from the date of ratification.

(b) Other adjustments in compensation or other changes in the agreement will not be given retroactive effect, but instead shall become effective the day following ratification by both parties or the date specified for the applicable provision.

35.7 Reference to Relevant Labour Legislation

The operation of Section 50(2) & (3) of the relevant labour legislation of British Columbia is specifically excluded.

ARTICLE 36 - INDEMNITY

(a) *Civil Actions* - The College shall pay any judgement, including reasonable legal costs, obtained against the employee relating to the employee's course of employment without the right to recover such costs from the employee unless the conduct of the employee constituted gross or wilful negligence. If the conduct of the employee constitutes gross or wilful negligence the College shall not be liable for any costs associated with the employee's conduct and the employee shall indemnify the College for any and all costs it may incur as a result of the employee's gross or wilful negligence.

If the employee chooses to appeal the original judicial decision they shall be solely liable for all legal costs associated with that appeal unless the College consents in writing to the employee that it shall support the appeal and pay all reasonable legal costs associated with the appeal on behalf of the employee. The College's consent is solely within the College's discretion.

(b) *Criminal Action* - The College shall pay the reasonable legal fees of the employee incurred in the defence of a criminal charge if the employee was acting properly within the course of their employment and was acquitted of the charges.

(c) At the option of the College, the College may provide for legal services in the defence of any legal proceeding involving the employee (so long as no conflict of interest arises between the College and the employee) or pay the reasonable legal fees of counsel chosen by the employee.

(d) In order that the above provision(s) shall be binding upon the College, the employee shall notify the College, in writing, within one business day of their having notice of any incident or course of events which may lead to legal action against them relating to the employee's employment with the College, and the intention or knowledge of such possible legal action is evident by any of the following circumstances:

- (1) when the employee is first approached by any person(s) or organization notifying them of intended legal action against them; or
- (2) when the employee requires or retains legal counsel in regard to any incident or course of events; or
- (3) where any investigative body or authority first notifies the employee of any investigation or other proceeding which might lead to legal action against the employee; or
- (4) when any information becomes known to the employee in light of which it is a reasonable assumption that the employee would conclude that they might be the object of a legal action; or
- (5) when an employee receives notice of any legal proceeding of any nature or kind which may in any way be related to the employee's employment with the College.

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APPENDIX A
Salary Scales

Effective July 1, 2022 - \$0.25/hr + 3.24% GWI Increase						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
I	Hourly	21.3236	21.6747	22.0846	22.5247	22.9929
	Biweekly	1492.65	1517.23	1545.92	1576.73	1609.50
	Annual	38809.00	39448.00	40194.00	40995.00	41847.00
II	Hourly	21.6747	22.0846	22.5247	22.9929	23.4011
	Biweekly	1517.23	1545.92	1576.73	1609.50	1638.08
	Annual	39448.00	40194.00	40995.00	41847.00	42590.00
III	Hourly	22.0846	22.5247	22.9929	23.4011	23.9275
	Biweekly	1545.92	1576.73	1609.50	1638.08	1674.92
	Annual	40194.00	40995.00	41847.00	42590.00	43548.00
IV	Hourly	22.5247	22.9929	23.4011	23.9275	24.4242
	Biweekly	1576.73	1609.50	1638.08	1674.92	1709.69
	Annual	40995.00	41847.00	42590.00	43548.00	44452.00
V	Hourly	22.9929	23.4011	23.9275	24.4242	24.9253
	Biweekly	1609.50	1638.08	1674.92	1709.69	1744.77
	Annual	41847.00	42590.00	43548.00	44452.00	45364.00
VI	Hourly	23.4011	23.9275	24.4242	24.9253	25.4808
	Biweekly	1638.08	1674.92	1709.69	1744.77	1783.65
	Annual	42590.00	43548.00	44452.00	45364.00	46375.00
VII	Hourly	23.9275	24.4242	24.9253	25.4808	26.0940
	Biweekly	1674.92	1709.69	1744.77	1783.65	1826.58
	Annual	43548.00	44452.00	45364.00	46375.00	47491.00
VIII	Hourly	24.4242	24.9253	25.4808	26.0940	26.8538
	Biweekly	1709.69	1744.77	1783.65	1826.58	1879.77
	Annual	44452.00	45364.00	46375.00	47491.00	48874.00
IX	Hourly	24.9253	25.4808	26.0940	26.8538	27.5582
	Biweekly	1744.77	1783.65	1826.58	1879.77	1929.08
	Annual	45364.00	46375.00	47491.00	48874.00	50156.00
X	Hourly	25.4808	26.0940	26.8538	27.5582	28.3192
	Biweekly	1783.65	1826.58	1879.77	1929.08	1982.35
	Annual	46375.00	47491.00	48874.00	50156.00	51541.00
XI	Hourly	26.0940	26.8538	27.5582	28.3192	29.1357
	Biweekly	1826.58	1879.77	1929.08	1982.35	2039.50
	Annual	47491.00	48874.00	50156.00	51541.00	53027.00
XII	Hourly	26.8538	27.5582	28.3192	29.1357	29.9857
	Biweekly	1879.77	1929.08	1982.35	2039.50	2099.00
	Annual	48874.00	50156.00	51541.00	53027.00	54574.00
XIII	Hourly	27.5582	28.3192	29.1357	29.9857	30.8945
	Biweekly	1929.08	1982.35	2039.50	2099.00	2162.62
	Annual	50156.00	51541.00	53027.00	54574.00	56228.00
XIV	Hourly	28.3192	29.1357	29.9857	30.8945	31.8000
	Biweekly	1982.35	2039.50	2099.00	2162.62	2226.00
	Annual	51541.00	53027.00	54574.00	56228.00	57876.00
XV	Hourly	29.1357	29.9857	30.8945	31.8000	32.7962
	Biweekly	2039.50	2099.00	2162.62	2226.00	2295.73
	Annual	53027.00	54574.00	56228.00	57876.00	59689.00
XVI	Hourly	29.9857	30.8945	31.8000	32.7962	34.2742
	Biweekly	2099.00	2162.62	2226.00	2295.73	2399.19
	Annual	54574.00	56228.00	57876.00	59689.00	62379.00
XVII	Hourly	30.8945	31.8000	32.7962	34.2742	36.0203

Effective July 1, 2022 - \$0.25/hr + 3.24% GWI Increase						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
	Biweekly	2162.62	2226.00	2295.73	2399.19	2521.42
	Annual	56228.00	57876.00	59689.00	62379.00	65557.00
XVIII	Hourly	31.8000	32.7962	34.2742	36.0203	37.8571
	Biweekly	2226.00	2295.73	2399.19	2521.42	2650.00
	Annual	57876.00	59689.00	62379.00	65557.00	68900.00

Effective July 1, 2023 - 5.5% GWI Increase + 1.25% COLA*						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
I	Hourly	22.7632	23.1379	23.5753	24.0451	24.5451
	Biweekly	1593.42	1619.65	1650.27	1683.15	1718.15
	Annual	41429.00	42111.00	42907.00	43762.00	44672.00
II	Hourly	23.1379	23.5753	24.0451	24.5451	24.9808
	Biweekly	1619.65	1650.27	1683.15	1718.15	1748.65
	Annual	42111.00	42907.00	43762.00	44672.00	45465.00
III	Hourly	23.5753	24.0451	24.5451	24.9808	25.5423
	Biweekly	1650.27	1683.15	1718.15	1748.65	1787.96
	Annual	42907.00	43762.00	44672.00	45465.00	46487.00
IV	Hourly	24.0451	24.5451	24.9808	25.5423	26.0731
	Biweekly	1683.15	1718.15	1748.65	1787.96	1825.12
	Annual	43762.00	44672.00	45465.00	46487.00	47453.00
V	Hourly	24.5451	24.9808	25.5423	26.0731	26.6077
	Biweekly	1718.15	1748.65	1787.96	1825.12	1862.54
	Annual	44672.00	45465.00	46487.00	47453.00	48426.00
VI	Hourly	24.9808	25.5423	26.0731	26.6077	27.2005
	Biweekly	1748.65	1787.96	1825.12	1862.54	1904.04
	Annual	45465.00	46487.00	47453.00	48426.00	49505.00
VII	Hourly	25.5423	26.0731	26.6077	27.2005	27.8555
	Biweekly	1787.96	1825.12	1862.54	1904.04	1949.88
	Annual	46487.00	47453.00	48426.00	49505.00	50697.00
VIII	Hourly	26.0731	26.6077	27.2005	27.8555	28.6665
	Biweekly	1825.12	1862.54	1904.04	1949.88	2006.65
	Annual	47453.00	48426.00	49505.00	50697.00	52173.00
IX	Hourly	26.6077	27.2005	27.8555	28.6665	29.4187
	Biweekly	1862.54	1904.04	1949.88	2006.65	2059.31
	Annual	48426.00	49505.00	50697.00	52173.00	53542.00
X	Hourly	27.2005	27.8555	28.6665	29.4187	30.2308
	Biweekly	1904.04	1949.88	2006.65	2059.31	2116.15
	Annual	49505.00	50697.00	52173.00	53542.00	55020.00
XI	Hourly	27.8555	28.6665	29.4187	30.2308	31.1022
	Biweekly	1949.88	2006.65	2059.31	2116.15	2177.15
	Annual	50697.00	52173.00	53542.00	55020.00	56606.00
XII	Hourly	28.6665	29.4187	30.2308	31.1022	32.0099
	Biweekly	2006.65	2059.31	2116.15	2177.15	2240.69
	Annual	52173.00	53542.00	55020.00	56606.00	58258.00
XIII	Hourly	29.4187	30.2308	31.1022	32.0099	32.9797
	Biweekly	2059.31	2116.15	2177.15	2240.69	2308.58
	Annual	53542.00	55020.00	56606.00	58258.00	60023.00
XIV	Hourly	30.2308	31.1022	32.0099	32.9797	33.9467
	Biweekly	2116.15	2177.15	2240.69	2308.58	2376.27
	Annual	55020.00	56606.00	58258.00	60023.00	61783.00
XV	Hourly	31.1022	32.0099	32.9797	33.9467	35.0099

Effective July 1, 2023 - 5.5% GWI Increase + 1.25% COLA*						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
	Biweekly	2177.15	2240.69	2308.58	2376.27	2450.69
	Annual	56606.00	58258.00	60023.00	61783.00	63718.00
XVI	Hourly	32.0099	32.9797	33.9467	35.0099	36.5879
	Biweekly	2240.69	2308.58	2376.27	2450.69	2561.15
	Annual	58258.00	60023.00	61783.00	63718.00	66590.00
XVII	Hourly	32.9797	33.9467	35.0099	36.5879	38.4516
	Biweekly	2308.58	2376.27	2450.69	2561.15	2691.62
	Annual	60023.00	61783.00	63718.00	66590.00	69982.00
XVIII	Hourly	33.9467	35.0099	36.5879	38.4516	40.4126
	Biweekly	2376.27	2450.69	2561.15	2691.62	2828.88
	Annual	61783.00	63718.00	66590.00	69982.00	73551.00

Effective July 1, 2024 + 2% GWI Increase*						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
I	Hourly	23.2187	23.6005	24.0467	24.5258	25.0357
	Biweekly	1625.31	1652.04	1683.27	1716.81	1752.50
	Annual	42258.00	42953.00	43765.00	44637.00	45565.00
II	Hourly	23.6005	24.0467	24.5258	25.0357	25.4802
	Biweekly	1652.04	1683.27	1716.81	1752.50	1783.62
	Annual	42953.00	43765.00	44637.00	45565.00	46374.00
III	Hourly	24.0467	24.5258	25.0357	25.4802	26.0533
	Biweekly	1683.27	1716.81	1752.50	1783.62	1823.73
	Annual	43765.00	44637.00	45565.00	46374.00	47417.00
IV	Hourly	24.5258	25.0357	25.4802	26.0533	26.5945
	Biweekly	1716.81	1752.50	1783.62	1823.73	1861.62
	Annual	44637.00	45565.00	46374.00	47417.00	48402.00
V	Hourly	25.0357	25.4802	26.0533	26.5945	27.1401
	Biweekly	1752.50	1783.62	1823.73	1861.62	1899.81
	Annual	45565.00	46374.00	47417.00	48402.00	49395.00
VI	Hourly	25.4802	26.0533	26.5945	27.1401	27.7445
	Biweekly	1783.62	1823.73	1861.62	1899.81	1942.12
	Annual	46374.00	47417.00	48402.00	49395.00	50495.00
VII	Hourly	26.0533	26.5945	27.1401	27.7445	28.4126
	Biweekly	1823.73	1861.62	1899.81	1942.12	1988.88
	Annual	47417.00	48402.00	49395.00	50495.00	51711.00
VIII	Hourly	26.5945	27.1401	27.7445	28.4126	29.2396
	Biweekly	1861.62	1899.81	1942.12	1988.88	2046.77
	Annual	48402.00	49395.00	50495.00	51711.00	53216.00
IX	Hourly	27.1401	27.7445	28.4126	29.2396	30.0071
	Biweekly	1899.81	1942.12	1988.88	2046.77	2100.50
	Annual	49395.00	50495.00	51711.00	53216.00	54613.00
X	Hourly	27.7445	28.4126	29.2396	30.0071	30.8352
	Biweekly	1942.12	1988.88	2046.77	2100.50	2158.46
	Annual	50495.00	51711.00	53216.00	54613.00	56120.00
XI	Hourly	28.4126	29.2396	30.0071	30.8352	31.7242
	Biweekly	1988.88	2046.77	2100.50	2158.46	2220.69
	Annual	51711.00	53216.00	54613.00	56120.00	57738.00
XII	Hourly	29.2396	30.0071	30.8352	31.7242	32.6500
	Biweekly	2046.77	2100.50	2158.46	2220.69	2285.50
	Annual	53216.00	54613.00	56120.00	57738.00	59423.00
XIII	Hourly	30.0071	30.8352	31.7242	32.6500	33.6390

Effective July 1, 2024 + 2% GWI Increase*						
GRID LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
	Biweekly	2100.50	2158.46	2220.69	2285.50	2354.73
	Annual	54613.00	56120.00	57738.00	59423.00	61223.00
XIV	Hourly	30.8352	31.7242	32.6500	33.6390	34.6258
	Biweekly	2158.46	2220.69	2285.50	2354.73	2423.81
	Annual	56120.00	57738.00	59423.00	61223.00	63019.00
XV	Hourly	31.7242	32.6500	33.6390	34.6258	35.7099
	Biweekly	2220.69	2285.50	2354.73	2423.81	2499.69
	Annual	57738.00	59423.00	61223.00	63019.00	64992.00
XVI	Hourly	32.6500	33.6390	34.6258	35.7099	37.3198
	Biweekly	2285.50	2354.73	2423.81	2499.69	2612.38
	Annual	59423.00	61223.00	63019.00	64992.00	67922.00
XVII	Hourly	33.6390	34.6258	35.7099	37.3198	39.2209
	Biweekly	2354.73	2423.81	2499.69	2612.38	2745.46
	Annual	61223.00	63019.00	64992.00	67922.00	71382.00
XVIII	Hourly	34.6258	35.7099	37.3198	39.2209	41.2209
	Biweekly	2423.81	2499.69	2612.38	2745.46	2885.46
	Annual	63019.00	64992.00	67922.00	71382.00	75022.00

APPENDIX A2

Salary Scales for Systems and Computing

Market Adjustment - Systems and Computing July 1, 2022 - \$0.25 + 3.24% GWI Increase						
PAY LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
13.1	Hourly	30.7989	31.5593	32.3764	33.2269	34.1357
	Biweekly	2155.92	2209.15	2266.35	2325.88	2389.50
	Annual	56054.00	57438.00	58925.00	60473.00	62127.00
16.1	Hourly	37.7648	38.6736	39.5797	40.5736	42.0527
	Biweekly	2643.54	2707.15	2770.58	2840.15	2943.69
	Annual	68732.00	70386.00	72035.00	73844.00	76536.00
17.1	Hourly	38.6736	39.5797	40.5736	42.0527	43.8011
	Biweekly	2707.15	2770.58	2840.15	2943.69	3066.08
	Annual	70386.00	72035.00	73844.00	76536.00	79718.00
18.1	Hourly	36.9879	37.9835	39.4621	41.2093	43.0462
	Biweekly	2589.15	2658.85	2762.35	2884.65	3013.23
	Annual	67318.00	69130.00	71821.00	75001.00	78344.00
18.2	Hourly	39.5802	40.5769	42.0555	43.8027	45.6396
	Biweekly	2770.62	2840.38	2943.88	3066.19	3194.77
	Annual	72036.00	73850.00	76541.00	79721.00	83064.00

Market Adjustment - Systems and Computing July 1, 2023 - 5.5% GWI Increase + 1.25% COLA						
PAY LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
13.1	Hourly	32.8780	33.6896	34.5615	35.4698	36.4401
	Biweekly	2301.46	2358.27	2419.31	2482.88	2550.81
	Annual	59838.00	61315.00	62902.00	64555.00	66321.00
14.1	Hourly	37.4989	38.4407	39.8418	40.8005	41.7566
	Biweekly	2624.92	2690.85	2788.92	2856.04	2922.96
	Annual	68248.00	69962.00	72512.00	74257.00	75997.00
15.1	Hourly	38.4407	39.8418	40.8005	41.7566	42.8049
	Biweekly	2690.85	2788.92	2856.04	2922.96	2996.35
	Annual	69962.00	72512.00	74257.00	75997.00	77905.00
16.1	Hourly	40.3137	41.2841	42.2511	43.3121	44.8912
	Biweekly	2821.96	2889.88	2957.58	3031.85	3142.38
	Annual	73371.00	75137.00	76897.00	78828.00	81702.00
17.1	Hourly	39.4846	43.3159	44.8945	46.7593	48.7203
	Biweekly	2763.92	3032.12	3142.62	3273.15	3410.42
	Annual	71862.00	78835.00	81708.00	85102.00	88671.00
18.1	Hourly	42.2516	43.3159	44.8945	46.7593	48.7203
	Biweekly	2957.62	3032.12	3142.62	3273.15	3410.42
	Annual	76898.00	78835.00	81708.00	85102.00	88671.00

Market Adjustment - Systems and Computing July 1, 2024 - 2% GWI Increase*						
PAY LEVEL		A	B	C	D	E
13.1	Hourly	33.5356	34.3634	35.2528	36.1792	37.1689
	Biweekly	2347.50	2405.42	2467.69	2532.54	2601.81
	Annual	61035.00	62541.00	64160.00	65846.00	67647.00
14.1	Hourly	38.2489	39.2095	40.6386	41.6166	42.5917
	Biweekly	2677.42	2744.65	2844.69	2913.15	2981.42
	Annual	69613.00	71361.00	73962.00	75742.00	77517.00
15.1	Hourly	39.2095	40.6386	41.6166	42.5917	43.6610
	Biweekly	2744.65	2844.69	2913.15	2981.42	3056.27
	Annual	71361.00	73962.00	75742.00	77517.00	79463.00
16.1	Hourly	41.1200	42.1097	43.0961	44.1783	45.7890
	Biweekly	2878.38	2947.69	3016.73	3092.50	3205.23
	Annual	74838.00	76640.00	78435.00	80405.00	83336.00
17.1	Hourly	40.2743	44.1823	45.7924	47.6945	49.6947
	Biweekly	2819.19	3092.77	3205.46	3338.62	3478.62
	Annual	73299.00	80412.00	83342.00	86804.00	90444.00
18.1	Hourly	43.0967	44.1823	45.7924	47.6945	49.6947
	Biweekly	3016.77	3092.77	3205.46	3338.62	3478.62
	Annual	78436.00	80412.00	83342.00	86804.00	90444.00

* The wage increases shall be adjusted pursuant to BCGEU Template Table MOA - Letter of Understanding #3 Re: Cost of Living Adjustment

Effective July 1, 2023, all jobs within the systems and computing category may be subject to job evaluation as per the Appendix A2 salary scales.

APPENDIX B
BCGEU Positions and Respective Pay Levels
As of May 31, 2023

GRID LEVEL / JOB TITLE

GRID LEVEL	JOB TITLE	
01	This level is to be used exclusively for auxiliary on call work of less than thirty (30) days' duration, which encompasses less than half of the principal duties of any job description in the bargaining unit.	
02	It is agreed that Pay Level 2 is eliminated from Appendix B.	
03	No Positions	
04	Stagehand	Utility Worker
05	Bookstore Cashier	
06	Mail Clerk	Office Assistant III
07	Assessment Services Assistant	Shipper Receiver
	Cashier Clerk	Shipper/Receiver - Bookstore
	General Clerk Assistant, Enrolment Services	
08	Accounts Payable Clerk - TTG	Faculty Support Services Assistant – Health Sciences
	Building Service Worker	Office Assistant IV
	Conversation Lab Assistant	Program Assistant I - Special Projects (TTG)
	Department Assistant I - CEIT	Records Assistant
	Department Assistant I - Language Literature & Performing Arts	
09	Accounts Payable Clerk - Finance	Purchasing Clerk
	Accounts Receivable Clerk	Records Officer - Transfer Credit
	Department Assistant II - Douglas International	Student Services Assistant
	Language Learning and Acquisition Lab Assistant	Technology Coordinator

10	Administrative Assistant II, Health Science Simulation Centre	Practice Placement Officer - Administrative Support
	Bookstore Clerk	Program Assistant II - Career Centre Programs
	Coursepack/Copyright Coordinator	Site Services Assistant
	Faculty Administrative Assistant - ACS	
11	Administrative Associate - Enrolment Services	Marketing Specialist
	Administrative Associate - Commerce and Business	Music Technician
	Administrative Associate - Humanities & Social Sciences	Printing Services Technician
	Administrative Associate - LLPA	Program Assistant II - Applied Community Studies
	Administrative Associate - Public Affairs	Program Assistant II - CE Health Sciences
	Administrative Associate - Science & Technology	Program Assistant II - Commerce & Business Administration
	Bookstore Accounting Coordinator	Program Support Specialist - Health Sciences
	Bookstore Logistics Coordinator	Registration Records Scheduling Specialist
	Buyer	Research Support Coordinator - Research and Innovation
	Communications and Publications Specialist	Scheduling Coordinator
	Duplicating Operator	Senior Bookstore Clerk - Buyer
	Financial Aid Assistant	Transfer Credit Articulation Specialist
	Library Technician - Public Services	
12	Assistant Laboratory Technician - Douglas College Vision Centre	Laboratory Technician II - Chemistry
	Associate Student Recruiter Advisor	Library Technician - Media Equipment
	Athletics Coordinator, Athletics and Recreation	Library Technician - Technical Services
	Building Service Coordinator	Music Technology Technician
	Business Systems Specialist	Placement Coordinator Sport Science
	Coordinator I-CARE Program	Program Advisor
	Coordinator, Business Development Events	Program Assistant II - The Training Group
	Costume Assistant	Program Coordinator, Sports Institute
	Database Management Specialist (FAR)	Records Specialist
	English Language Learning Specialist	Senior Bookstore Clerk - Course Materials
	Laboratory Technician - Biology	Theatre and Stagecraft Technician
13	Adaptive Technology Coordinator, Accessibility Services	Education Technology Facilitator - ELLA
	Administrative Officer I - The Training Group	Experiential Learning Facilitator

	Admissions Advisors	Experiential Learning Specialist, Health Science
	Arts Events Officer	Graphic Designer
	Budget Accounting Analyst - The Training Group	Indigenous CAF Advisor - ACS
	Budgeting Accounting Analyst - Finance	Learning Centre Services Coordinator
	Communications Coordinator	Library Technician - Web and Systems
13.1	Computer Technician	Learning Management System and Web Integration Specialist I
	Computer Technician Service Desk	
14	Administrative Officer I - Commerce & Business Administration	
	Administrative Officer I - Language Literature & Performing Arts	
	Administrative Officer I - Learning Resources	International Student Life Coordinator
	Administrative Officer I - Science and Technology	Laboratory Facilitator - Computing Science
	Assessment Services Coordinator	Laboratory Facilitator - Mathematics
	Assistant Editor - EVENT	Payroll Specialist
	Communication Access Coordinator, Accessibility Services	Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator (SAS)
	Communications Officer	Site Services Supervisor
	Coordinator, Philanthropy and Alumni Relations	Sports Facilities Coordinator
	Curriculum and Graduation Advising Specialist	Student Life Coordinator
	Digital Optimization Specialist	Student Recruiter Advisor
	Employer Engagement Officer	Student Systems and Records Analyst
	Enrolment Services Advisor	Supervisor - Print Shop
	Events Coordinator MCO	Visual Communications Designer
	Facilitator Accessibility Services	Web Editor & Digital Marketing Coordinator
	Health and Safety Officer	Wellness Coordinator
	Indigenous Recruiter Advisor	
15	Accounts Payable Supervisor	Laboratory Facilitator - Chemistry
	Accounts Receivable Supervisor	Laboratory Facilitator - Earth & Environmental Sciences
	Administrative Officer - Business Development	Laboratory Facilitator - Engineering
	Biological Control Technician	Laboratory Facilitator - Sports Science
	Bookstore Supervisor	Laboratory Technician- MSTE Biology/Earth Science
	Career Advisor, Business Development	Laboratory Technician - Hearing Instrument

	Community Relations Supervisor	Laboratory Technician - Opticianry
	Coordinator, Business Development Promotions	Laboratory Technician IV - Geography
	Digital Marketing Strategist	Laboratory Technician IV - MSTE Physics/Chemistry
	Facilities Services Officer	Laboratory Technician IV - Physics
	Global Engagement Mobility Program Coordinator	Laboratory Technician IV - Psychology
	Indigenous Student Services Coordinator	Learning Centre Supervisor
	Indigenous Student Support Navigator	Marketing Communications Officer
	International Compliance and Administrative Officer	Media Strategist and Buyer
	International Enrolment Operations Coordinator	Project Coordinator
	International Marketing and Partnerships Coordinator	Student Support Navigator (SAS)
	International Recruitment and Admissions Coordinator	Supervisor, Future Students' Office
	International Student Advising Specialist	Urban Ecology Coordinator - Institute of Urban Ecology
	Laboratory Facilitator - Veterinary Technology	User Interface/User Experience Designer
	Laboratory Facilitator - Biology	
16	Business Solution Analyst - Enrolment Services	Risk Services Officer - SSRM
	International Student Life Supervisor	Senior Budget Analyst
	Laboratory Supervisor - Mathematics	Senior Capital Project Coordinator, Facilities
	Library Operations Supervisor	Student Success Advisor
	Payroll Supervisor	Theatre and Stagecraft Technician Supervisor
	Procurement Officer, Supply Chain	
16.1	Web Administrator	Senior Computer Technician
	Educational Technology Specialist	Technology Integration Specialist
	Information Security Analyst	
17	Administrative Officer II - CEIT	Administrative Officer II - The Training Group
	Administrative Officer II - Finance	International Recruitment and Admissions Supervisor
	Administrative Officer II - Health Sciences	International Student Advising Supervisor
	Administrative Officer II - Humanities & Social Sciences	Marketing and Communications Supervisor
	Administrative Officer II - Language Literature & Performing Arts	Operations Supervisor Student Services

	Administrative Officer II - Science and Technology	Records and Privacy Analyst, Learning Resources
	Administrative Officer II - Student Affairs and Services	Team Lead, Enrolment Services
17.1	Infrastructure Analyst	Programmer Analyst/Application Administrator
	Learning Designer (CEIT)	Systems and Application Database Administrator
18	Laboratory Supervisor - Biology	Laboratory Supervisor - Veterinary Technology
	Laboratory Supervisor - Chemistry	
18.1	Business Systems Analyst	Supervisor, End User Computing and Service Desk
	Information Security Lead	

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1 Student Assistants

For the purpose of this Letter of Understanding, "*student*" shall be defined as an individual;

- (a) enrolled in one or more credit courses at Douglas College; or
- (b) enrolled in two or more credit courses at another accredited public post secondary institution in British Columbia; or
- (c) who was enrolled at the college in the term immediately preceding the period of time in which employment is available and who has indicated an intention to enrol at the college in the term immediately following the period to be worked.

Qualified Douglas College students meeting the above criteria will be given preference over students of other qualifying institutions.

1. Students hired to carry out the principal duties of a job covered by an existing classification specification shall be classified accordingly and paid according to the rate established for that position.

Student Assistant I (SA1)

2. Students hired to carry out the principal duties for a job not normally covered by an existing classification specification in the bargaining unit shall be classified and paid according to the following wages/benefits:

- (i)

Year	SA1
June 1, 2022	\$15.65
July 1, 2022	\$16.42
June 1, 2023	\$17.88
July 1, 2024	\$18.24*

(ii) *Health & Welfare*

Student Assistant I shall receive compensation in lieu of Health and Welfare Benefits as per Clause 33.7 (Health and Welfare).

(iii) *Vacation* at 4% of regular earnings.**Student Assistant II (SA2)**

3. Students hired as Peer Tutors, Access Aides and students employed for fixed-term special projects shall be classified and paid according to the following wages/benefits:

(i)

Date	SA2
June 1, 2022	\$16.59
July 1, 2022	\$17.41
July 1, 2023	\$18.95
July 1, 2024	\$19.33*

**The wage increases shall be adjusted pursuant to BCGEU Template Table MOA - Letter of Understanding #3 Re: Cost of Living Adjustment*

(ii) *Health & Welfare*

Student Assistant II shall receive compensation in lieu of Health and Welfare Benefits as per Clause 33.7 (Health and Welfare).

(iii) *Vacation* at 4% of regular earnings.

4. In the event there is a dispute as to whether an employee hired under this program should be classified in accordance with Points 1 or 2 preceding, the dispute shall be dealt with through the grievance procedure in the Collective Agreement.

5. The parties agree that individuals employed and paid as per this agreement will be considered auxiliary employees and receive the appropriate benefits as per the collective agreement but not be subject to or affected by any layoff and recall provisions in the collective agreement. Auxiliary employees hired as Student Assistants shall be terminated upon completion of the term of employment and they shall not retain seniority.

6. All Student Assistant employees are exempt from the articles set out in Clause 33.5 (Application of Agreement). In addition, Student Assistant II employees are exempt from Article 16 (Shift Work).

7. The provisions of Clause 15.1(a) shall apply to Student Assistants with the exception that Student Assistants can be scheduled to work on both Saturday and Sunday.

8. The standard hours of work for Student Assistants will be no more than 20 hours per week. A student must be enrolled in one or more courses to be covered by this agreement. Overtime compensation as outlined in Article 17 shall apply to Student Assistants for time worked in excess of a seven hour day.

Student Research Assistants

9. Students hired as research assistants are exempt from the agreement that BCGEU members will not be supervised by faculty.
10. This agreement shall form part of the collective agreement between the B.C. General Employees' Union and Douglas College.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2
Job Training for Students in the Consumer and Job
Preparation Program for Adults with Disabilities

The parties recognize that there is a need to provide job training at the College for adults with a mental disability who are enrolled in the Consumer and Job Preparation Program.

Subject to the procedure set out below to ensure that these students are not employed to do jobs which are performed by members of the bargaining unit, the parties agree that such students are part of the B.C. General Employees' Union bargaining unit.

1. A committee will be struck comprised of an appointee from each of the Union and the College.
2. The Committee shall review the site and operational skills components in each proposal submitted by the Faculty Coordinator of the Consumer and Job Preparation Program. The Committee shall approve the applications based on the following criteria:
 - (a) Only students enrolled in Consumer and Job Preparation Program are eligible for the job training.
 - (b) The job training does not entail work performed by B.C. General Employees' Union members.
 - (c) There will be a maximum of four students in job training at any one time.
 - (d) Students hired will not receive operational skill training either in excess of 15 hours a week or for greater than six months.
3. Students hired to carry out the operational skills of the job training shall be paid according to the following wages:

(i)

Date	Job Training for Students
June 1, 2022	\$15.65
July 1, 2022	\$16.42
July 1, 2023	\$17.88
July 1, 2024	\$18.24*

**The wage increases shall be adjusted pursuant to BCGEU Template Table MOA - Letter of Understanding #3 Re: Cost of Living Adjustment*

(ii) *Health & Welfare*

Job training for students shall receive compensation in lieu of health and welfare benefits as per Clause 33.7 (Health and Welfare).

(iii) *Vacation* at 4% of regular earnings.

4. The parties agree that individuals employed and paid in accordance with this agreement will be considered auxiliary employees and receive the appropriate benefits as per the collective agreement, but will not be subject to or affected by any layoff and recall provisions in the collective agreement. Individuals hired under this agreement shall be considered term employees whose employment is terminated upon completion of the term of employment and they shall not retain seniority.

5. Any dispute in the application of the terms of this Letter of Understanding shall be resolved by the grievance and arbitration procedure of the collective agreement between the two parties.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3
Cooperative Education Student Training Program Placement

The parties recognize the advantages in assisting students in obtaining practical work experience as part of Co-operative Education. In recognition, this agreement will establish the salary rate and working conditions for Co-operative Education students hired to work at the College.

1. This agreement will apply to students registered in a recognized Co-operative Education Program at a participating post-secondary institution.
2. A Co-operative Education Student Training Committee will be struck composed of an appointee from each of the Union and College. This Committee will both review the applications for placing Co-operative Education students, and will monitor the students once placed to ensure that the work being performed does not include the majority of the principal duties covered by an existing job description in the bargaining unit.

The Co-operative Education Students shall be paid according to the following wage/benefits:

(i)

Date	Co-op Students
June 1, 2022	\$16.59
July 1, 2022	\$17.41
July 1, 2023	\$18.95
July 1, 2024	\$19.33*

**The wage increases shall be adjusted pursuant to BCGEU Template Table MOA - Letter of Understanding #3 Re: Cost of Living Adjustment*

(ii) *Health & Welfare*

Co-op Students shall receive compensation in lieu of Health and Welfare Benefits as per Clause 33.7 (Health and Welfare).

(iii) *Vacation* at 4% of regular earnings.

3. The parties agree that Co-operative Education students employed and paid as per this agreement will be considered auxiliary employees and receive the appropriate benefits as per the collective agreement, but will not be subject to or affected by layoff and recall provisions in the collective agreement. Co-operative Education students, as auxiliary employees, shall be considered terminated upon completion of the term of employment and shall not retain seniority.
4. No Co-operative Education student will be hired when regular employees are on layoff and have the necessary qualifications, abilities and experience to perform the work. Auxiliary employees will not be displaced by the College as a result of the employment of Co-operative Education students.
5. The standard hours of work for Co-operative Education students will be seven hours per day and 35 hours per week. These hours may be varied by mutual agreement between the Union and the College provided that the Co-operative Education student does not work more than 10 hours in one day and 70 hours in a biweekly period. Notwithstanding the above, there will be a maximum of five students employed by the College per semester with the maximum duration of any one placement or work experience to not exceed four months.
6. This agreement shall form part of the collective agreement between the B.C. General Employees' Union and Douglas College.
7. Any dispute in the application of the terms of this Letter of Understanding shall be resolved by the grievance and arbitration procedure of the collective agreement between the two parties.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4

Job-Sharing

The following outlines the circumstances under which job-sharing may occur, and the terms and conditions of job-sharing.

Definitions:

Job-Sharing	A voluntary work arrangement in which two employees adjust the number of hours they work by written agreement to share the responsibility for one full-time regular position.
Job-Sharing Proposal	A document initiated by two employees, which outlines their request to become part-time regular employees and recommends how the duties of a position previously performed by one full time regular employee, can be divided to accommodate their request.
Job-Sharing Arrangement	Where two employees perform the duties of a position previously performed by one full-time regular employee, thereby becoming two regular part-time employees.
Job-Sharing Partners	Employees participating in a job-sharing arrangement.
Hours of Work	No more than, nor less than 18 hours per five day period per partner.

Criteria:

Job-sharing proposals may be considered where:

(a) one of the partners proposing the job-sharing arrangement already occupies the regular full-time position under consideration and has completed the trial period. The second partner must have completed a trial period or accumulated 131 days of seniority, and must be qualified to perform the duties of the position without additional training. Both partners must be currently performing at a satisfactory level.

or

(b) two partners with the necessary education, skills, knowledge and experience, apply for one full-time regular posted vacancy, as one application, and both are selected as a single application as the successful candidates for the position. Both partners must have completed a trial period or accumulated 131 days of seniority. Both partners must be currently performing at a satisfactory level. Disputes regarding selection decisions made with respect to applications submitted in accordance with this clause will be referred to the grievance and arbitration procedure of the collective agreement.

Job-Sharing Proposals

Proposals for job-sharing arrangements will be forwarded to the appropriate excluded supervisor with copies to Human Resources, the B.C. General Employees' Union staff representative, and the B.C. General Employees' Union Chairperson. The job-sharing guidelines will be developed at LMRC and mutually agreed to by the parties and will be available in Human Resources.

Approval of Job-Sharing Proposals

Approval of the job-sharing arrangement is at the discretion of the excluded supervisor. Any objections to the supervisor's decision must be referred to the Labour/Management Relations Committee within 15 days for discussion and attempted resolution. The parties agree that the Labour/Management Relations Committee is the final avenue for appeal of a denied job-sharing proposal. Appointments are subject to the applicable collective agreement provisions. The appointment letter shall indicate that the employee's hours may temporarily be increased up to full-time, if required and with as much notice as possible, to cover the other partner's absence of one week or greater.

Terms and Conditions

The total number of job-sharing arrangements shall not exceed five at any one time. Job-sharing arrangements will not result in increased cost to the College beyond that incurred by the overlap in hours of work resulting from the two 18 hour workweeks. The total hours per week to be shared between the partners will be 36. Benefits, wage increments, seniority, vacations and statutory holidays for job-sharing partners will be paid on a pro rata basis, based on an 18 hour per week schedule per job-sharing partner.

Termination of Job-Sharing Arrangements

A job-sharing arrangement may be terminated, upon 30 days' notice, by:

- (a) the College, due to bona fide operational reasons;
- (b) either job-sharing partner;
- (c) notification of the termination will be given to the job-sharing partners or the Excluded Supervisor as appropriate, the Human Resources Department, the B.C. General Employees' Union staff representative, and the B.C. General Employees' Union Chairperson. Subject to satisfactory performance, the most senior employee will be offered the full-time position. The onus will be on the junior employee to find alternate employment. In the event the most senior employee declines the

offer of the full-time position, the onus is on that employee to find alternate employment, and the most junior employee, subject to satisfactory performance, will be offered the full-time position. Should the junior employee decline the offer of the full-time position, the onus is on that employee to seek alternate employment. The position will then revert to full-time regular status and be posted in accordance with Article 28 (Promotions and Staff Changes) of the collective agreement.

(d) In the event that one of the job-sharing partners resigns the other job-sharing partner, subject to satisfactory performance, will be offered the position on a full-time basis. Job-sharing partners must provide the College 30 days' written notice of resignation. If the remaining job-sharing partner declines the full-time position, they will revert to full-time and be provided 60 days to propose and finalize another job-share arrangement. The onus is on the employee to seek alternate employment if they decline the offer of the full-time position or if they are unable to obtain an approved job-sharing arrangement. In that case, the position will revert to full-time status and be posted in accordance with Article 28 of the collective agreement.

(e) The parties agree that decisions to terminate a job-sharing arrangement are not grievable.

The College shall provide \$5,366 per year for this purpose. Funds allocated for the purposes of this article that are unused at the end of any given fiscal year shall be re-allocated to the Education and Training Fund provided for in Article 21.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #5 Contract(s) to Purchase Service

Prior to the effective date of any Contract(s) to Purchase Service, which is being issued to bargaining unit employees, the College agrees to inform the bargaining unit Chairperson of the contract(s). This will not apply to existing Contract(s) to Purchase Service nor will it apply to Contract(s) to Purchase Service of a repeating nature, except upon the first issuance.

This Letter of Understanding will be reviewed upon expiry of this collective agreement and will only be renewed if mutually agreed to by the parties.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6 Human Resources Database

1. The parties agree to provide and support the accumulation and dissemination of available data to the Post-Secondary Employers Association, or some other mutually agreed-upon organization. The parties may undertake joint projects for the comparative analysis of such data.
2. The parties recommend that the Ministry of Advanced Education, provide funding to assist in the gathering, analysis, and maintenance of such data through the agreed-upon organization.
3. The parties believe that their ongoing and collective bargaining relationships are enhanced through useful, timely and accessible data on relevant human resources matters, including those listed below.

4. Relevant Matters Include:

Health and Welfare

- Types of coverage
- Participation rates
- Premiums
- Cost sharing
- Commission costs
- Available studies commissioned by government agencies (e.g. comparative benefit analysis)
- Carrier contracts

Collective Bargaining

- Wage information and any other bargaining unit compensation information requested
- Demographics: age, sex, salary, placement, and status
- Analysis of local collective agreements within the system
- Pension Plan participation rates

Contract Administration

- Arbitration, Labour Relations Board and other decisions and costs thereof for the system
- Local Letters of Understanding

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #7**Exclusions**

The parties agree that this letter of understanding will supplement Clause 3.1 (Bargaining Unit Defined).

The parties agree that in addition to the existing exclusions listed in LOU #1, any new position created by the College in the following position categories are excluded from the bargaining unit and from the process set out in Clause 3.1(a) of the agreement:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Associate Vice President
4. Dean
5. Associate Dean
6. Human Resources Manager
7. Human Resources Advisor
8. Comptroller
9. Executive Director/Directors
11. Human Resources Associate/Assistant
12. Labour Relations Advisor
13. Executive Assistant
14. Senior Manager/Manager
15. Human Resources Specialist
16. Registrar (includes Assistant and Associate)
17. Special Projects Officer

18. College Secretary

The parties understand and agree that the Clause 3.1(a) process will be followed for all other exclusions sought. The College will provide a list of positions that are excluded from the bargaining unit of Local 703, BCGEU, upon request. It is understood that the current list of excluded positions as of date of ratification will continue unchanged.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #8
MSP Funding**

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.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #9
Annual Allowance - Hard to Recruit Support Staff Positions**

It is expected that over the life of the next collective agreement, post-secondary education will continue to face recruitment and retention challenges for positions requiring specialized expertise that is in high demand. The parties to this agreement recognize a fresh approach is needed to recruit and to retain incumbents into hard to recruit positions.

The Service Improvement Allocation presents an opportunity to address these recruitment and retention challenges through the creation of a Hard to Recruit Allowance to address immediate shortages in staffing that negatively impact services to students. The Hard to Recruit Fund shall consist of \$182,000 per year. Effective July 1, 2023, an additional \$45,000 will be added to the fund.

Not all support staff positions are defined as hard to recruit. Hard to recruit positions are those where:

- Services to students are negatively impacted;
- There are demonstrated recruitment or retention issues that can be objectively determined using data such as, but not limited to, time to fill, vacancy rates and turnover;
- The issue is wage-related;
- Other options to mitigate recruitment and retention pressures have been considered; and
- Relevant market data from the appropriate market comparators is available.

Hard to recruit positions will be reviewed annually by the College and the Union; additional positions may be deemed eligible for the allowance, subject to funding.

Incumbents working in full-time assignments receive the full amount. Those in part-time assignments receive a prorated amount, which is based on an FTE ratio. The amount of the allowance is calculated by multiplying the FTE ratio by amount of the allowance.

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