

BETWEEN

LANGARA COLLEGE

AND

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 15**

**VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL, EDUCATION &
COMMUNITY WORKERS**

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The Local Union

The CUPE 15 is the bargaining agent for the support staff at Langara College. In addition, the Union represents employees of **18** other employers in the Lower Mainland.

The members (approximately 6,000) of the CUPE Local15 are represented by an Executive Board which carries on the business of the Union between general meetings.

General Membership Meetings

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6.00 p.m. The purpose of the Local Meeting is to keep Members informed on what is happening in the Union. Policies that affect the Local and you as a member are made at these meetings. Special meetings of your Contract group may be held at your request.

Local 15 By-laws

The Local 15 **By-laws** outline your duty as a Local 15 Member and details the regulations and bylaws that govern Local activities. Any questions on the **By-laws** can be answered by your Shop Steward or an Executive Member.

Union Staff

The Union employs Staff Representatives, clerical support staff, **Job Evaluation Representative** and Building Maintenance Worker. These employees carry out much of the work of the Union at the direction of the membership and Executive Board. The staff are part of an integrated team, attending to problems involving the Union members, providing research information, and assisting in grievances, negotiations and administration of the Collective Agreement.

CUPE

The Canadian Union of Public Employees is Canada's largest union. CUPE represents more than 460,000 workers in a wide range of occupations from coast to coast.

CUPE is a democratic Union in which the members make the decisions and set the policies. At all levels, it is the rank-and-file members who determine by majority vote what the Union does.

The CUPE Constitution accordingly belongs to the members of CUPE. It determines the Union's objectives and how the Union operates. It forms the basis for the functioning of the more than 2,152 CUPE local unions across Canada.

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THIS AGREEMENT, effective the first day of **APRIL, 1997**

BETWEEN:

LANGARA COLLEGE, of the City of Vancouver in the Province of
British Columbia

(hereinafter called "the College")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

CUPE Local 15, VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL, EDUCATION and
COMMUNITY WORKERS of the City of Vancouver, in the
Province of British Columbia

(hereinafter called "the Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the College is an employer within the meaning of the Labour Relations
Code of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Union is the bargaining authority for all employees of the
College covered by the Union's certification;

AND WHEREAS the Union and the College hereto have carried on collective
bargaining under the terms of the said Act and have reached agreement as hereinafter
expressed,

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the Union and the College hereto
agree each with the other as follows:

I. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be for a term of **forty-eight (48) months**
from April 1, 1997 to March 31, 2001, both dates inclusive.

If no agreement is reached at the expiration of this
agreement, this agreement shall remain in force up to the time
a strike or lockout commences, or until a new or renewed
agreement is entered into.

II. SCHEDULES TO GOVERN

Whenever there is conflict between the schedules to this
Agreement and the general terms
of the Agreement, the provisions of the schedule shall govern.

III. DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The following definitions and coverages shall apply in this Agreement:

1. The "College" means the Board of Langara College.
2. "College President" means the President and Chief Executive Officer of Langara College.
3. "Director of Employee and Labour Relations" means the person so employed and designated.
4. "Union" means the CUPE Local 15, Vancouver Municipal, Education and Community Workers (V.M.E.C.W.)
5. Permanent Employee

An employee who has been appointed to permanent staff by the College following six (6) months of satisfactory service with the College. Permanent appointments of less than full-time may be made with the prior approval of the Union. A permanent employee is entitled to all employee benefits provided by the Agreement.

6. Probationary Employee

- a. A new permanent employee shall be considered in a probationary capacity until the satisfactory completion of six (6) months service.
- b. The probationary period shall be for the purpose of determining competence and suitability for permanent employment in that position in which the employee is placed in probationary capacity. The employment of a probationary employee can be terminated at any time during the probationary period without pay in lieu of notice, subject to grievance procedure.

6. Probationary Employee (cont'd)

- c. A probationary employee's competence and suitability for permanent employment will be determined on the basis of factors such as:

III DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

- i) the quality of work;
 - ii) conduct;
 - iii) capacity to work harmoniously with others;
 - iv) ability to meet work performance standards set by the College.
- d. If a probationary employee continues in the same position on a permanent basis, seniority, holiday benefits and other prerequisites referable to length of service shall be based on the original date of employment.
- e. A probationary employee is entitled only to the following employee benefits: annual vacations, general (statutory) holidays and Christmas and New Year's days off, as provided in Articles XIV A, XIV C and XIV D respectively and sick leave (see Article XIV E.1) and jury duty and court appearance leave (see Article XV G), and bereavement leave (see Article XV D).

7. Temporary Employee

- a. A temporary employee is an employee who is appointed:
 - i) as a casual from day-to-day; or
 - ii) from a stipulated date to a stipulated date which may be extended to another stipulated date if necessary.

A temporary appointment is not intended to be ongoing and therefore does not obligate the College to offer, nor the employee to accept, subsequent reappointment, except as otherwise provided. However, this article does not prevent the College from offering or the employee from accepting subsequent reappointment. This provision will not affect the applicable sections of Article XI H (Promotion and Transfer).

- c. A temporary employee, upon appointment, is entitled only to the following employee benefits, as provided for such employee: Annual vacations, general (statutory) holidays and Christmas and New Year's days off as prescribed in Articles XIV A, XIV C and XIV D respectively.

III DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

7. Temporary Employee (cont'd)

A temporary employee is entitled to sick leave benefits as provided in Article XIV E, XV A and XV B, and bereavement leave, as provided in Article XV D.

- d. A temporary employee shall be paid an amount of ten percent (10%) in lieu of the following benefits: sick leave, superannuation, deferred savings, health insurance, group life and voluntary life insurance, short term salary indemnity, long term salary indemnity, gratuity plan, dental plan and paid bereavement leave. Such temporary employee shall, however, be entitled to annual vacation, general holidays and Christmas and New Year's days off in accordance with the respective provisions of this collective agreement.
- e. A temporary employee upon having worked eight hundred and fifty (850) hours may opt in writing to receive benefits specified in c) above and forego the ten percent (10%) payment in lieu. In either event, such employee shall continue to be entitled to annual vacation, general holidays and Christmas and New Year's days off in accordance with the respective provisions of this collective agreement.
- f. Temporary employees engaged on a casual basis from day to day and paid on a timesheet basis shall be entitled to vacations as follows:
 - i) Payment for vacation shall be made each pay day along with regular earnings and other entitlements for that particular pay period.
 - ii) Payment shall be made on the basis of two percent (2%) of basic earnings for each five (5) working day entitlement.
- b. A temporary employee appointed to a posted temporary position of six (6) months or more shall be appraised during the first six (6) months in that position taking into account:
 - i) the quality of work;
 - ii) conduct;
 - iii) capacity to work harmoniously with others;
 - iv) ability to meet work performance standards set by the College.

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7. Temporary Employee (cont'd)

- f. The employment of a temporary employee can be terminated at any time during the appraisal period without pay in lieu of notice, subject to the grievance procedure.
- c. A temporary employee who has accumulated eight hundred fifty (850) hours of length of service will maintain internal status and length of service for posted vacancies which close within five (5) months following the end of their employment. To facilitate application of this provision, temporary employees should indicate their last day worked or if currently employed on their application.

8. Benefits For Less Than Full-time

An employee who has qualified for employee benefits under the provisions of this Collective Agreement shall retain such benefits as long as they are employed on the basis of an average of fourteen (14) hours per week or more. Should such employee subsequently average less than fourteen (14) hours per week they shall receive ten percent (10%) in lieu of specified benefits as per Article III 7 c.

9. Retirement Age

The minimum and maximum retirement age shall be sixty (60) and sixty-five (65) years of age respectively in accordance with the Municipal Superannuation Act.

IV. NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES

- 1. The College agrees that before filling any
 - a. permanent position or
 - g. temporary vacancy covered by this agreement anticipated to exceed three (3) months,notice of such vacancy shall be posted in such conspicuous places as may be designated by the College. A permanent position shall be posted for a minimum of ten (10) working days and a temporary position shall be

III DEFINITIONS AND COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

posted for a minimum of seven (7) working days.

2. Should a temporary position which was not required to be posted in accordance with the foregoing ultimately exceed, or at any time be expected to exceed three (3) months, it shall be posted at that time. While the position is being filled, the employee may remain in this temporary position for a reasonable transitional period.
3. Should a posted temporary vacancy ultimately become permanent, it shall be re-posted at that time.
4. A notice of vacancy shall be compatible with, and essentially represent the current job description of the available position and will include a complete statement of the duties and responsibilities and desirable qualifications for the position along with the classification title, current work location (without prejudice to the right of the College to transfer employees), hours and days of duty, salary range and any particular premiums associated therewith and the competition closing date. Each notice of vacancy shall bear the notation "This position is open to both male and female applicants." Where the available position is "Temporary" the notice shall so specify stating the anticipated duration of employment.
5. Upon the prior written request of the employee, the College is obligated only to mail to a confirmed address notices of posted job vacancies occurring during an authorized leave of absence.
6. The College shall mail to the confirmed addresses of all laid-off permanent employees subject to recall, all notices of vacancies referenced herein.
7. A temporary position equal to or greater than fourteen (14) hours per week which has existed for a continuous twelve (12) months and can reasonably be expected to be ongoing shall be established as a permanent position and shall be posted in accordance with this Article, subject to provisions of Article III 5.
8. The College will wherever reasonable combine part-time, temporary work which is ongoing to create regular positions equal to or greater than fourteen (14) hours per week in accordance with Article IV 7. Said work to be combined will normally be in the same classification or pay rate.

IV NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES (Cont'd)

9. The College will consider the amount of overtime work and excess workload concerns when creating new positions. (Reference Article XI.M)

10. A temporary position which is established as permanent may, in accordance with Appendix III to this agreement, be established on a term basis by mutual agreement between the College and the Union and shall be posted as provided in this Article.

11. Should the College decide to eliminate or delay in filling vacant positions under the scope of this collective agreement, the College shall provide written advice to the Union, with a copy to the designated steward, within four (4) weeks of the position becoming vacant.

12. Once a position has been posted, the College shall not cancel that posting unless it can demonstrate that circumstances arose after the posting occurred which necessitated the cancellation. The College shall notify the Union in writing of such circumstances. If the Union does not agree with the College's decision, it may initiate a grievance commencing at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

V. RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

Any rights of Management which are not specifically mentioned in this Collective Agreement and are not contrary to its intention shall continue in full force and effect for the duration of this Collective Agreement, always provided that such rights shall be exercised in a fair and equitable and non-discriminatory fashion.

The College may dismiss, suspend, or discipline an employee for just and reasonable cause. In the event of an arbitration arising out of such action the burden of proof is on the employer.

VI. UNION SECURITY

A. Membership

Every employee who is now, or hereafter becomes, a member of the Union shall maintain membership in the Union as a

IV NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES (Cont'd)

condition of employment; and every new employee whose employment commences hereafter shall, within thirty (30) days after the commencement of employment, apply for and maintain membership in the Union as a condition of employment, provided that no employee shall be deprived of employment by reason of loss of membership in the Union for reasons other than failure to pay the regular Union dues.

A. Membership (cont'd)

Employees will be entitled to display Union shop cards and insignia of a size to be no larger than 5" x 7" on their person, at their work station, on College bulletin boards and at mutually agreeable locations on College buildings. The College accepts no responsibility for the cost or maintenance of these display materials.

B. Excluded Positions

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 thirty (30) days prior to filling the new position.

C. Meeting Space

CUPE - Local 15, VMECW will be provided with suitable separate office space for its exclusive use, at no cost to the Union.

Upon providing such space the College shall, to the best of its' ability, make available private space to accommodate meetings between a Union representative and individual members in preparation for meetings with Management.

D. Communication Systems

The College will provide the Union with access to the E-mail system. The College will facilitate the priority placement of the Union on the voice mail system once the new building is completed; however, the Union shall not have access to the general broadcast features of the voice mail system.

VII. CHECK-OFF

In accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the *Labour*

VI UNION SECURITY (Cont'd)

Relations Code of British Columbia, the College will deduct from the wages of any employee covered by this Agreement, union dues and assessments levied in accordance with the by-laws of the Union. For new employees, these deductions will commence on their first day of employment.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

A. Job Description

The College shall provide to each employee at the time of hiring, promotion, or upon request, a description of the duties and responsibilities applicable to their position. Copies of the College's current job rating sheets will be placed in the College library to be available to employees.

B. Personal Duties

Employees will not be required to perform personal duties for supervisory personnel.

C. Picket Lines

Employees shall not be disciplined by the College for refusing to cross a legal picket line. Where employees refuse to cross a legal picket line at their normal place of duty, they shall be considered absent without pay.

D. Human Rights

The College shall not refuse to employ, or to continue to employ, or to advance or promote a person, or discriminate against a person in respect of employment or condition of employment unless reasonable cause exists for such refusal or discrimination.

For the purposes of the foregoing, the race, creed, religion, colour, age, marital or parental status, ancestry, place of origin, disability, political belief or union membership or activity, or sexual orientation of any person or class of persons shall not constitute reasonable cause; the sex of any person shall not constitute reasonable cause unless it relates to the maintenance of public decency; a conviction of a criminal or summary conviction charge shall not constitute reasonable cause unless such charge relates to the occupation, or employment or to the intended occupation or employment, advancement or promotion of a person. Any allegation of discrimination shall be dealt with through the Grievance Procedure, with the burden of proof being on the Union.

E. Sexual and Personal Harassment

1. The College is committed to providing all employees with a work environment free from sexual and personal harassment.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS (Cont'd)

E. Sexual and Personal Harassment (cont'd)

2. For the purposes of this Article, sexual harassment is defined as follows:
 - a. Unwanted sexual attention made by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know that such attention is unwanted; or
 - b. Unwanted physical contact such as touching, patting, pinching, or punching; or
 - c. Implied or expressed promise of reward for complying with a sexually oriented request; or
 - d. Implied or expressed threat of reprisal, in the form either of actual reprisal or the denial of opportunity, for refusal to comply with a sexually

oriented request; or

- e. The inappropriate display of sexually oriented literature, or pornographic material.
3. For the purposes of this Article, personal harassment is defined as follows:
- a. Physical threat, intimidation, or assault, or unwelcome physical contact such as touching, patting, pinching and punching; or
 - b. Unwelcome behaviour or comment that is directed at, or offensive to any employee that demeans, belittles, causes personal humiliation or embarrassment to that employee or any other employees; or
 - c. Implied or expressed promise of reward or threat of reprisal, or the denial of opportunity for refusal to comply with a request which is unrelated to any employee's assigned duties.
 - d. The improper use of power and authority inherent in the position held, to endanger an employee's job, threaten the economic livelihood of an employee, or in any way interfere with or influence the career of such an employee.
 - e. Remarks or behaviour which may reasonably be perceived to create a negative psychological and emotional environment for work and study.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS (Cont'd)

E. Sexual and Personal Harassment (cont'd)

4. Any allegation of sexual or personal harassment shall be dealt with through the grievance procedure subject to the following:
- a. Where a person who is the subject of the complaint is the College representative at any step of the grievance procedure, the Union may bypass that step of the procedure or present the grievance to another appropriate College representative.
 - b. College or Union representatives, in the course of investigation of a complaint of harassment, shall have regard for the privacy and confidentiality of the grievor and all employees involved in the

complaint.

- c. An arbitrator, in the determination of a complaint of harassment, may take reasonable steps to protect the interest of all parties in privacy and confidentiality in the determination of procedural and evidentiary matters, subject to the requirement of fairness to all parties.
5.
 - a. Employees against whom a grievance of complaint has been filed shall have the right to know what allegations have been made against them, and shall have the right to request Union representation at all meetings, interviews and hearings where the employee's presence is requested.
 - b. The Union has the right to represent an employee at all meetings, interviews and hearings where the complainant's presence is requested.
6. An employee who chooses to file a complaint in accordance with the College's Harassment Policy, and does not achieve a satisfactory resolution, may file a grievance at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.
7. Employees shall be able to deal with matters related to harassment on a confidential basis with the Human Rights Co-ordinator.

Therefore the College Human Rights Co-ordinator shall not be called to be a witness at an arbitration hearing in any dispute relating to harassment in which he/she has been involved as the College Human Rights Co-ordinator.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS (Cont'd)

E. Sexual and Personal Harassment (cont'd)

In addition, confidential or personal documents provided to the College Human Rights Co-ordinator by the employee shall not be used in any grievance/arbitration without the employee's current consent unless said documents are available to the College independent of the College Human Rights Co-ordinator.

8. Time limits shall be waived for grievances filed under Article VIII E.6 above.

F. Transfer Within CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

CUPE Local 15 members, hired directly from other employers, will be credited with their accumulated length of service for vacation, increment and benefit entitlement purposes. Seniority will not be transferred.

G. Disciplinary Meetings

Whenever a Langara College supervisor meets with an employee who is a member of this CUPE Local 15 bargaining unit for the purpose of reprimanding or disciplining the employee, the employee has the right to have a witness or a Shop Steward of the Union present. Where a meeting, without notice, becomes a disciplinary meeting, the employee will have the right to temporarily adjourn the meeting and to arrange for a witness or a Shop Steward of the Union to be present.

The College will advise the employee in advance that a meeting is intended to be disciplinary, and will advise the employee of their right to have a witness or a Shop Steward present.

H. V.D.T. Operators' Protection

In keeping with the College's commitment to the occupational health of its employees engaged in the operation of equipment with video display terminals, (V.D.T. Operators), the following apply specifically to such employees:

1. All installations shall meet with the approval of either Workers Compensation Act, the Workplace Act or any other statute of the Province of British Columbia or the Government of Canada.
2. Pregnant employees shall be entitled, upon request, to be transferred to other work, away from the V.D.T., without loss of pay.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS (Cont'd)

H. V.D.T. Operators' Protection (cont'd)

3. Employees shall not be compelled to work longer than two consecutive hours at a V.D.T., before receiving either a rest or meal break or assignment to other duties, for a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes.

I. Written Response

Employees are entitled to receive from the College a written response to a written request made.

J. Personnel File

An employee shall be provided at the time of filing with a copy of evaluation performance statements, letters of commendation and reprimand, and any other documents which may be the basis of disciplinary action. It shall be clearly indicated to the employee at the time of filing that such material is to be placed in their personnel file.

An employee or their designate shall have access to all material in their official personnel file at a time or at times mutually convenient to the employee and to the College. Examination of the contents of the official personnel file shall be in the presence of a person authorized by the College.

When within eighteen (18) months there have been no related incidents or recurring pattern of behaviour which resulted in a reprimand or disciplinary action, the Director of Employee and Labour Relations, upon written request of the employee, shall remove the adverse material from their personnel file. Should an employee fail to request removal of the adverse material, it will be deemed to have been removed.

When an employee leaves the service of the College, it shall be the policy of the College not to divulge to prospective employers any adverse reports or letters of reprimand issued up to six months prior to the date of termination.

The College shall not introduce at disciplinary proceedings any document, etc. from an employee's personnel file which was not given to the employee at the time it was placed in the file.

All grievance correspondence will be held in a file separate from the employee's personnel file.

VIII EMPLOYEE RIGHTS (Cont'd)

K. Trade Union Activity

There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of membership or activity in the Union or for the exercise of rights, privileges and benefits provided by this Agreement.

L. Ethics/College Policy

Where an employee feels that they are being asked to do something unethical, or in violation of College policy, they

may pursue the matter through the grievance procedure, commencing at Step 1 or 2, at the employee's option, but this will not be arbitrable.

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Any differences concerning the dismissal, discipline, or suspension of an employee or the interpretation, application, or operation of this Agreement, or any alleged violation of this Agreement, and any question as to whether any matter is arbitrable, shall be dealt with without undue delay, or stoppage of work.

A. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

All grievances shall be dealt with in the following manner:

Step 1 (Optional)

An employee, and at their option, a Shop Steward, may discuss the complaint with their immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) working days from the date they became aware of the event leading to the complaint. A written response will be provided to the employee and/or Shop Steward within five (5) working days of the meeting. Failing a satisfactory resolution, the grievance may be advanced as follows:

Step 2

The grievance will be advanced in writing, indicating the general nature of the grievance, to the immediate Supervisor and appropriate Administrator or delegate with a copy to the Union office. This will be done within the later of:

- seven (7) working days of the Step 1 response; or
- fifteen (15) working days of the date on which the grievor became aware of the incident giving rise to the grievance.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

STEP	METHOD TO INITIATE	WHO'S INVOLVED	TIME LIMIT IN WORKING DAYS			COMMENTS
			INITIATE	MEETING TO HAPPEN	RESPONSE TO MEETING	
* 1	Verbal to immed. Supervisor	- Grievor - Steward (optional) - Immed. Supervisor	Within 15 days of becoming aware of problem	Within 15 days of becoming aware of problem	Within 5 days to employee and/or Steward	Grievor, Steward provided preparation and meeting time at all stages
2	Written notice to immed. Supervisor, copy to Administrator and Union Office	- Grievor - Steward - Immed. Supervisor - Administrator (or delegate)	Within 7 days of Step 1 response or 15 days if Step 1 bypassed	Within 5 days of receiving grievance	Written to Steward with copy to Union within 10 days of meeting	
3	Written to Director of Employee and Labour Relations	- Grievor - Steward - Union Business Manager (or delegate) - Director of Employee and Labour Relations (or delegate)	Within 7 days of Step 2 response	Within 5 days of receipt of referral	Written to Business Manager (or delegate) within 10 days of the meeting	Option to start grievances re: dismissal, lengthy suspension, benefits, job selection or payroll at Step 3
** 4	Written to Director of Employee and Labour Relations	- As above plus Investigator	Within 7 days of Step 3 written response	Within 5 days of receipt of the request	Written to Union and Employee and Labour Relations no time limit	Non-binding costs shared equally. No lawyers
5	Written to Director of Employee and Labour Relations	- As above plus 1 Arbitrator or 3 person Arbitration Board	Within 25 days of expiration of previous Step 3 or 4	When able to schedule	Written to Union and Employee and Labour Relations within 15 days of Hearing	Final and binding costs shared equally. Option to use lawyers

- * OPTIONAL CAN GO DIRECT TO STEP 2
- ** OPTIONAL CAN GO DIRECT TO STEP 5

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Cont'd)

A. Step 2 (cont'd)

The grievor(s) with the Shop Steward shall meet with the immediate supervisor and appropriate Administrator or delegate to discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance within five (5) working days of the receipt of the grievance. A written response will be provided to the Shop Steward with a copy to the Union Office within ten (10) working days of the meeting.

Step 3 Grievance

Should no settlement have occurred, the difference may be referred by the Grieving party within seven (7) working days of the Step 2 response to the Business Manager of the Union and to the Director of Employee and Labour Relations of the College or their respective delegates who shall endeavour to settle it.

The parties shall meet to investigate and attempt to resolve the grievance within five (5) working days of receipt of the referral to Step 3. A written response will be provided to the Business Manager or delegate within ten (10) working days of the meeting.

Step 4 Non-Binding Investigation

Should no settlement have occurred, the difference may be referred to David McPhillips or a substitute agreed to by the parties who shall:

- i) investigate the difference;
- ii) define the issue in the difference; and
- iii) make written recommendations to resolve the difference

within five (5) days of the receipt of the request; and, for those five (5) days from that date, time does not run in respect of the grievance procedure.

As provided for in Section 103 of the Labour Relations Code the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations will subsidize the cost of the investigation by paying one-third (1/3) of the investigator's "reasonable remuneration, travelling and out-of-pocket expenses." The balance of the investigator's remuneration and expenses shall be borne equally by the College and the Union.

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Cont'd)

A. Step 4 Non-Binding Investigation (cont'd)

The following terms of reference apply:

1. The parties will advise the investigator concerning the nature of the issue (as agreed by the parties) prior to hearing.
2. The investigator shall follow any practice or procedure agreed upon by the College and the Union, but otherwise shall determine his/her own practice and procedure, but shall give full opportunity to the parties to present evidence and make submissions.
3. The investigator may, at the request of a party to the dispute, or, of his/her own volitions, summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel them to give evidence on oath and to produce the documents and things considered requisite to a full consideration of matters before the investigator.
4. While the investigator shall make every effort to expedite investigation of the difference, the time limits prescribed in Step 4 of the grievance procedure may be waived by agreement of the parties or by the investigator on his/her own authority.
5. Once the Step 4 process has commenced, it will be completed unless both parties agree otherwise.
6. The parties will not be represented by legal counsel in these proceedings.
7. The parties agree that the recommendation of the investigator will not be admissible at arbitration.
8. Any written recommendations of the investigator must be in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement.
9. The Union and the College may agree at any time that the investigator's recommendations will be binding.

The parties further agree the above terms of reference may be amended by mutual agreement.

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Cont'd)

A. Step 5 Binding Arbitration

Single Arbitrator

Should either party decline to accept the referral to, or recommendations of, the investigator then the matter may be referred to a single arbitrator for final and conclusive determination.

The single arbitrator shall be chosen from the following list of arbitrators:

Tony Hickling	Stephen Kelleher	Catherine Bruce	David
		McPhillips	
Don Munroe	Vince Ready	Bob Diebolt	
		Judi Korbin	

Additional names may be added by mutual agreement.

The selection of the single arbitrator must be agreed to within seven (7) working days or either party may apply to the Chair of the Labour Relations Board to make such appointment from the preceding list.

The decision of the single arbitrator shall be final and binding and enforceable on all parties. This decision shall be made and transmitted to both parties within twenty-one (21) days from the conclusion of the arbitration hearing.

All costs and expenses incurred by the arbitrator shall be shared on an equal basis.

Arbitration Board

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may require that a dispute be heard by a three person arbitration board.

Such option must be communicated to the other party within seven (7) working days of advancement to arbitration.

One member is to be appointed by each of the parties and the appointees shall then choose the chairperson from the preceding list. Failing agreement within seven (7) working days, either party may apply to the Chair of the Labour Relations Board to make the appointment from the list.

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Cont'd)

A. Arbitration Board (cont'd)

The decision of the arbitration board shall be final and binding upon both parties and will be transmitted to both parties within twenty-one (21) working days after the conclusion of the arbitration hearings. Each party shall pay its own expenses and the remuneration and disbursements of its appointee to the board. The parties will share equally the costs of the chair, including expenses.

- B. The grievor(s) or the Union shall be responsible for advancing the grievance to each succeeding Step and shall do so by notifying the College in writing, not later than seven (7) working days from receipt of the written response. Only the Union may advance Union or employee grievances to Step 4 or 5.

The succeeding stage shall commence the day following receipt of such notice. Where notification is to proceed to the arbitration stage, Step 5, the time limit shall be twenty-five (25) working days from the expiration of the previous stage. If such notice is not given, the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned and all recourse to the grievance procedure shall be at the end. Time limits are intended to result in the prompt resolution of grievances.

- C. In the event that the appropriate college representative is unavailable to meet within the time limits prescribed in this Article, the time limits may be extended or the grievance may be elevated to the next step in the procedure.

Extensions to the time periods in the procedure shall be made only by agreement of the Union and the College.

- D. An employee who is reinstated by an Arbitration Board or a single Arbitrator shall be entitled to reinstatement without loss of seniority.

- E. Where either the Union or the College disputes the general application, interpretation or alleged violation of an Article of this Agreement, the dispute shall be discussed initially with the Director of Employee and Labour Relations or the Union Business Manager as the case may be. Where no satisfactory agreement is reached, either party may refer the dispute to the grievance procedure commencing at Step 4.

- F. The grievor(s) and the Shop Steward and Union Representative

(when involved) shall be entitled to a reasonable period of time in order to prepare for and attend meetings at any step of the grievance procedure and shall not suffer loss of pay by virtue of such attendance, provided that they are in receipt of pay at the time. Scheduling of such time will be arranged with appropriate supervisor(s), who will take into consideration the needs of the department.

IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Cont'd)

F. The grievor and Shop Steward will normally advise their immediate supervisor prior to leaving their workstation to prepare for and attend grievance meetings.

G. Where an employee grieves failure to be appointed to a posted vacancy, the written reasons for the non-promotion will be provided by the College at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

Job selection grievances will be submitted to, and discussed with, the Administrator or delegate responsible for filling the vacancies.

H. Grievances involving dismissal, lengthy suspension, job selection, benefits or payroll related matters may be referred directly to Step 3 of the grievance procedure, within the time limits prescribed in Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

I. In order to facilitate operation of this Article the Union will provide the College with a list of current Shop Stewards.

X. POSITION EVALUATION

A. The Position Evaluation System

Position evaluation shall be governed by the procedures and definitions set out in the Langara College/CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W., Gender Neutral Position Evaluation Plan ("The Plan").

B. Position Evaluation Requests

1. A request for position evaluation may originate with the employee, the Union, or the employer. Such requests, detailing the reasons why a change is deemed to be necessary, must be made in writing to the Director of Employee and Labour Relations on a position description questionnaire provided for the purpose. Copies of all requests for position review submitted by the employee shall be provided to the Union.

X. POSITION EVALUATION (Cont'd)

B. Position Evaluation Requests

2. Except (1) by mutual agreement of the Union and the College, or (2) where a significant change in the position can be demonstrated, a request for position evaluation from any source may be rejected by either the Union or the College if the position has been reviewed and dealt with during the past two (2) year period immediately prior to the date of the request. Should the parties fail to agree on the status of any such request, the matter may be referred for a decision to the arbitrator as provided in point D.3. hereunder.
3. All requests for a position evaluation shall be dealt with and the employee and the Union shall be provided with the review results in writing within two (2) months from the date of application. The notification shall contain all applicable data used in applying the Plan.

C. Position Evaluation Terms of Reference

1. Position evaluations will be carried out within the following terms of reference:
 - a. In evaluating a position, comparison is limited to the factors, degrees and definitions contained within the Plan.
 - b. Whether or not the various factors of the position and its accrued points fall substantially within the Category in which it is located.
 - c. Whether or not the duties, responsibilities or other aspects of the position have changed sufficiently to warrant a new or revised Category.
 - d. Whether or not the rate of pay recommended for a new or revised Category is proper and bears a realistic and acceptable relationship when compared to other positions of equal value within Langara College.

- e. i) For those positions for which the College and/or the Union find that the factors or factor degrees of the Plan do not recognize or acknowledge the unique characteristics or circumstances of a new position or a significantly changed position having unique characteristics or circumstances, the parties will meet to discuss the creation of an anomaly.

X. POSITION EVALUATION (Cont'd)

C. Position Evaluation Terms of Reference (cont'd)

- 1. e. ii) In such circumstances an external salary review will be conducted. This extraordinary salary review will be limited to rates of pay currently valid within colleges and institutes in the lower mainland, or where no valid comparisons exist, with rates of pay currently valid within the public sector of British Columbia.
- iii) Requests for the creation of anomalies and the related external salary review may be initiated by the Union or College and are limited to no more than two percent (2%) of employees or individual positions within the bargaining unit in any calendar year.
- iv) Should the parties fail to agree on a rate of pay for the anomalous position, the matter shall, within fifteen (15) working days, be discussed informally between the Director of Employee and Labour Relations and the Union Business Manager, or their respective delegates, and an effort made to resolve the matter. This step shall not exceed fifteen (15) working days.
- v) If agreement is not achieved, the matter of rates may be referred, within thirty (30) working days to Dalton Larson or a substitute agreed by the parties, for final and binding determination.
- vi) Such adjustments shall be recognized as special anomalies and would not allow for/become grounds for appeal by either party for other positions or position categories.

- f. If as a result of a position review, any change is to be made, such change shall be effective the first day of the bi-weekly pay period closest to the date of receipt of the request by the Director of Employee and Labour Relations.
- g. Upon such a change to a higher Category, the salary of the employee shall be in the same relative position on the new scale as it was on the old one, without change of increment date.
- h. **An employee in a position which is downgraded as a result of a position review, shall have their salary protected at the original pay grade and will continue to receive annual increments (as applicable) and any general wage increase. Anyone subsequently hired into the position will be hired at the new applicable pay grade.**

X. POSITION EVALUATION (Cont'd)

D. Re-examination Process

1. Within sixty (60) calendar days of receiving the results of the position review, the Union may request a re-examination of the review by designated Employee Representative(s) with the party who has evaluated the position. Following the re-examination, the College Representative will make recommendation to the Director of Employee and Labour Relations who will then convey a written decision in the matter to the Union. Such reconsideration, recommendation and decision process shall be completed within fifteen (15) working days.

Normally at least three (3) days prior to the re-examination meeting, the Union will indicate in writing the nature of its disagreement, including rating factors apparently in dispute. This will not limit issues that the Union may subsequently raise.

2. In the event the Union is dissatisfied with the decision rendered in D.1. above, the matter may be referred, within fifteen (15) working days of the receipt of said decision, to the Director of Employee and Labour Relations and the Business Manager of the Union, or their delegates, who shall endeavour to settle it. This step will not exceed fifteen (15) working days.
3. If agreement is not achieved, the matter may be referred, within thirty (30) working days of the expiration of D.2. above, to Dalton Larson or a substitute agreed by the parties for final and binding determination.

4. The Union shall be responsible for advancing the matter to each succeeding step of the procedure and shall do so by notifying the College in writing within the time limits prescribed. If such notice is not given, the matter shall be deemed to be abandoned and all future recourse under this collective agreement shall be at an end.

The time constraints in this Article may be extended by mutual agreement. Such extensions, however, must be supported by serious argument and either party has the right to refuse an extension of time.

E. Joint Job Evaluation Committee

A committee of Union and College representatives will oversee the Position Evaluation System. The committee may recommend changes in procedures or terms of reference and, once ratified by both the College and the Union, such changes will form part of the Collective Agreement.

The committee will establish its own procedures and will be comprised of not more than three Union representatives and three College representatives. At the initiative of either party, others, with expertise or experience in this area, may attend committee meetings as a resource.

X POSITION EVALUATION (Cont'd)

E. Joint Job Evaluation Committee (cont'd)

The committee may depart from the terms of the Letter of Understanding on Gender Neutral Position Evaluation System by mutual agreement.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS

A. Experimental Work Schedules

Terms and conditions of this agreement may be varied by mutual agreement between the College and the Union in order to implement work schedules which are modifications of the work schedules set forth in this Agreement. (Appendix I, II, III and IV.)

B. Days of Work

Employees shall work a five-day week, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

If employees can demonstrate hardship due to long term changes to current days of work, the parties will meet to discuss

other options. If all other options are unworkable, the College will attempt to accommodate employees' needs through transfer or other mutually agreeable means which may include layoff.

C. Hours of Work

1. The normal hours of work for employees covered by this Agreement shall be seven (7) hours per day. Each employee shall be entitled to a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes and not more than one (1) hour; such meal period shall not be included as part of the hours worked. In addition each employee shall be entitled to two fifteen (15) minute rest periods, one during the work period prior to the meal break and one during the work period after the meal break which shall be included as part of the hours worked.

The time when the meal period and rest period are taken shall be approved by the supervisor. The length of time between the starting and quitting times in a normal working day shall not exceed eight (8) hours. Except for an emergency, an employee shall have at least ten (10) clear hours free from work, exclusive of overtime hours, between the end of one shift and the commencement of the next shift. Overtime will apply to any hours worked during the above ten-hour period.

2. Approval of the parties is required for any work week in excess of thirty-five (35) hours per week with the exception of those referenced in Schedule A (Pay Grade). Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event that agreement to increase the normal work week cannot be reached, the matter may be referred to the Grievance Procedure commencing at Step 3.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

C. Hours of Work (cont'd)

3. If employees can demonstrate hardship due to long term changes to current hours of work and shifts, the parties will meet to discuss other options. If all other options are unworkable, the College will attempt to accommodate employees' needs through transfer or other mutually agreeable means which may include layoff.

D. Shift Work

1. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the College shall give a minimum of ten (10) working days' notice of a change in shift, unless the change results in the employee working hours that entitle the employee to an overtime wage. All changes of shift shall be discussed with the employee prior to the giving of notice. If the

proposed shift change would result in hardship for the employee concerned, the College will endeavour to accommodate the employee's needs through transfer or other mutually agreeable means.

2. Any employee covered by this Agreement who is required to work a shift with a portion of the regular hours outside the normal span shall be paid a pay differential for the total regular hours on such days as follows:
 - a. if the shift commences at 6:00 a.m. or earlier or ends at 7:00 p.m. or later - five percent (5%); or
 - f. if the shift commences at 4:30 a.m. or earlier or ends at 8:30 p.m. or later - six and three-quarter percent (6 3/4%); or
 - g. if the shift commences at 3:00 a.m. or earlier or ends at 10:00 p.m. or later - nine percent (9%).

Shift differentials are not paid for overtime hours.

3. An employee covered by this Agreement who is required to work, as part of regular hours, days other than Monday to Friday, shall be paid nine percent (9%) above scheduled salary as specified in Schedule "B" hereto for such days. This differential is not applicable to overtime hours.
4. Regarding access to preferred shifts, See Article XVIII A 5 (Seniority).

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

E. Overtime

Subject to clauses 3 and 4, every employee who is authorized to work overtime shall, at the time of working such overtime, elect whether to be paid for it or receive compensating time off in lieu thereof.

1. An employee who elects to be paid for overtime shall be paid for such overtime in the following manner:

- a. An employee shall be paid at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay for the first four (4) hours worked in excess of their normal hours of work in any normal work week. All overtime worked by an employee in excess of four (4) hours in any normal work week shall be paid at double the employee's regular rate of pay; except that:
 - b. An employee shall be paid double their regular rate of pay for all time worked on scheduled rest days.
 - b. An employee authorized to work on a general holiday shall be paid at double time in addition to regular pay.
 - c. Regardless of the normal hours of work of an employee, the foregoing overtime provisions shall only be applicable to hours in excess of the full-time equivalent daily and weekly hours of each classification.
2. A temporary employee is entitled to the foregoing overtime benefits on the same basis as a full-time permanent employee in the same classification.
3. An employee who elects to receive compensating time off in lieu of being paid for overtime shall be given compensating time off equivalent to the number of hours for which payment would have been made for the overtime so worked as provided in clause 1. Such time off shall be taken at a time mutually agreed upon between the employee and their department head. If an employee does not receive all compensating time off by August 31 of the year next following the year in which they worked the overtime entitling such compensating time off, or prior to leaving the service of the College for any reason (whichever event occurs first), the employee shall be paid in cash for the overtime for which no compensation was received.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

E. Overtime (cont'd)

4. All overtime worked must be authorized by the President of the College or delegate.
5. Notwithstanding clause 2 above, a temporary employee

filling a position normally occupied by a permanent part-time employee shall be entitled to overtime based on the normal hours of work of the employee who regularly occupies the position.

F. Overtime - Meal Periods and Allowances

1. Where employees work overtime of less than two (2) hours beyond their regular full-time shift, an unpaid meal period of up to one-half (1/2) hour may be taken, at the employee's option.
2. An employee will be paid for a one-half (1/2) hour meal period at the prevailing overtime rates, and the College will provide a meal or reimburse the employee for reasonable meal expenses incurred up to a maximum of \$8.00 in the following circumstances:
 - a. when the overtime is worked immediately before or immediately following the employee's shift on a regular day of work and is two hours or longer, exclusive of any meal period;
 - b. where an employee works four (4) hours overtime at any other time, unless the employee has been notified on the previous working day of the need to work overtime.
3. Where an employee misses a paid meal period to which the employee is entitled, the employee shall nevertheless be paid at the prevailing rate for such missed meal period in addition to all time worked and shall be entitled to reimbursement for meal expenses in accordance with 2. above.

G. Minimum Daily Pay

An employee, reporting for work at the call of the College, shall be entitled to their regular wage for the entire period spent at the place of work, with a minimum of four (4) hours' pay, for each call-out, unless the employee is unfit to perform their duties or has failed to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations of the Workers' Compensation Board.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

G. Minimum Daily Pay

In the event work is suspended because of inclement weather or other reason completely beyond the control of the College, the employee shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours' pay at their regular wage. Where the employee is a Student Aide reporting for work at the call of the College on a day when the student has scheduled instructional activity, the minimum pay for each call out shall be two (2) hours' pay.

H. Promotion or Transfer

1. On promotion or transfer to another position, a permanent employee shall serve a three (3) month trial period in the new position before the appointment is confirmed. If the appointment is not confirmed the employee, without loss of seniority, shall revert to their former position or in the event such former position no longer exists, may be assigned to a position of equal value for which they are qualified. Employees may opt to go back to their previous position, during the trial period as long as the previous position has not been filled. (see Appendix XV)
2. In filling job vacancies pursuant to Article IV of this agreement, first consideration shall be given to qualified internal applicants. If no qualified internal candidates apply, the College shall then consider qualified outside applicants. (For former temporary employees see Article III 7 g.)
3. An internal applicant who was not deemed qualified has recourse to the grievance procedure and the "onus at arbitration" is on the Union to show that the internal applicant is qualified to perform the job.
4. Unless the ability to perform the job by an employee with less seniority is superior, seniority shall be the determining factor. For the purpose of filling vacancies, length of service for temporary employees will be considered as equivalent to seniority for permanent employees.
5. The "onus at arbitration" is on the College to establish the superiority of a less senior applicant selected.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

H. Promotion or Transfer (cont'd)

6. No grievance will be pursued or allowed on behalf of an employee junior to the one appointed to a vacancy.
7. Student Aides are not considered to have internal status for the purposes of this Article.
8. An employee who has not been appointed to a posted vacancy, may informally discuss the reason(s) for the non-selection with the Administrator or delegate responsible for filling the vacancy.

Should a grievance be filed, it will commence at Step 2 or 3. (See Articles IX A. and G.)

9. The College will notify, in writing, each internal applicant of the status of their application for transfer or promotion.
10. When an employee who has received layoff notice applies on a posting for a position which they would be entitled to bump into, they may exercise such rights for the vacancy provided they possess the ability to perform the work currently required of the position.
11. When a position requires an employee to have certification in First Aid, Fire Abatement, WHMIS or CPR, the employee will be given ninety (90) days to acquire the certification. This provision will not apply when the College is legally required to comply continuously with a legal requirement.
12. The College is committed to career development of its' employees. In this spirit, the College will provide reasonable training and upgrading to deal with specific technology for College positions.

NOTE: For Acting in Senior Capacity, see Article XIII

D.3

I. Temporary Positions

1. Where a temporary position becomes permanent and the incumbent is selected for continued appointment thereto, the first three (3) or six (6) months' (as applicable) service in said position shall be considered as the trial or probationary period.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

I. Temporary Positions (cont'd)

2. Should a permanent employee be appointed to fill a temporary position, they shall, when such temporary work is completed, return to their former position without loss of seniority in such position, and any other employee who may have received promotion as a result of the temporary arrangement of positions in the department shall automatically revert to their former position.
3. Any person appointed to fill a posted temporary vacancy, and who is eligible for permanent appointment, shall be considered in a temporary capacity until the completion of six (6) months' service after which period, if such person continues in the same position on a permanent basis, seniority, holiday benefits, and any other benefits referable to length of service and to that particular employee shall be based upon the original date of employment.

J. Temporary Re-Appointment Rights

Temporary employees who have been appointed in accordance with Article XI H will have the right of first refusal to all extensions and subsequent temporary vacancies in the posted position, providing their performance has been satisfactory. Re-appointment will also apply to any temporary work which may occur on a day-to-day basis.

The right of first refusal will be in effect for a period of three months from the expiry of their last appointment in the position.

The employee will keep the Employee & Labour Relations Department advised of their availability on a bi-weekly basis.

Refusal of a re-appointment offer, without reasonable grounds, will result in the loss of this benefit for the position offered.

K. Uniforms, Gloves, Aprons and Boots

Uniforms, gloves, aprons and boots shall be provided by the College for all employees authorized by the College to wear such. The College shall supply, launder and repair such items without added cost to the employee. Such items shall be the property of the College and on terminating their services with the College, employees shall return them. If they are not returned by the date of termination of employment, the value of such items shall be deducted from the employee's terminal pay.

XI WORKING CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

L. Workload

The employer agrees that except in extraordinary circumstances, an employee's normal work load will not be increased as a result of another position being temporarily vacant due to illness, vacation or leaves of absence.

When an employee is absent from work, another employee may be required to carry out some of the duties of the absent employee. In this event, priorities shall be established to accommodate the work to be performed.

This clause is not intended to supersede Article XIII D. Acting in Senior Capacity.

M. Excessive Workload (Reference Article IV.9.)

The College is committed to providing employees with a humane and supportive workplace. Issues surrounding workloads will be dealt with by the College in that spirit.

For the purpose of preparing for and attending meetings, and involvement of shop steward(s), the provisions of Article IX E. shall apply.

Any employee or group of employees who have a concern about their workload may consult with their immediate supervisor or Administrator to review priorities and explore other strategies to resolve the workload problem.

If the concern is not resolved, the employee(s) may refer the issue to the Director, Employee & Labour Relations or delegate who will investigate the matter and recommend solutions.

XII SCHEDULE OF WAGE RATES

See Appendix - Schedule "B".

XIII APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE

A. Salary Schedule

1. The scale of remuneration referred to in Article XII shall apply during the term of this Agreement.
2. Any increases to rates in Schedule "B" which occur due to the Position Evaluation process in Article X, will become effective immediately, without prejudice to the Union's right to appeal the rates.

A. Salary Schedule (cont'd)

3. Any changes to a rate in the schedule applicable to a classification in which the specifications have been altered shall not be put into effect until both the Union and the College have approved the rate. In the event agreement cannot be reached, the matter of the rate shall be referred to a single arbitrator as provided in the procedures regarding Position Evaluation, Article X D. 3.
4. Any changes to a rate in the Schedule applicable to a new classification shall not be put into effect until both the College and the Union have approved the rate. In the event agreement cannot be reached, the matter of the rate shall be referred to a single arbitrator as provided in the procedures regarding Position Evaluation, Article XD.3. Pending resolution, the Director of Employee & Labour Relations shall establish a rate of pay. In such instances, the Notice of Vacancy shall contain the notation "Salary Under Review" and any salary adjustment forthcoming shall be effective the date of appointment.
5. The salary schedule is based on hours of work conducted between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.
6. The salary schedule is based on a thirty-five (35) hour week. Employees who usually work thirty-seven (37) hours and thirty (30) minutes shall be paid two (2) paygrades above the scheduled salary as shown. Employees who regularly work forty (40) hours shall be paid four (4) paygrades above the scheduled salary as shown. **(See Appendix XX - Forty (40) Hour Work Week)**

B. In-Hiring Rates of Pay

1. The in-hiring rates of pay upon original employment may, at the sole discretion of the College, be any of the

XIII APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

rates prescribed for each classification up to and including Step 3.

2. This clause does not apply to former employees of the College who are rehired within fifteen (15) months of termination of service.

C. Increments

1. Increments shall be granted on an annual basis to maximum.

C. Increments (cont'd)

2. On promotion, the salary of an employee is increased by two (2) pay steps or to the minimum of the new scale, whichever is greater, provided however, that under no circumstances shall such employee receive a rate of pay beyond the maximum of the new scale. Upon such promotion there shall be no change in the employee's increment date.
3. **For increment purposes, the anniversary date of an employee shall be the date of appointment of an employee on probation. Subsequent incremental entitlements shall be on said date, except as affected by "5" hereof.**
4. **A temporary employee shall receive salary increments effective on the date which the employee completes each year of service or 1700 hours, whichever is longer.**
5. Increments shall be unaffected where an absence without pay is one month or less. Where an absence without pay exceeds one month, the incremental anniversary date shall be delayed by two (2) weeks for every two-week period of absence exceeding one (1) month.

D. Acting in Senior Capacity

1. When an employee covered by this Agreement is authorized in writing by his/her department head or the President to replace another employee temporarily in any one superior position for any period of seven hours or more, the salary of the employee is increased by two (2) pay steps or to the minimum of the new scale, whichever is greater, provided however, that under no circumstances shall such employee receive a rate of pay beyond the maximum of the new scale. The seven hours, or more, may be accumulated

XIII APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

in one continuous block or may be accumulated over five consecutive working days.

2. When an employee is required to replace the incumbent of any one superior position beyond the scope of the bargaining unit, they shall be paid an additional minimum amount equal to fifteen per cent (15%) of their normal rate of pay, or the minimum rate for the position, whichever is greater, subject to the qualifications outlined above. When assuming a position beyond the scope of the bargaining unit the employee shall continue to be subject to all of the provisions of the collective agreement.
3. Acting capacity as above is intended to cover periods up to thirty (30) consecutive working days. Should such replacement be for a longer period, the position shall be posted in accordance with Article IV, Notification of Vacancies.

XIII APPLICATION OF SCHEDULE (Cont'd)

D. Acting in Senior Capacity (cont'd)

4. Regarding preference for acting capacity, see Article XVIII A 5 (Seniority).
5. Should the said employee, with no interruption of service at this level, later be successful for appointment to the superior position (should the incumbent not return to duty), or for a position carrying the same pay grade as that of the superior, such employee shall, on appointment to such position, be paid at the place on the new pay scale that they would have received had the appointment been made from the date on which they were first paid the higher salary and seniority in the new position shall date from such hereinbefore mentioned date.

E. Second Language/Sign Language Requirement

1. Where fluency in a second language or sign language is a specified requirement for a particular position ancillary to its basic function, the employee will receive a premium of 5% of their normal rate of pay.

A second language or sign language is understood to be required where:

- a. it is a posted requirement for a new or vacant position; or
- b. it is applied to a particular job/employee by the College with the agreement of the Union.

2. The foregoing premium shall not apply where the second language or sign language requirement represents the primary responsibility of a position, so identified and compensated, nor shall it apply to employees with a functional knowledge of languages other than English, including sign language, who voluntarily utilize such knowledge to facilitate communications within the work environment.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Annual Vacation

1. a. The annual vacation is granted for service during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31 and is to be taken in the year in which it is earned unless otherwise provided in this clause or mutually agreed upon.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

A. Annual Vacation (cont'd)

1. b. Scheduling of vacations shall be in accordance with Article XVIII A. 5 and will, as stated, take into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual. Approval of all vacation schedules is the responsibility of the appropriate Administrator. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

The annual vacation entitlement of an employee, if the required service can be completed within the calendar year, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, is as follows:

- less than one (1) year - twelve (12) working days and pro-rata;
- one (1) to five (5) years inclusive - seventeen (17) working days;
- six (6) to ten (10) years inclusive - twenty-two (22) working days;
- eleven (11) to nineteen (19) years inclusive - twenty-seven (27) working days;
- twenty (20) years and over - thirty-two (32) working days
- each employee will receive a supplementary

entitlement of five (5) days paid vacation on January 1st of their 25th year of service.

2. An employee, with the approval of their department head, may accumulate and carry over up to a maximum of twenty (20) working days of vacation entitlement. Employees with up to and including twenty (20) working days entitlement may carry over five (5) working days vacation each year to the maximum prescribed above. Employees with more than twenty (20) working days entitlement may carry over ten (10) working days vacation to the maximum prescribed above. Requests to carry over vacation shall not be unreasonably denied.

In special circumstances, an employee may carry over and accumulate vacation beyond the above limit with the approval of the appropriate Administrator.

3. If an employee commences employment during a period from the first (1st) to the fifteenth (15th) of the month, they shall be credited with full credit for that month.

If an employee commences employment from the sixteenth (16th) to the end of the month, they shall not be given any credit for that month.

4. If an employee terminates employment during a period from the first (1st) to the fifteenth (15th) of the month, they shall not be given any credit for that month.

If an employee terminates employment from the sixteenth (16th) to the end of the month, they shall be credited with full credit for that month.

TABLE SHOWING ANNUAL VACATION ENTITLEMENT
IN WORKING DAYS
FOR THE YEARS 1998 TO 2008 BASED ON YEAR OF HIRE
Current Year

Start Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2001	0	0	0	12	17	17	17	17	17	22	22
2000	0	0	12	17	17	17	17	17	22	22	22
1999	0	12	17	17	17	17	17	22	22	22	22
1998	12	17	17	17	17	17	22	22	22	22	22
1997	17	17	17	17	17	22	22	22	22	22	27
1996	17	17	17	17	22	22	22	22	22	27	27
1995	17	17	17	22	22	22	22	22	27	27	27
1994	17	17	22	22	22	22	22	27	27	27	27
1993	17	22	22	22	22	22	27	27	27	27	27
1992	22	22	22	22	22	27	27	27	27	27	27
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1986	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	32	32	32
1985	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	32	32	32	32
1984	27	27	27	27	27	27	32	32	32	32	32
1983	27	27	27	27	27	32	32	32	32	32	<i>32+5</i> <i>+5</i>
1982	27	27	27	27	32	32	32	32	32	32+5	32
1981	27	27	27	32	32	32	32	32	32+5	32	32
1980	27	27	32	32	32	32	32	32+5	32	32	32
1979	27	32	32	32	32	32	32+5	32	32	32	32
1978	32	32	32	32	32	32+5	32	32	32	32	32
1977	32	32	32	32	32+5	32	32	32	32	32	32
1976	32	32	32	32+5	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1975	32	32	32+5	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1974	32	32+5	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1973	32+5	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1972	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1971	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1970	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
1969	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32

Start year for employees who commenced employment on the first working day of a calendar year will be the immediately preceding year for the purposes of the above table. *Italicised number (+5's) - see Article XIV A 1.6.*

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

general holidays which fall within their appointed period.

4. Timesheeted temporary employees will be paid 6.0% of basic earnings in lieu of the holidays described in Article XIV C. and D.
5. When an employee requests time off to observe a religious holiday, other than those identified in Article XIV C. 1., the College will make every reasonable effort to accommodate such requests. Such time off may include the use of banked overtime, gratuity days, vacation or leave without pay or other arrangements that the Union and College mutually agree on.

D. Christmas and New Year's Days Off

All working days between Christmas and New Year's Day, exclusive of general holidays and days observed in lieu thereof as prescribed in Article XIV C, will be considered as days of leave with full pay. The last working day prior to Christmas will be considered a day of leave with full pay.

Should any employee's presence be necessary for the continued operation of the College, the employer shall designate such employees at least one month in advance. Such "designated" employees will work all or part of the days in question, and receive an equivalent number of days off with pay in the following year which may be scheduled and utilized as provided in Article XIV A. of this Agreement.

E. Sick Leave

1. Upon appointment to the permanent staff following probation, or after serving in a full-time temporary appointment for six (6) continuous months, an employee shall receive sick leave credit of ten (10) days. Such employees may be advanced up to ten (10) days of sick leave, but if the employee ceases employment without qualifying for the ten (10) days, the advance will be deducted from pay on termination of employment.
2. If the employee commences employment during a period from the first (1st) to the fifteenth (15th) of the month, they shall be credited with full credit for that month (i.e. 11.67 hours of sick leave).

If the employee commences employment during a period from the sixteenth (16th) of the month to the end of the month, they shall not be given any sick leave credits for that month.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

E. Sick Leave (cont'd)

2. Thereafter, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, sick leave credits shall be earned while the employee is on duty at the rate of twenty (20) days per year, ten (10) days for half-year and 11.67 hours per month for less than a half-year.
3. Employees who are on leave of absence without pay for any reason whatsoever, in any one calendar month, shall be subject to the following provisions with respect to sick leave credits:

Period of leave of absence: - up to 15 days - full credit
- 15 days or more - no credit

When the employee is not on duty, the accumulation of sick leave credits will continue only if the absence is with pay. Sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of two hundred and sixty-one (261) working days.

4. If the employee terminates employment during a period from the first (1st) to the fifteenth (15th) of the month, they shall not be given any sick leave credits for that month.

If the employee terminates employment during a period from the sixteen (16th) day of the month to the end of a month, they shall be credited with full credit for that month (i.e. 11.67 hours of sick leave).

In cases of proven illness during vacation periods, employees shall be entitled to apply for sick leave and re-schedule their vacation.

5. Employees shall be advised of any claim against sick leave at the time of deduction and shall receive, on an annual basis, a written statement of their sick leave credits as at that date.

F. Superannuation

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, every employee on, or appointed to, the permanent staff shall contribute to the Municipal Superannuation Fund. The College contribution will be paid only when the employee is in receipt of pay. Details are given in a booklet which may be obtained from Employee & Labour Relations Department.

Temporary employees may qualify per Article III 7 d.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

G. Deferred Savings

The College shall contribute an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the salaries of permanent employees, and the said employees shall contribute an amount of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%). The contributions are deposited in a trust fund for the benefit of the employee, and can be withdrawn by an employee in accordance with the contract covering the trust fund with the trust company.

The College will deposit the contribution bi-weekly within five (5) working days of the actual pay day. The Union agrees that unintentional failure to comply with the above will not result in a claim for lost interest.

H. Health Insurance (See Appendix XVIII - LOU Benefit Enhancements/Modifications)

1. Basic Medical and Extended Health Plans

- a. The College contributes one hundred percent (100%) of the premium of the basic coverage through the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia and one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for Extended Health Benefit coverage in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company for those permanent employees who elect to participate.
- b. Optical care insurance to a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) payable is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company. The College will contribute toward the premium cost for optical care insurance in the amount of one hundred per cent (100%) of the monthly premiums.
- c. Coverage for orthotics to a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) payable per year.

2. Dental Plan

A dental plan for all regular full-time employees who have completed six (6) months of continuous service shall be provided in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company on the following general basis:

- a. Basic Dental Services (Plan A) paying for 100% of the approved schedule of fees.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

b. Prosthetics, Crowns and Bridges (Plan B) paying for 50% of the approved schedule of fees.

H. 1. c. Orthodontics (Plan C) paying for 50% of the approved schedule of fees up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,500.00.

2. Dental Plan (cont'd)

The College will contribute toward the premium cost of dental plan insurance in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly premium.

Subject to the terms of the contract with the insuring company, eligible employees, once excluded from participation in this dental plan by virtue of other dental coverage (e.g. spouse's plan), shall, upon written application, be entitled to participate in this dental plan when such other coverage ceases.

I. Employment Insurance

Employees shall be covered for employment insurance.

J. Group Life Insurance

1. All employees upon appointment to permanent staff shall participate in the Group Life Insurance Plan.

Insurance coverage is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company on the basis of three (3x) the employee's annual salary to the next higher one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

The College shall pay the entire premium cost of Group Life Insurance.

2. An employee who retires at or beyond the age of fifty-five (55) years and who is in receipt of a pension under the provisions of the *Pension (Municipal) Act* shall continue to enjoy group insurance coverage in an amount equal to the lesser of \$10,000 or the coverage in effect immediately preceding retirement for a period of five (5) years from the date of retirement with the premium cost of the continuing insurance borne by the College.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

K. Estate Benefit

In the event of death of a permanent employee with at least one year of service, the College will pay to the named beneficiary, or if there is none, to the estate, one month's salary exclusive of any amount already earned by the deceased up to the date on which he/she last served.

L. Short Term Salary Indemnity

All employees upon appointment to the permanent staff shall participate in the Salary Indemnity Plan.

Salary Indemnity coverage is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company on the following general basis:

Amount of benefit - 65% of employees
weekly salary to a maximum
of \$500 per week

Duration of benefit - 52 weeks

Benefit effective - upon expiration of
sick leave where the absence
exceeds ten (10) consecutive working
days

The premium cost of salary indemnity coverage shall be borne entirely by the employee and shall be paid by means of payroll deductions.

M. Long Term Salary Indemnity

Long Term Salary Indemnity is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company on the following general basis:

Amount of benefit - 65% of salary to a
maximum of \$1,720
per month

Duration of benefit - until retirement or as
otherwise provided

Benefit effective - upon expiration of
Short Term Salary
Indemnity coverage

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

The premium cost of Long Term Salary Indemnity coverage shall be borne entirely by the employee and shall be paid by means of payroll deductions.

M. Long Term Salary Indemnity (cont'd)

Should the Union wish to increase the level of coverage for Long Term Disability and Weekly Indemnity benefits, this shall be done through the vehicle of the Benefits Committee.

N Gratuity Plan

1. Accumulation

Gratuity credits are based on the calendar year. Effective January 1, 1981 for the purposes of accumulation of gratuity credits, the year shall be divided into four distinct periods: January 1 to March 31, April 1 to June 30, July 1 to September 30, October 1 to December 31, all dates inclusive. For each period described above, an employee shall be given the following credits:

one (1) day	-	for no absence through illness;
one-half (1/2) day	-	for one-half day absence through illness;
no credit (0)	-	for one or more days of absence through illness.

Gratuity credits are cumulative to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days.

"Illness", as utilized herein, shall mean non-occupational sickness or injury.

2. Payment of Gratuity

a. In cash:

- i) Upon retirement on or after attaining minimum retirement age, or
- ii) Upon retirement with permanent disability, or
- iii) Upon receipt of benefits under the Long Term Disability Plan, or
- iv) Upon request after the completion of one (1) or more years of service, or

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

- v) In the event of the death of the employee in service, after the completion of one (1) or more years of service, to their designated beneficiary or the estate as the case may be.

2. Payment of Gratuity (cont'd)

- b. As leave, prior to retirement, subject to the following:
 - i) The minimum leave taken shall be one-half (1/2) day and the maximum twenty (20) days.
 - ii) Such leaves shall be subject to the approval of the department head and shall be taken during a period that will not affect the efficient operation of the department.
 - iii) Without limiting the right to apply for leave as provided above, up to ten (10) days gratuity leave may be taken coincident with commencement of maternity leave provided such days are requested at the time of making application for maternity leave.

O. Voluntary Life Insurance Coverage

Employees who are participating in the group life insurance plan may elect additional group life insurance coverage for themselves and/or their spouses by payment of the necessary premiums by means of payroll deductions in increments of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$250,000 in accordance with the terms of the contract with the insuring company.

P. R.R.S.P. Payroll Deductions

Employees may authorize the College to deduct a specified amount from their wages each month whereby tax deductions at source will be adjusted to accommodate the deductions. In authorizing such a deduction, the employee shall absolve the College of any responsibility for such funds following their remittance to the trust company. Amounts so deducted shall be remitted by the College by the tenth (10th) of the month following to a single designated trust company in the employee's name. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to direct the trust company with respect to the investment of such funds.

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

Q. Group of Coverage

For purposes of the benefit plans, the total group covered by the plan will, where advantageous, be a coalition of members of the Langara Faculty Association; CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.; the B.C. Nurses' Union and Administrators and other College related groups.

Q. Group of Coverage (cont'd)

Under such a coalition, determination of percentage of group participation shall be a deployment or interpretation of the group or sub-group composition for the best advantage of the greatest numbers.

R. Employee Benefits

For supplementary information in addition to the details on employee benefits generally described in this Collective Agreement, employees are directed to the Langara Employee Benefits folder which the College undertakes to **develop** and provide to all eligible employees.

S. Continuation of Insurance Benefits

1. Upon approval of leave of absence without pay, an employee may immediately exercise an option for continuation of medical, dental, life insurance and pension benefits as allowable by payment of the necessary monthly premiums, both employee and employer shares.
2. Where an on-leave employee has sufficient earnings within a given calendar month to accommodate deduction of the employee premium share for that month, the College shall make its premium contribution for medical, dental, life insurance and pension benefits as allowable.
3. Where an employee, owing to ill health and exhaustion of sick leave credits, is on leave of absence without pay and in receipt of benefits under Article XIV L - Short-Term Salary Indemnity, the College shall make its premium contributions for medical, extended health and group life insurance, provided the employee maintains their share of said premiums. The obligation of the College in this regard shall continue until either the employee ceases to make their premium contributions, returns to duty or their benefits under short-term indemnity insurance are discontinued.

T. Same Gender Spousal Relationships

XIV EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (Cont'd)

Spouse shall include same gender spouse for all benefits, rights and entitlements of the Collective Agreement where there is no regulatory or other impediment external to the College.

A. Sickness and Injury

1. Non-Occupational Sickness and Injury

- a. When an employee is absent because of illness, no deduction from pay shall be made until the expiry of accumulated sick leave credits.
- b. A deduction shall be made from accumulated sick leave credits of all working days absent, with pay, due to illness.
- c. Any employee absent because of illness may be required, upon being given advance notice, to produce a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner, or recognized equivalent, licensed to practise certifying that such employee is unable to carry out their duties due to illness.
- d. Medical certificates will normally be requested only after three (3) days of absence, except where it appears that a pattern of constant or frequent absences from work is developing.
- e. An employee absent due to illness or injury shall advise the College of their absence as soon as possible, and if reasonably possible prior to commencement of shift. Such communication should include an indication of their expected return date if known.
- f. Where an employee is absent due to illness for ten (10) consecutive working days or more they may be required to provide a medical note to the College from a duly qualified medical practitioner or recognized equivalent, licensed to practice indicating a prognosis for a return to duty.
- g. Where an employee is absent due to illness for more than one (1) month, they may be required to provide a medical note confirming their fitness to resume their normal duties from a duly qualified medical practitioner or recognized equivalent, licensed to

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY

practice.

- h. Where the College requires a medical note under f. and g. above, cost of such certificate will be reimbursed by the College.
- i. In keeping with the provisions of the salary indemnity insurance contract with the insuring company, any amount of sick leave benefits paid under this clause, ultimately recovered under a contract of motor vehicle insurance, shall be repaid directly to the College by the motor vehicle insurance underwriter and the corresponding number of sick leave credits restored to the account of the individual employee.

A. Sickness and Injury (cont'd)

1. j. Should the College have a concern with the scheduling of an employee's medical/dental appointment(s), it may raise the issue with the employee. Unresolved issues should be discussed with the employee and Steward (if the employee so wishes one). Concerns which remain unresolved may be referred to a Union representative and Employee & Labour Relations.

2. Occupational Sickness and Injury

If an employee is entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits, such benefits are to be paid directly to the employer. In addition, the College will pay the difference between the employee's full salary and the amount of the Workers' Compensation Board payments.

3. Sick Leave in First Six Months of Employment

Certain employees are permitted an advance of sick leave (see Article XIV E).

B. Compulsory Quarantine

Salary for time lost due to compulsory quarantine shall be paid to permanent employees when certified by the School Medical Officer and is not chargeable against sick leave.

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY (Cont'd)

C. Leave for Family Illness

Employees may use up to five (5) days per year of sick leave to attend an immediate family member who is ill. Subject to Article XV A. 1 d. of this Agreement, the College may require submission of a certificate from a duly qualified medical practitioner, or recognized equivalent, certifying the illness of the immediate family member. For the purposes of this Article, immediate family member means the employee's child, parent (including parents-in-law, step-parents and foster parents) other relatives if the employee has responsibility for their care and providing that there is no other available caregiver or legal or common-law spouse defined as follows:

- a. the employee's spouse by virtue of a legal marriage
- or -
- b. the employee's partner who is eligible to be qualified as a spouse under the following terms:

a partner who, at the time of the qualification, is publicly maintained and represented as the employee's spouse and has continuously been so maintained and represented for at least the previous twelve (12) months.

- C. Absence under this provision shall not be considered absence through illness for the purposes of Article XIV N, Gratuity Plan.

D. Bereavement

- a. Emergency leave in the case of the death of an employee's wife, husband, common-law spouse, child, ward, brother, sister, parent, guardian or other relative if living in the employee's household, or in any case when it is for the purpose of attending to the affairs connected with the funeral of a parent-in-law or grandparent, shall be granted without loss of pay for a period not to exceed five (5) working days.

In the case of the death of, or funeral arrangements for another relative, emergency leave with pay may be granted, with the verbal approval of the immediate supervisor. Such leave will not be unreasonably withheld.

- a. Request for leave under clauses XV D.1 a. herein shall be submitted to the department head or delegate who will confirm and approve the appropriate number of days required in each case.

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY (Cont'd)

- c. An employee who qualified for emergency leave without loss of pay under clause XV D.1. a. herein shall be granted such leave when on annual vacation as verified by the department head or delegate. An employee who is absent on sick leave with or without pay or who is absent on Workers' Compensation shall not be entitled to such emergency leave without loss of pay.
3. With the approval of the department head or delegate, leave of up to one-half (1/2) day, without loss of pay, is allowed in order to attend a funeral as a pallbearer or a mourner, but not in addition to bereavement leave.

Where an employee is required to travel in connection with the funeral to a point outside the Lower Mainland in British Columbia, (defined as the area included within the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Central Fraser Valley Regional District, Dewdney-Alouette Regional District, Fraser-Cheam Regional District, Powell River Regional District, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Sunshine Coast Regional District) heretofore, or where the particular circumstances justify, funeral leave of one (1) day is allowed, but not in addition to bereavement leave.

E. Maternity and Parental Leave

1. A permanent employee or other employee entitled to benefits under this collective agreement will receive three days leave with pay drawn from his or her accumulated sick leave bank if:
 - (a) she gives birth to a child; or
 - (b) she or he adopts a child; or
 - (c) their spouse gives birth to a child.
2. In addition to the leave provided for in (1), an employee is entitled to up to one year's leave without pay in any of the above circumstances.
3. An employee must request parental leave in writing and provide a doctor's certificate stating the estimated date of birth or a certificate stating the date of adoption.
4. An employee who requests less than the one year maximum parental leave may extend the leave up to the maximum provided he or she notifies the College at least four

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY (Cont'd)

weeks prior to their scheduled date of return to work.

5. A pregnant employee can start parental leave eleven weeks before the expected date of birth or at a later date if the employee so desires.
6. If an employee gives birth before a request for parental leave is made and she requests a leave and provides a certificate from her doctor stating that she has given birth on a specified date, the College will grant her parental leave.
7. Parental leave for an employee who gives birth will not end until at least six weeks following the date of birth unless she desires a shorter period. An employee who desires a shorter period must provide a certificate from her doctor stating she is able to resume work.
8. The service of an employee on parental leave will be considered continuous for the purposes of any pension, medical or other plan beneficial to him or her.
9. The College will continue to pay the employees' premium in respect of all insured benefits, including pension, for the **entire duration of the parental leave [not to exceed twelve (12) months]**.

E. Maternity and Parental Leave (cont'd)

10. Vacation, sick leave and seniority will accrue for the duration of parental leave.
11. Gratuity credits are not earned during parental leave.
12. An employee who returns from parental leave will return to his or her previous position and will be entitled to any incremental increases that would have accumulated during their leave.
13. If the College has suspended or discontinued operations during the parental leave and has not resumed operations on the expiry of the leave, the College will, on resumption of operations and subject to the layoff provisions of this agreement comply with (12).
14. The College will not terminate an employee or change a condition of employment because of parental leave or pregnancy unless they have been absent for a period exceeding the period of the leave including any further extensions.

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY (Cont'd)

15. An employee on parental leave due to her pregnancy will be entitled to paid sick leave benefits during the first eight months of the leave for any illness or valid health related absence provided she has sufficient sick leave credits and she provides a medical certificate from her doctor.
16. An employee may apply for additional leave as leave for personal reasons.
17. At any time during parental leave, an employee may elect in writing to receive payment for accumulated vacation credits rather than as paid leave.

F. Personal Reasons

Absence for reasons other than those recited elsewhere in this Article shall be considered personal, and such absence shall be without pay unless otherwise authorized.

Employees may request that personal leave be with pay for circumstances not specifically or fully covered elsewhere in this Collective Agreement.

Applications for leave should be made in writing to the department head and must be approved by the President of the College or delegate. Where the duration of the requested leave would require a replacement, application for leave wherever possible must be made a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to date of commencement.

F. Personal Reasons (cont'd)

Should an application for personal leave without pay be denied, the applicant shall be provided, upon request, with the reasons for such denial in writing.

G. Jury Duty and Court Appearance

When summoned to serve on a jury; when subpoenaed as a witness in a criminal proceeding, or when subpoenaed as a witness in a labour tribunal, or as a witness in a civil action if not a party thereto; when appearing as a defendant in a criminal or traffic case if acquitted therefrom; the employee, to qualify for permission to be absent with pay, shall produce a summons or subpoena or submit such other evidence as will show the necessity of attendance at court. The employee shall also provide a statement from an official of the court of the time taken.

XV. ABSENCE FROM DUTY (Cont'd)

H. Educational Leave

With the approval of the President of the College or delegate, educational leave may be granted by the College for:

1. programs of formal study; or
2. independent study and/or research when the criteria for evaluating the employee's performance on such leave for purposes of study can be clearly established and can be shown to be of significant benefit to the employee and to the College.

The duration of educational leaves granted to employees may be for varying periods, up to one (1) year.

Requests for educational leave of absence beyond that provided above shall be considered under Article XV F, Personal Reasons. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

Applications for educational leave for periods in excess of ten (10) working days must normally be submitted two (2) months prior to the beginning of the requested leave.

Applications for leave for periods of ten (10) working days or less shall be submitted with as much lead time as practical.

Educational leave of absence shall be without pay unless otherwise authorized.

I. Election Campaigning Leave

Where an employee is a candidate in a Federal or Provincial election or an election for a Municipal Council or a related Board, they shall be granted, upon written application, leave of absence without pay for the purpose of campaigning for such election and they shall be entitled to return to their previous position following the leave. Employees elected to office will be granted leave for the duration of their first term.

5. On-site Union Meetings

The College shall, where possible, accommodate on-site Union meetings at the request of a representative of the Union, it being understood and agreed that the scheduling and duration of such meetings shall not interfere with the necessary operation of the College.

6. Ratification Meetings

The College will ensure that all members of the Union (regardless of shift) are able to attend ratification meetings, without loss of pay, provided a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice is given, in writing, to the Director, Employee & Labour Relations. (See Letter of Understanding - Appendix XIII)

7. Union Job Evaluation Representatives

Union Job Evaluation Representatives will be granted leave of absence with pay to attend to their responsibilities.

XVI TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

"Technological change" means:

- a. the introduction by the employer of a change in the work, undertaking or business, or a change in the equipment or material from the equipment or material previously used by the employer in the work, undertaking or business; or
- b. a change in the manner an employer carries on their work, undertaking or business related to the introduction of that equipment or material.

XVI TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (Cont'd)

A. Where the College during the term of this agreement introduces, or intends to introduce, a technological change that significantly affects members of the bargaining unit, including the elimination of bargaining unit positions, the matter will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Notice

The College shall give to the Union in writing at least ninety (90) days' notice of the intended technological

change including a detailed description of the change and its potential effect on members of the bargaining unit. The detailed description shall include the nature of the change; proposed implementation date; approximate number, type and location of affected employees; the effect on working conditions and terms of employment and the impact on health and safety.

2. Discussion

Where the College has notified the Union of the intended technological change, the parties undertake to meet within the next thirty (30) days to discuss potential problems and attempt to reach agreement which will minimize the impact of such technological change on employees affected thereby.

3. Resulting Agreements

Agreements reached during discussions between the parties shall be set out in a memorandum of agreement which shall have the same force and effect as the provisions of this Collective Agreement.

4. Notice to Employees

Members of the bargaining unit potentially affected by the intended technological change shall be notified of the impending change and advised of any agreements reached as heretofore provided.

5. Dispute Resolution

In the event the foregoing procedure does not produce agreement, either party may refer the matter directly to an arbitration board pursuant to Article IX of this Collective Agreement, by-passing all other steps in the grievance procedure.

- B. The arbitration board shall decide whether or not the College has introduced or intends to introduce a technological change and, upon deciding that the College has or intends to introduce a technological change, the arbitration board:

XVI TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (Cont'd)

- B. 1. shall inform the Minister of Labour of its findings; and
2. may then or later make any one or more of the following orders:
- a. that the change be made in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement unless the change alters

significantly the basis upon which the Collective Agreement was negotiated;

- b. that the College will not proceed with the technological change for such period, not exceeding ninety (90) days, as the arbitration board considers appropriate;
- c. that the College reinstate any employee displaced by reason of the technological change;
- d. that the College pay to the employee such compensation in respect of the employee's displacement as the arbitration board considers reasonable;
- e. that the matter be referred to the Labour Relations Board (under Section 98 of the *Labour Relations Code* of British Columbia).

C. Retraining

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause A hereof, existing permanent and probationary employees whose positions are affected by technological change shall have immediate access to such training that may be required to carry out the duties of their positions or such new positions created by the technological change to replace their current positions. Where a position has been entirely eliminated by technological change, the permanent and probationary employees affected shall have immediate access to such training as is necessary to provide the skills required to assume the duties of another position.

Retraining shall be at the expense of the College and normally be conducted during an employee's regular shift. Should it become necessary, in order to accommodate such training, to temporarily change an employee's regular shift, the employee shall be given a minimum of ten (10) days' notice.

A permanent employee assuming a position in a lower paygrade shall have their then current salary protected and shall receive increments and general wage increases as they occur. Should a permanent employee assume a less than full-time position, their salary shall be on

XVI TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (Cont'd)

a pro-rata basis. Employees who decline retraining or cannot successfully complete the retraining necessitated by

technological change shall be subject to the provisions of Article XVII.

XVII LAYOFF AND RECALL (Also see Appendix VIII)

Should the College decide to reduce staff or to eliminate a position(s) within the jurisdiction of this Collective Agreement, the Union shall be so advised and, prior to any action being taken, consultation with the Union shall promptly take place in an endeavour to minimize the impact of such action on the affected employee(s). The College will bring to the attention of the Union any special considerations which may have an impact on the process.

A. Layoff

- a. Should the employee in the affected position be a permanent employee, they shall have the right to displace another permanent employee in accordance with their seniority in the bargaining group, in a position for which the affected employee possesses the ability to perform the work currently required of the position. Should no such permanent position be available, a permanent employee shall have the right to displace a probationary or temporary employee in that order, provided they possess the ability to perform the work currently required of the position.

Where a permanent employee elects to displace another employee with less service seniority, they shall endeavour to notify the employer as soon as possible but, in any event, not later than five (5) working days prior to the expiration of their notice period.

- b. During their notice period, an employee subject to layoff may retroactively apply for a posted vacancy which had closed prior to the date they received notice of lay off, provided the position had not been filled. If the employee is appointed, their salary will be protected in accordance with Article XVII A.1.c.
- c. A permanent employee, assuming a position in a lower paygrade, shall have their then current salary protected and shall receive increments and general wage increases as they occur. Should a permanent employee assume a less than full-time position, their salary shall be on a pro-rata basis.

Salary protection will continue to apply to an

A. Layoff (cont'd)

2. a. Should the employee in the affected position be a probationary employee, they shall have the right to displace another probationary employee with less full-time equivalent service with the College, in a position for which the affected employee possesses the ability to perform the work currently required of the position. Should no such position be available, a probationary employee shall have the right to displace a temporary employee, provided they possess the ability to perform the work currently required of the position.

b. If a probationary employee, who has completed less than three months of his/her probationary period, displaces another probationary or temporary employee he/she shall be required to complete a full probationary period in the new position;

If a probationary employee, who has received a less than satisfactory interim probationary review, displaces another probationary or temporary employee, he/she shall be required to complete a full probationary period in the new position;

If a probationary employee, who has completed three months, or more, of his/her probationary period and has received a satisfactory interim probationary review, displaces another probationary or temporary employee, he/she shall continue to be a probationary employee until the satisfactory completion of the probationary period calculated from his/her original start date.

3. Should the employee in the affected position be a temporary employee, they shall have the right to displace another temporary employee with less full-time equivalent service with the College, in a position for which the affected employee possesses the ability to perform the work currently required of the position.

4. Employees displaced in accordance with the foregoing

shall be subject to the same conditions as set out above.

5. An employee not appointed to another position in accordance with the foregoing shall be laid off and shall be entitled to notice or pay in lieu thereof on the following basis:

A. Layoff (cont'd)

5. a. Temporary employee - two (2) weeks notice upon the completion of at least six (6) consecutive months of employment and after the completion of three (3) consecutive years of employment, one (1) additional week's notice and for each subsequent completed year of employment, an additional one (1) week's notice up to a maximum of eight (8) weeks notice.
- b. Probationary employee - two (2) weeks notice upon the completion of at least six (6) consecutive months of employment.
- c. Permanent employee - a minimum of one (1) month's notice and, after the completion of five (5) consecutive years of employment, two (2) months notice.

B. Trial/Familiarization Period

An employee assuming another position in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall do so initially for a trial period of three (3) months.

The three-month duration may be varied in specific instances by mutual agreement of the Union and the College. During the trial period, the employee's performance will be appraised and, if the trial period is not satisfactorily completed, or if the employee so requests, the foregoing section A. of this Article shall once again apply, provided however, if the College can demonstrate that the employee has not diligently applied themselves to the best of their ability in the performance of their duties, then the re-application of Section A. shall not apply.

C. Re-created Positions

1. Where an abolished position is re-created or should a position become available as a result of B. above, it shall be posted and permanent employees who have been laid off or otherwise displaced from the same

classification and who make application therefore, shall be entitled to assume the vacant position on the basis of seniority and provided they possess the ability to perform the work currently required of the position. Should the vacant position not be filled in this manner, the normal selection appointment process will be followed.

2. Where a position from which an employee has been bumped becomes available within three (3) years of the employee being displaced, it shall be posted and permanent employees who have been laid off or otherwise displaced from the same classification and who make application shall be entitled to assume the position as outlined in (1) above.

XVII LAYOFF AND RECALL (Cont'd)

C. Re-created Positions (cont'd)

2. When a temporary position/vacancy becomes available, employee rights for consideration under this clause shall be limited to the duration of the temporary position/vacancy or three (3) years, whichever is less.

D. Recall

1. Except as provided in C. above, should work or a vacancy become available, permanent employees who have been laid off for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or less are subject to recall and shall be recalled in the order of their seniority, provided they have the ability to perform the work made available to them.
Where all permanent employees have had the opportunity of recall, probationary employees who have been laid off for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or less shall be recalled in the order of their length of service, provided they have the ability to perform the work made available to them.
2. The College shall give notice of recall by registered mail to the employee, who must report to work within seven (7) working days of receipt thereof or forfeit any future rights to recall, unless, on reasonable grounds, they are unable to report for work at that time or the position available is at a lower paygrade than that occupied at the time of layoff.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Seniority

1. For the purposes of this Collective Agreement, there shall be no seniority acquired by an employee until appointment to the permanent staff. Upon such appointment,

the seniority of the employee shall be based upon length of service within the bargaining unit.

2. Seniority for part-time permanent employees shall be based on total accumulated hours.
3. Having acquired seniority in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1 hereof, the employee's seniority shall not cease because of:
 - i) sickness;
 - ii) accident;
 - iii) vacation;
 - iv) approved leave of absence;
 - v) layoff of less than twelve (12) months.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

A. Seniority (cont'd)

4. The employee's seniority shall cease, however, if the employee:
 - a. voluntarily leaves the service of the College;
 - b. is discharged for cause;
 - c. after layoff, fails to report for work within seven (7) working days after notification to the address on record with the College unless on reasonable grounds they are unable to report for work at the time or the position available is at a lower paygrade than that occupied at the time of layoff.
5. Seniority shall be applied in determining preference for vacations, acting in senior capacity, right of first refusal for available overtime and access to preferred shifts (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement), taking into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual.

B. Re-appointment

An employee who is re-appointed on a permanent (including probationary) basis within fifteen (15) months of their departure from a position within the scope of this Agreement will be credited with:

- a. length of service for benefit, increment and vacation entitlement;
- b. sick and gratuity leave credits; and
- c. seniority

that they had accumulated prior to termination.

Employees re-appointed on a temporary basis within fifteen (15) months will be credited with accumulated length of service as applicable under their current status, including increments.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

C. Occupational Health and Safety

1. The Union and the College agree that regulations made pursuant to the *Workers' Compensation Act, the Factories Act*, or any other statute of the Province of British Columbia or the Government of Canada pertaining to the working environment, shall be fully complied with. First Aid kits shall be supplied in accordance with this section.
2. The College shall maintain an Occupational Health & Safety Committee at the College in keeping with the Occupational Industrial Health & Safety Regulations of the Workers' Compensation Board and ensure such Committee carries out all duties and responsibilities in accordance with this section.
3. There shall be no less than two employees of the College appointed by the Union on said Committee.
4. All Union-appointed Representatives engaged in health and safety responsibilities shall be compensated at their regular rates of pay while involved in safety and health inspections, analysis, meetings or related activities.
5. The Committee shall have the right to inspect health and safety conditions without restraints and to consult as may be necessary with persons who are professionally or technically qualified to advise the Committee on such matters within the rules and regulations governing the College as a Public Sector employer.
6. The Committee has the right to review employer records considered relevant to health and safety concerns exclusive of medical files.
7. The College undertakes to correct any working conditions and environments that are not safe and healthful in the view of the Workers' Compensation Board Inspector, or

the Health & Safety Committee.

8. The Occupational Health & Safety Committee shall be notified of each accident and injury and shall investigate and report in writing on the nature and cause of the accident involving employees.
9. Both the Union and the College shall receive copies of any minutes, reports or correspondence pertaining to the Health and Safety Committee or its operation.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

C. Health and Safety (cont'd)

10. Wherever possible, the College will provide advance notice to employees of construction, renovation or maintenance that may affect their immediate work area. Employees who have any concerns regarding such activity should contact the Coordinator of Health and Safety and/or a member of the Health and Safety Committee.
11. An employee shall not be disciplined for refusing to perform assigned work when that employee has reasonable cause to believe that to do the assigned work may be a danger to the health or safety of the employee or anyone at or near the workplace. In this event, the employee shall report the situation to their immediate supervisor or employer. The situation shall then be investigated and, if possible, resolved by:
 - a. the supervisor and the employee concerned;
 - b. if not resolved, by the Health and Safety Committee;
 - c. if still not resolved, by a relevant inspector.

D. First Aid Education

Where an employee is required by the College to possess a First Aid Certificate, the College shall provide the time and pay the expenses involved in upgrading or maintaining the required Certificate.

E. College Course Registration

1. **By application to the appropriate Administrator, employees may register in**

courses offered by Langara College provided that their attendance will not displace a fee-paying student or result in additional costs. Tuition fees related to such registration will be waived with the concurrence of the appropriate Administrator or the Dean of Continuing Studies. Where an employee is denied access to a career related course under this Article, they shall be assured admission under F below upon application to the President, or delegate.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

E. College Course Registration (cont'd)

2. Should re-scheduling of duty to accommodate attendance at such courses be required, prior approval of the appropriate Administrator is required. Should absence from duty to accommodate attendance at such courses be necessary, approval is required in accordance with Article XV F, "Leave for Personal Reasons." (Also see Educational Leave.)

This clause shall not be applied to those employees whose association with the College is for the purpose of education.

F. Career Development

The College supports the development of employees in their careers.

With the prior approval of the President of the College or delegate, employees may attend courses, seminars or workshops related to their particular duties and responsibilities and career aspirations within the College. The College shall pay one-half (1/2) of the fees at the time of registration and the employee shall pay the other half. Upon submission of fee receipts and proof of satisfactory completion, the employee shall be reimbursed for the fees they have paid.

In the case of permanent regular employees, the employees will be provided with, or the College may assign up to five (5) days per year of courses, workshops or seminars related to the employee's particular duties and responsibilities. The College may provide time in excess of five (5) days per year for such activity. The relationship of the course, seminar or workshop to particular duties and responsibilities shall be approved by the President or delegate. Scheduling of such time for course, workshop or seminar attendance shall take into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual.

This clause shall not be applied to those employees whose association with the College is for the purpose of education.

G. Contracting Out (Also see **Letter of Understanding - Contracting Out - Appendix XIX**)

It is not the intention of the College to make a practice of contracting out work that would result in the layoff of permanent employees.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

G. Contracting Out (cont'd)

Should such a layoff due to contracting out be contemplated by the College in the future, the College undertakes to:

- fully inform the Union of the circumstances;
- consult with the Union with the goal of identifying ways in which such layoffs may be avoided;

Where a position has been entirely eliminated because the College has decided to proceed with the contemplated contracting out, the permanent employees affected shall have immediate access to such retraining as is necessary to provide the skills required to assume the duties of another position.

A permanent employee assuming a position in a lower paygrade shall have their then current salary protected and shall receive increments and general wage increases as they occur. Should a permanent employee assume a less than full-time position, their salary shall be on a pro-rata basis.

Employees who decline retraining or cannot successfully complete the retraining necessitated by contracting out shall be subject to the provisions of Article XVII.

H. Policies

In the event that there is a conflict between the contents of this Agreement and any regulation made by the College, this Agreement shall take precedence over the said regulations.

I. General Changes

The College agrees that any reports or recommendations about to be made to the College dealing with matters covered by this Agreement, including recommendations for changes in method of operation that may affect wage rates, work loads or reduction of employment, will be made known to the Union at such intervals before they are dealt with by the College as to afford the Union reasonable opportunity to consider them and to make representations to the College concerning them and further, that if employees are deprived of employment by any implementation of such change, they shall receive priority consideration for other employment with the College provided they have the required qualifications.

XVIII GENERAL PROVISIONS (Cont'd)

J. Present Conditions and Benefits

Any working conditions and welfare benefits, or other conditions of employment at present in force which are not specifically mentioned in this Agreement and are not contrary to its intention, shall continue in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

K. Information

The College will continue to make every reasonable effort to provide the Union with information on request.

L. Copy of Agreement

A copy of this agreement shall be provided to every current and new employee.

M. Consultation

Where consultation is not otherwise covered in this agreement, the College and the Union agree to engage in meaningful consultation, in advance where possible, on other significant work place changes affecting the parties or any employee(s) bound by this

agreement.

The parties encourage consultation on appropriate issues at the Administrator/ Supervisor and Steward/employee level.

The parties agree to exchange relevant information regarding such changes.

N. Joint Standing Committee

A Joint Standing Committee shall be **maintained**, comprised of three representatives of the College and three representatives of CUPE Local 15, VMECW, with alternates at the option of each party.

The committee shall establish a regular schedule of monthly meetings at a mutually agreeable time and place and shall set its own general terms of reference and procedures.

The committee shall make decisions on issues referred to it by either party. Decisions will be by mutual agreement of representatives of the two parties. Decisions may be subject to ratification by the parties.

Employees who are members, or alternates, to the Joint Standing Committee will be granted leave with pay to attend meetings of the committee. (This clause may be moved to a general "leaves" clause.)

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF JULY, 1999 AT THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Board of Langara College has caused the name and seal of Langara College to be affixed hereto in the presence of the Chair and the Bursar of the College Board, and the Union has caused these presents to be executed under the hands of proper officers duly authorized in that behalf the day and year first written above.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
BY THE UNION in the presence of

THE NAME AND SEAL OF LANGARA
COLLEGE WAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED,
in the presence of

President,
CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

Chair,
College Board

Secretary,
CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

Bursar

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

CUPE - LOCAL 15

LANGARA COLLEGE

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - BY PAY GRADES

PAY GRADE	CATEGORY	PAY GRADE	CATEGORY
13	Library Aide, Office Assistant	14	Audio Visual Technician Trainee, Computer Programmer Operator Trainee, Office Clerk (a), Telephone Operator/Receptionist (Relief)
15	Bookstore Cashier, Laboratory Aide, Biology, Office Clerk (b), Pre-School Teacher Trainee, Program Assistant (a), Telephone Operator/Receptionist*,	16	Admissions Clerk (a), Data Entry Clerk (a), Library Assistant (a), Office Clerk (c)

	Word Processing Operator (a)		
17	Accounts Payable Clerk, Accounts Receivable Clerk, Admissions Clerk (b), Clerk Specialist (a), Computer Operator Programmer, Duplicating/Bindery Equipment Operator, Library Assistant (b), Program Assistant (b), Receiver (a),* Secretary, Word Processing Operator (b)	18	Admissions Clerk (c), Clerk Specialist (b), Library Assistant (c), Program Assistant (c), Receiver - Bookstore, Senior Bookstore Cashier, Web Content Developer

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - BY PAY GRADES (Cont'd)

Pay Grade	CATEGORY	Pay Grade	CATEGORY
19	Accounting Clerk, A/R & G/L, Clerk Specialist - Scheduling, Data Entry Clerk (b), Instructional Assistant (a), Library Assistant (d), Library Technician - Serials & Acquisitions, Office Clerk(c)/First Aid Attendant, Pre-School Teacher, Program Assistant (d), Senior Secretary	20	Administrative Services Clerk, Audio Visual Technician, Clerk Specialist (c), Computer Programmer, Financial Aid Clerk, Graduation/Registrar's Publication Clerk, Instructional Assistant (b), Library Technician (a), Receiver (b),* Student Data Clerk, Student Services Assistant (a)

21	Accounting Clerk (a), Department Assistant - College Advancement, Department Assistant - International Education, Facility Assistant, Instructional Assistant (c), Library Technician (b), Medical Office Assistant/First Aid Attendant, Supervisor Accounts Receivable	22	Assistant Bookstore Manager, Instructional Assistant (d), Laboratory Demonstrator (a), Library Technician (c), Payroll/Benefits Clerk, Research Assistant, Senior Computer Operator
23	Admissions Advisor, Computer Support Analyst (a), Instructional Assistant - Journalism Interpreter	24	Fine Arts Assistant, Laboratory Demonstrator (b), Library Technician (d), Media Production Technician, Programmer Analyst (a), Senior Audio Visual Technician, Student Services Assistant (c)

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - BY PAY GRADES (Cont'd)

PAY GRADE	CATEGORY	PAY GRADE	CATEGORY
25	Audio Visual Maintenance Technician, Building Services Manager*, Buyer, Community Relations Officer, Computer Support Analyst (b), Graphic Designer, Head Teacher - Child/Development Centre, Laboratory Demonstrator (b) - Geography and Physics, Library Technician (e), Programmer Analyst (b), Student Data Control Supervisor,	26	Bookstore Manager, Financial Aid Advisor, Photography Lab Technician, Senior Graphics Designer, Senior Supervisor, Library Operations, Theatre Technician (Production), Operations Supervisor Supervisor, Admissions & Scheduling

	Supervisor, Accounting, Theatre Technician		
27	Interpreter/Brailist, Laboratory Demonstrator (c), Library Systems Manager, Library Technician (f), Operations Supervisor - Computer Centre, Purchasing Agent, Senior Programmer Analyst, Workshop Co-ordinator	28	Technical Services Supervisor
29	Laboratory Demonstrator (d), Project Leader/Analyst	30	Supervisor - Computer Operations & Programming

* Classifications of:

- Building Services Manager
- Receiver (a) & (b)
- Telephone Operator/Receptionist - (for the College)

are normally subject to a forty (40) hour work week. (See Appendix XX, LOU - Forty (40) Hours Work Week)

Category listings for Schedule "A" reflect positions that are currently in existence at the time of printing the Collective Agreement. Any additions, changes or corrections will be reflected in the next Collective Agreement.

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - ALPHABETICAL LISTING

CATEGORY	PAY GRADE	CATEGORY	PAY GRADE
A		B	
Accounting Clerk, A/R & G/L,	19	Bookstore Manager,	26
Accounting Clerk (a),	21	Bookstore Cashier,	15
Accounts Payable Clerk,	17	Building Services Manager,*	25
Accounts Receivable Clerk,	17	Buyer	25
Admissions Advisor,	23		
Admissions Clerk (a),	16		
Admissions Clerk (b),	17		
Admissions Clerk (c),	18		

Administrative Services Clerk, Assistant Bookstore Manager, Audio Visual Maintenance Technician, Audio Visual Technician, Audio Visual Technician Trainee	20 22 25 20 14		
C Clerk Specialist (a), Clerk Specialist (b), Clerk Specialist (c), Clerk Specialist - Scheduling, Computer Operator Programmer, Computer Programmer, Computer Programmer Operator Trainee, Computer Support Analyst (a), Computer Support Analyst (b), Community Relations Officer	17 18 20 19 17 20 14 23 25 25	D Data Entry Clerk (a), Data Entry Clerk (b), Department Assistant, College Advancement, Department Assistant - International Education, Duplicating/Bindery Equipment Operator	16 19 21 21 17

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - ALPHABETICAL LISTING

CATEGORY	PAY GRADE	CATEGORY	PAY GRADE
E		F Facility Assistant, Financial Aid Advisor, Financial Aid Clerk, Fine Arts Assistant	21 26 20 24
G Graphic Designer, Grad/Registrar's Publication Clerk	25 20	H Head Teacher - Child Development Centre	25
I Instructional Assistant (a), Instructional Assistant (b), Instructional Assistant (c), Instructional Assistant (d), Interpreter Interpreter/Brailist, Instructional Assistant -Journalism	19 20 21 22 23 27 23	L Laboratory Aide, Biology, Laboratory Demonstrator (a), Laboratory Demonstrator (b), Laboratory Demonstrator (b) - Geography and Physics, Laboratory Demonstrator (c), Laboratory Demonstrator (d),	15 22 24 25 27 29

		Library Aide, Library Assistant (a), Library Assistant (b), Library Assistant (c), Library Assistant (d), Library Systems Manager, Library Technician - Serials & Acquisitions, Library Technician (a), Library Technician (b), Library Technician (c), Library Technician (d), Library Technician (e), Library Technician (f)	13 16 17 18 19 27 19 20 21 22 24 25 27
M Media Production Technician, Medical Office Assistant/First Aid Attendant	24 21	O Office Assistant, Office Clerk (a), Office Clerk (b), Office Clerk (c), Office Clerk (c)/First Aid Attendant Operations Supervisor, Operations Supervisor - Computer Centre	13 14 15 16 19 26 27

SCHEDULE "A"

ALLOCATION OF CLASSIFICATIONS TO PAY GRADES - ALPHABETICAL LISTING

CATEGORY	PAY GRADE	CATEGORY	PAY GRADE
P Payroll/Benefits Clerk, Photography Lab Technician, Pre-School Teacher, Pre-School Teacher Trainee, Program Assistant (a), Program Assistant (b), Program Assistant (c), Program Assistant (d), Programmer Analyst (a), Programmer Analyst (b), Project Leader/Analyst, Purchasing Agent	22 26 19 15 15 17 18 19 24 25 29 27	R Receiver (a),* Receiver (b),* Receiver - Bookstore, Research Assistant	17 20 18 22
S Secretary,	17	T Telephone Operator/Receptionist*,	15

Senior Audio Visual Technician,	24	Technical Services Supervisor,	28
Senior Bookstore Cashier,	18	Theatre Technician,	25
Senior Computer Operator,	22	Theatre Technician (Production),	26
Senior Graphics Designer,	26	Telephone Operator/Receptionist	
Senior Programmer Analyst,	27	Relief	14
Senior Secretary,	19		
Senior Supervisor, Library			
Operations,	26		
Student Data Clerk,	20		
Student Data Control Supervisor,	25		
Student Services Assistant (a),	20		
Student Services Assistant (c),	24		
Supervisor, Accounting,	25		
Supervisor, Accounts Receivable,	21		
Supervisor, Admissions &			
Scheduling,	26		
Supervisor, Computer Operations			
& Programming	30		
V		W	
		Web Content Developer,	18
		Word Processing Operator (a),	15
		Word Processing Operator (b),	17
		Workshop Co-ordinator	27

SCHEDULE "B"

SCHEDULE OF WAGE RATES

All employees, except term employees and temporary employees, shall be paid on the basis of the following bi-weekly pay plan structure; term employees and temporary employees shall be paid on the basis of the equivalent hourly rates.

General Wage Increase

- Effective November 30, 1997 all wage rates in effect on November 29, 1997 will be increased by one percent (1%).
- Effective April 1, 2000 all wage rates in effect on March 31, 2000 will be increased by two percent (2%).

SCHEDULE "B"

SCHEDULE OF WAGE RATES

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	
STUDENT AIDES:	9.12	9.42	9.79	10.15	Nov.30/1997
STUDENT AIDES: (plus 10% in lieu of benefits)	9.30	9.61	9.98	10.35	Apr. 1/2000

SCHEDULE "C"

UNDERSTANDINGS

Appointments, Terminations and Changes

The College agrees to provide the Union with lists of appointments, terminations and changes to employee status upon approval.

Damaged Clothing

Requests for replacement of damaged clothing due to exposure to corrosive materials or other like substances, will be dealt with by the appropriate Administrator on an individual basis.

Safety/Parking

When necessary, employees who work late shifts will be allowed sufficient time to move their vehicle closer to their work area.

Insurance Contracts

The College will ensure that a copy of all benefit insurance contracts applicable to the employees are available for their review. Upon request, a copy of any such contract will be supplied to the employee requesting same.

Transportation

The College shall provide transportation, in the form of taxi vouchers, to employees who must work authorized overtime after 10:00 p.m., when the employee so requests.

Notices of Acting in Senior Capacity

Individual departments of the College shall post, for the information of employees, notices of acting in senior capacity in the department concerned.

Original Letters of Permanent Appointment

All original letters of permanent appointment to permanent positions shall contain advice that upon appointment to the permanent staff, when certain employee benefits are applicable, a reduction in take home pay of approximately 9% will be apparent.

Car Insurance

SCHEDULE "C" (cont'd)

Employees may recover all expenses incurred by the use of private vehicles for required College business through a mileage rate of thirty cents (\$0.30) per kilometre subject to review every April 1st.

Further, employees may recover expenses for parking incurred while on College business at a location away from their regular place of business.

In accordance with College policy, employees who are required by the College to use their personal automobiles in the regular performance of their duties shall be reimbursed by the College for the differential in the cost of insurance between "business" and "to and from work" categories as defined by I.C.B.C.

First Aid Attendants

Where an employee is required by the College to assume responsibility as a first aid attendant and in so doing requires a current appropriate level Industrial First Aid Certificate, the College shall grant leave of absence with pay for the purpose of attending the necessary courses, both initial training and required upgrading.

Where the first aid training in question is given on a compressed basis essentially requiring full-time attendance, the attendee shall, in addition to receiving full salary for the days of attendance, receive credit for each full day of attendance of an additional amount of three hours straight time "lieu credit" to be taken or paid for as provided in Article XI E of the Collective Agreement.

Every effort will be made to enable employees to take the regular rather than the compressed course.

First Aid Attendants required to provide first aid coverage during their scheduled meal period will have their meal period rescheduled, in consultation with their supervisor, to within one (1) hour of their meal period. If the meal period cannot be rescheduled, the employee may elect to take the equivalent of their meal period in time off at the end of their shift with no loss of pay, provided this time off can be accommodated, or they will be entitled to overtime in accordance with Article XI E 1.a).

Training Committee

SCHEDULE "C" (cont'd)

The parties will establish a Training Committee composed of three Union and three College representatives.

The Committee's central purpose is to investigate and report on:

- (1) training connected with technological change,
- (2) professional and career development needs of employees.

There shall be regular meetings, as determined by the committee. Copies of all minutes will be circulated to the College and the Union.

Preference for Hours - Permanent Part-time Employees

Permanent part-time employees will have preference, (right of first refusal) over temporary employees for additional work in their area provided they possess the ability to perform the work available.

Such additional hours, beyond their normal schedule, will not be considered as overtime provided that the employee's total daily and weekly hours are within the full-time maximums for their classification.

Job Sharing

Any employee who wishes to participate in a job sharing arrangement should make application to the Employee and Labour Relations Department and the Union. The College will endeavour to accommodate such requests on a time-limited basis.

Job sharing arrangements will only be implemented where there is mutual agreement of the College and the Union.

Work From Home

The College will notify the Union of any work at home arrangements that it enters into with employees.

Payroll Information

The College shall provide each employee on a quarterly basis with their amount of accumulated

SCHEDULE "C" (cont'd)

vacation, sick leave, time in lieu of overtime, gratuity and other leaves.

Upon implementation of its own payroll system, the College shall undertake to provide a breakdown of vacation, overtime and shift differential payment on each employee's pay cheque.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

COMPRESSED WORK WEEK SCHEDULE

NINE-DAY FORTNIGHT SYSTEM

1. Basic Conditions

- a. Application of the compressed work week nine-day fortnight system must not produce any additional cost, (i.e. overtime, additional staffing requirements or fringe benefit costs) or noticeable reduction in service from the level of service rendered at the effective date of this Letter of Understanding, **April 1, 1997.**

b. Access

Employees not on Compressed Work Week who wish access to such work schedule should make application to their Department Head or Senior Supervisor. That individual will make the necessary analysis to ascertain whether the proposed change in schedule meets the conditions in 1 a) above and pass the request and analysis to the appropriate administrator in the Centre responsible for personnel matters for approval.

Should a request be denied the employee may ask that access be reviewed by the committee as follows:

A committee for each of the jurisdictions shall be responsible for resolving difficulties which may arise including matters of access to or exclusion from the compressed work week schedule.

Each committee shall consist of one Administrator from the jurisdiction concerned, who shall act as chair, along with one member representing:

- participating support staff
- CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.
- Employee & Labour Relations Department

NINE-DAY FORTNIGHT SYSTEM (cont'd)

b. Access (cont'd)

In the event that problems of a serious nature cannot be resolved by the committee, the matter(s) will be referred to the Director of Employee & Labour Relations and the Business Manager of CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W. for discussion.

In the event that those parties cannot resolve the problem(s) within a reasonable period, either the Union or the College may refer the matter to grievance procedure commencing at Step 4.

No employee or position (e.g. vacant position) will be removed from the compressed work week schedule except through the committee and grievance process outlined above.

c. Suspension of the Compressed Work Week

The compressed work-week schedule may be temporarily suspended by joint and mutual agreement of the Union and the College Administration from the jurisdiction concerned. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the College shall give a minimum of ten (10) working days notice of suspension of the Compressed Work Week schedule.

In order to accommodate situations, such as emergencies, vacation, illness and peak periods, scheduled fortnight days may be deferred at the request and with the approval of the administration and must be rescheduled and utilized at the earliest opportunity. Where such situations are known in advance, fortnight scheduling shall be arranged to accommodate them.

Staffing needs within a department or area may necessitate suspension of the compressed work week schedule for an employee required to provide back-up service in the absence of another staff member if it cannot be accommodated via the provisions contained within the Flextime Letter of Understanding.

During periods of suspension of the Compressed Work Week, the College shall require employees to continue working a seven and three-quarter (7 ¾) hour day for the period of suspension.

NINE-DAY FORTNIGHT SYSTEM (cont'd)

c. Suspension of the Compressed Work Week (cont'd)

However, in order to meet the College's commitments, departmental staffing needs and/or to meet individual needs, an employee and a department may mutually agree that the employee shall revert to a seven (7) hour day during the period of suspension.

In areas that request suspension for two or more bi-weekly periods, two of those periods should be considered the periods in which no days off will be scheduled as provided for in item 2c. of this Letter of Understanding.

If there is a suspension period greater than one month, the affected employees will revert to a seven-hour day.

During a period of suspension where an employee reverts to a seven-hour day, absence for vacation or sickness will be utilized at the rate of seven (7) hours per day. No credit towards compressed work week will be earned in this instance.

d. Deferral of Compressed Work Week Days Off

Days deferred must be scheduled by mutual agreement within two (2) months of the conclusion of the deferral period taking into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld by either party.

Deferred days may be carried forward beyond the two (2) month period by mutual agreement provided the commitment to the College and the needs of the department can be adequately met.

- e. Individual employees may apply, for special reasons, to remain on the established five-day work schedule, such request to be made to the Senior Administrator of the jurisdiction concerned and reviewed by the joint Union/Management Committee.

2. Working Conditions

- a. Employees shall work a seven and three-quarter (7 $\frac{3}{4}$) hours each regularly scheduled work day in every two-week period.

APPENDIX I (Cont'd)

NINE-DAY FORTNIGHT SYSTEM (cont'd)

2. Working Conditions (cont'd)

b. For the purposes of the Compressed Work Week Letter of Understanding, a year shall be defined as a calendar year and will be divided into twenty-six (26) fortnight periods. The maximum entitlement of Compressed Work Week days off during the period shall be twenty-four (24).

f. For those individuals on Compressed Work Week for twenty-six (26) bi-weekly periods, there will be two (2) bi-weekly periods each year in which no Compressed Work Week days off will be scheduled.

Those individuals on Compressed Work Week for fewer than twenty-six (26) bi-weekly periods will have the Compressed Work Week days off pro-rated for the number of bi-weekly periods worked. For example, an individual on Compressed Work Week for 22 bi-weekly periods will receive 20.3 Compressed Work Week days off.

These bi-weekly periods may normally be scheduled at a time that takes into consideration the needs of the department and the desires of the individual. The preferred periods, if another period has not been agreed to, are in the bi-weekly periods overlapping Christmas and Easter.

g. Additional scheduled days off, one every two weeks, will preferably be Monday or Friday or any other day taking into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual.

h. Overtime rates will be paid as per Clause XI E for authorized work performed in excess of seven and three-quarter (7¾) hours per day, excluding the time worked when making up time owed by the employees.

i. Supervisors will post work schedules for employees.

j. Supervisors are responsible for keeping accurate records of employee overtime and time owed to and by employees.

k. Neither acting capacity nor shift differentials shall be paid if the higher level of work performed or hours of work are directly due to the modified work week.

APPENDIX I (Cont'd)

NINE-DAY FORTNIGHT SYSTEM (cont'd)

3. Employee Benefits

- a. Present sick leave credits will be converted from days to hours. Employees on the compressed work week schedule will be deducted seven and three-quarter (7 3/4) hours sick leave for a day of absence owing to non-occupational sickness and injury.
- b. Vacation entitlement will be converted to hours for each employee. Employees on the compressed work week schedule will be deducted seven and three-quarter (7 3/4) hours vacation leave for a day of absence. Compressed work week days off will be earned during vacation periods. For example, an employee taking "two weeks" vacation would, in fact, be taking nine days of vacation (69.75 hours) and one Compressed Work Week day off.
- c. Gratuity days are earned as seven (7) hour days. If payment of gratuity is made to an employee it shall be made on the basis of a seven (7) hour day.

If gratuity days are taken as leave, the earned days may be converted to hours and the employee may remain on the Compressed Work Week during the period when the gratuity day(s) is/are taken. This may necessitate the employee working for a partial day or making time up.

If the employee wishes to revert to a seven (7) hour day for the period in which gratuity days are taken then the reversion period shall be for the full bi-weekly period.

- d. Where an employee is in receipt of Workers' Compensation Board benefits under this clause, they shall have no entitlement to compressed work week days off during the period of absence owing to occupational sickness or injury.

4. Illness

Illness on a fortnight day off shall not entitle the employee to claim a replacement day off unless a doctor's certificate is provided to the employer.

5. Agreement to Conditions Not Mentioned

It is agreed that any general conditions presently in force which are not specifically mentioned in this Letter of Understanding, and are not contrary to its intention, shall continue in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

6. Term of Letter of Understanding

This Letter of Understanding shall be binding upon the "College" and the "Union" for a term coincident with this Collective Agreement.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

EXPERIMENTAL WORK SCHEDULES

This will confirm our mutual understanding that Article XI A. can be used to accommodate a range of innovative hours of work arrangements, on an individual or group basis and is not limited to the compressed work week schedule in Appendix I.

Any such arrangement would normally have to satisfy the same general conditions as the nine-day fortnight - i.e. no additional cost, loss in service, etc.

Any such innovative schedule should be developed within the division prior to seeking mutual agreement of the College and the Union, and should be administratively simple.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PERMANENT TERM POSITIONS

The parties have reached the following understandings:

- "Term Positions" are deemed to include Program Assistants, Instructional Assistants, Industrial Program Assistants, Laboratory Demonstrators and staff of the Child Development Centre and such other positions as mutually agreed between the College and the Union.
- The utilization of "Term Positions" will not affect current staff employed as of the date of this memorandum.
- The employment of individuals in "Term Positions" may be considered and implemented in departments where schedules can accommodate only for new positions and replacement of current staff following consultation with the appropriate division and department chair.
- "Term Position Employees" are permanent employees employed over a specified term.

The employment of employees in term positions will be on the basis of the following formula and conditions:

Salary

$$\text{Term Salary} = \text{Annual Salary} + * \text{General} + ** \frac{\text{Annual} \times \text{No. of Duty Months}}{\text{Holidays} + \text{Vacation}}$$

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The Term Salary shall be paid in equal instalments over the duty months.

Fringe Benefits

Benefits coverage will be applicable for the entire year but premiums shall be deducted and paid over the duty months.

- * 4%
- **2% for each 5 day vacation increment as per Article XIV A of the current collective agreement.

PERMANENT TERM POSITIONS

Annual Vacation

Included in the calculation of Term Salary and may not be taken during the duty months.

Sick Leave

Applicable only to the duty months.

General Holidays

Taken as they occur during the duty months.

Additional Duty

If term employees are required to work some days during the non-duty months they shall be paid therefore at straight-time daily or hourly rate as applicable.

Increments

Shall occur on the basis of one increment for each completed duty year of service.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999, at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

FLEXTIME

The College agrees with the principle of flextime for Union members under the following definition:

Flexitime is a work schedule which permits adjustment of the schedule of daily or weekly hours worked which takes into consideration the commitment of the College, the needs of the department and the desires of the individual.

Criteria for access to a flexitime schedule:

1. Flexitime shall be scheduled in advance and approved by the appropriate Administrator or College President or delegate.
2. Flexitime schedules shall not produce any additional cost for the College (e.g. overtime, additional staffing requirements, fringe benefit increases or non-scheduled shift differential).
3. Flexitime schedules shall not result in any noticeable reductions in service from the effective date of this Letter of Understanding.
4. Flexitime schedules shall be within the established hours of operation for the work performed.

A committee shall be responsible for resolving difficulties which may arise including matters of access to or exclusion from a flexitime schedule.

The committee shall consist of one administrator from the jurisdiction concerned, who shall act as chair, along with one member representing: participating support staff; CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.; Employee & Labour Relations Department.

In the event that problems of a serious nature cannot be resolved by the committee, the matter(s) will be referred to the Director, Employee & Labour Relations and the Business Manager of the CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W. for resolution.

In the event that those parties cannot resolve the problem(s) within thirty (30) working days, either the Union or the College may refer the matter to the grievance procedure commencing at Step 4. The time limit may be extended by mutual consent.

Flexitime schedules may be temporarily suspended by joint and mutual agreement of the Union and College Administration from the jurisdiction concerned.

This Letter of Understanding shall be binding upon the "College" and the "Union" for a term coincident with the collective agreement.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT1. Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall be binding upon the College and the Union for a period of **forty-eight (48)** months from **April 1, 1997 to March 31, 2001**, both dates inclusive.

2. Qualifications

The College may offer to an employee a choice of one of the early retirement incentive alternatives described herein, provided the employee meets the following qualifications:

1. is age 55 or over;
2. has a minimum of ten years' pensionable service under the Municipal Superannuation Plan;
3. is a permanent regular employee at the time of early retirement;
4. is on the maximum step of the salary scale;
5. resigns for purposes of retirement.

The Union shall be advised of any offer of early retirement made to a member, and the employee will be advised of their right to consult with the Union.

3. Agreement

An employee has the right to accept or decline an early retirement incentive offer made by the College within thirty (30) days of the offer being proposed. In the event of acceptance of an offer of early retirement, an employee's date of retirement shall be effective on a date mutually agreed upon between the employee and the College.

Agreement shall be in writing and shall specify the early retirement date with the incentive option agreed upon.

Acceptance must take place before the termination date of this Agreement. Retirement may take place after the termination date of this Agreement.

4. Alternatives

A. Lump Sum Payment

The retirement allowance will be paid in one sum on the date of retirement, or for optimum tax advantage, an agreed upon deferred date, or in predetermined instalments, acceptable to the employee and will be based on scale salary without allowances in the following amounts:

<u>Full Years to Retirement</u>	<u>Pay Out</u>
1 salary	up to 20% of annual
2 salary	up to 40% of annual
3 salary	up to 60% of annual
4 salary	up to 80% of annual
5 or more salary	up to 100% of annual

OR B. The retirement allowance based on up to 20% of the retiring employee's pre-retirement basic salary only will be paid each month by the College into a pre-designated Registered Retirement Savings Plan or Trust Fund in the name of the retired employee to provide at the discretion of the retired employee, a supplemental pension income upon attaining the age of 65 years. Payments shall commence on the first day of the month coincident with, or next following, the date of early retirement and shall cease when the retired employee reaches the 65th birthday. In the event the retired employee passes away prior to attaining the age of 65, any contributions outstanding shall be payable by the College in a lump sum amount to the estate of the deceased. The maximum period of payment shall be sixty (60) months.

5. Understandings

The term of Agreement described herein is to allow for an evaluation of the social and economic aspects of the program prior to considering its possible renewal, revision or discontinuation.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

RECOVERY OF CLAIMED "OVERPAYMENTS"

It is the intention of Langara College to recover overpaid wages occurring as a consequence of clerical error. Upon the College determining that such an overpayment has occurred:

1. When an obvious overpayment has occurred, it may be corrected within one (1) month of that occurrence, without need for consultation with the affected employee or the Union.
2. If overpayment of wages occurred which was not corrected within one (1) month of the error having occurred, the College will notify the affected employee in writing, with copy to the Union, specifying:
 - a) the amount of overpayment claimed;
 - b) a general description of the situation which gave rise to the claimed overpayment;
 - c) a detailed calculation of the claimed overpayment;
 - d) the intended schedule of recovery;
 - e) the employee's right to consult with the Union regarding this matter.
3. Should the employee or the Union dispute either the intended recovery or the calculation provided, the matter shall be discussed informally with the **Manager, Human Resources Systems & Services** and the Manager, Payroll and Accounts Payable and an effort made to reconcile the calculation and to accommodate the employee regarding the schedule of recovery. If alternate arrangements are agreed, they shall be confirmed in writing to all concerned.
4. If agreement cannot be reached informally, the matter shall be dealt with through the grievance procedure commencing at Step 3 and within the time limits prescribed therein and recovery shall not proceed until the grievance is ultimately resolved.
5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the employee voluntarily terminates employment with the College before recovery is accomplished, complete recovery shall form part of the normal end-of-employment reconciliation practices.

6. This agreement does not address nor apply to :
- a) Normal reconciliation at the end of employment for vacation, gratuity leave, and other such entitlements where such reconciliation is clearly specified in the Collective Agreement;
or
 - b) Garnishees or other court-ordered claims initiated by a third party.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

November 17, 1998

APPENDIX VII

*Mr. Ron Richings
Staff Representative
CUPE - Local 15
545 West 10th Avenue
VANCOUVER, B.C.
V5Z 1K9*

Dear Mr. Richings,

RE: EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

In the event that there is a "Pension Accord" for members of the College Pension Plan which allows for more Langara College early retirement incentive plan funding to be available in 1999, the College will ensure that the Union is fully informed of the details as it may affect bargaining unit members. The College will also make every reasonable effort to apply ERIP funding available for the sole CUPE - Local 15 1999 applicant.

The College will inform the Union of the status and amount of any funding which may be available for this applicant.

Yours truly,

*Ken Jillings
Director, Employee & Labour Relations*

*KJ/vm
erip.*

November 16 1998

*Mr. Ron Richings
Staff Representative
CUPE - Local 15
545 West 10th Avenue
Vancouver BC V5Z 1K9*

Dear Mr. Richings,

During the term of this agreement the College is committed to making every reasonable effort to avoid laying off CUPE - Local 15 members, taking into consideration the fiscal and operational needs of the College.

Yours truly,

*Ken Jillings
Director, Employee & Labour Relations*

*KJ/vm
layoff*

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

PAY EQUITY

In the event that additional Pay Equity funding is made available by the Provincial Government which Langara College is eligible in accordance with Government Pay Equity Guidelines to receive; then the College and the Union will meet to discuss possible uses of such additional funding.

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

During the 1992 negotiations, the parties discussed the introduction of an Employee Assistance Program. It was agreed that this benefit should be made available to all employees. The parties agree to refer this matter to the Benefits Committee to explore alternatives that may be available to fund this benefit.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BENEFITS CONTINUATION

This will confirm that the College supports the principle of continuation of coverage and normal premium payment for health and welfare benefits and superannuation, if available, while temporarily working for the College outside the bargaining unit. Specific application of this will be determined on a case by case basis.

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

CONTRACTING OUT

Within one month of the signing of this collective agreement the Joint Standing Committee will meet to consider, and attempt to resolve, the dispute involving the use of Boyd Enterprises by the College. At the request of either party the mediator will assist the committee in reaching this resolution.

Should the Joint Standing Committee fail to resolve this dispute to the mutual satisfaction of the parties within one month of its becoming seized of the dispute, the mediator will issue recommendations for the resolution of the dispute. Failing acceptance of those recommendations by both parties the mediator will issue a final and binding decision on the dispute.

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

APPENDIX XIII

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

RATIFICATION MEETINGS

The union will make every reasonable effort to schedule ratification meetings at a time which minimizes the disruption of College operations and will work with the College to ensure that minimum service levels are maintained during ratification meetings.

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
COLLEGE HARASSMENT POLICY

The Union and the College will meet within sixty (60) days of the signing of the Collective Agreement to discuss revisions to the College's Harassment Policy. If the Union and the College agree, any changes will be reflected in Article VIII E of the Agreement.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

PROMOTION AND TRANSFER

The Union and the College agree that "filled", as used in Article XI H., shall have the following meaning:

1. a new incumbent occupies the position;

or

2. the College has made a legally binding offer to a successful candidate.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

APPENDIX XVI

APPENDIX XVII

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BARGAINING UNIT WORK

For the term of this agreement, the College agrees not to assign any work presently performed by a permanent employee to another bargaining unit in the College which results in the layoff of a permanent employee.

"Presently performed" means work which is performed by a permanent employee on or after November 1998.

This provision will not convey any new or additional rights to the employer over and above the previous Collective Agreement.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

APPENDIX XVIII

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

For the same reasons that benefit enhancements/modifications were made available to Faculty, the College is also agreeable to extending the benefit enhancements/modifications in Article 9.2.1 (b)1 to 5 (c) and (d) of the Faculty Common Agreement to CUPE - Local 15.

The details and application of the benefit enhancements may be subject to further clarification by the parties to the Common Agreement, the Plan Carrier(s) and the Benefits Consultant. The above-mentioned benefit enhancements/modifications will be effective January 1, 1999.

In the event that there are further benefit enhancements to which the LFA are entitled per article 9.2.2 a & b, then such enhancements will be accorded to CUPE - Local 15 members covered by this agreement who are eligible for benefits.

See excerpt from Faculty Common Agreement for details on the next page.

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CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

Excerpt from Faculty Common Agreement:

9.2.1 Benefit Improvements

In recognition of the continuing health and welfare benefit efficiency savings achieved following the 1995/96 Framework Agreement and as a result of PSEA and union initiatives, the following benefits will be changed during the life of this agreement:

b) Extended Health Benefits

Extended Health Benefit changes to be effective January 1, 1999:

- 1) Total lifetime coverage level will be unlimited.
- 2) Reimbursement level on claims will be 95 %; where existing reimbursement provisions in a local agreement exceed ninety-five percent (95 %), the existing local provision will remain in force.
- 3) Hearing Aid benefit claims will be to a maximum of \$600 every five years.
- 4) Medical Travel Referral benefit will be improved by increasing the per diem benefit for service and supplies not covered by the Medical Services Plan of BC to \$125 per day for up to fifty (50) days.
- 5) Health and Welfare benefits coverage will cease on the day that an employee's employment terminates.

c) Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Effective January 1, 1999 Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits each shall be set at three times (3x) the employee's annual salary.

d) Dental Plan

Effective January 1, 1999 amendment of Plan a that includes revision of cleaning of the teeth (prophylaxis and scaling) every nine months except dependent children (up to age 19) and those with gum disease and other dental problems as approved by the Plan.

9.2.2 Joint Committee on Benefits Administration Improvements

The following benefits will be changed effective thirty (30) days after the date that ongoing savings to pay for this benefit are realized as a result of initiatives of the Joint Committee on Benefit Administration or such later date as agreed by the Committee:

a) Extended Health

- 1) Reimbursement level on claims shall be one hundred percent (100 %).
- 2) Vision care benefit claims shall be to a maximum of \$300 every two (2) years.

b) Dental

- 1) Major restorative Services (Plan B) shall be reimbursed at a level of eight percent

- (80).
- 2) Orthodontics (Plan C) shall be reimbursed to all members and dependents at a level of sixty percent (60) up to a lifetime maximum of \$3,500.

APPENDIX XIX

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

CONTRACTING OUT

The following will be added to Article XVIII G and will be in effect for the term of the agreement:

The employer agrees not to contract out any work presently performed by permanent employees covered by this agreement which would result in the layoff of such employees.

"Presently performed" means work which is being performed by a permanent employee on or after November 1998.

SIGNED THIS _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

FORTY (40) HOUR WORK WEEK

The parties agree that while the incumbents of the positions of Building Services Manager, Receiver (a) and (b) and Receptionist/Switchboard Operator work a forty (40) hour work week; and that while incumbent employees are currently paid thirty-five (35) hours per week at four (4) pay grades higher than the classified level of the position, the parties agree to amend this system in the following manner:

Employees in these positions (both permanent and temporary) shall be paid (effective first bi-weekly pay period following ratification) at the classified pay grade, and hourly rate for the position, or a bi-weekly rate based on eighty (80) straight-time hours.

For overtime purposes the normal hours for these employees will be eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.

The parties further agree that with respect to the implementation of the aforementioned change, that Bill Small and Mel Fearman shall continue to be paid under the current (+4 pay grade) system for as long as each is in a forty (40) hour per week position, after which time each new incumbent will be paid in the amended manner.

[The parties agree that this is cost neutral].

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

APPENDIX XXI

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

WORKLOAD

The parties agree to establish a Joint Workload Committee. The Committee will consist of two (2) appointees of the College and two (2) appointees of the Union. By mutual agreement, the Committee may utilize additional resources as needed.

The Committee will develop a pro-active process aimed at identifying and resolving employee workload issues, in the context of the current Collective Agreement provisions. The process will be completed no later than May 1, 1999, or such other date as may be mutually agreed.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 1999 at the City of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

CUPE Local 15, V.M.E.C.W.

LANGARA COLLEGE

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

USE OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES

1. The College will minimize the use of agency personnel through the internal recruitment of temporary or casual employees.
2. The College will offer work to employees on the recall list who have the ability to perform the work prior to going to an agency.
3. Agency hires beyond one month will require the approval of the Union which will not be unreasonably denied.
4. The College will advise the Union of all agency hires.
5. When employees of outside employment agencies are used by the College they will be treated in the same manner as casual employees as outlined in the Collective Agreement subsequent to the one that expired September 30, 1994; however, the following will not apply:
 - Article III 8C, Payment in lieu of benefits.
 - Article X, Position Evaluation, except that the Union retains its rights contained in Article X B 1.
 - Article XI H, Promotions and Transfer.
 - Article XI J, Temporary Re-appointment Rights.
 - Article XI K, Uniforms, Gloves, Aprons and Boots. Boots will not apply.
 - Article XIV A, Annual Vacation.
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USE OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES

APPENDIX XXII (cont'd)

6. The percentage in lieu of benefits paid to agency workers will be 2 less than the percentage paid to casual employees.
7. The College will remit the appropriate Union dues.
8. Any grievance arising from an agency worker will only be reviewed and pursued by the Union, rather than by the individual worker.

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My Steward is _____ :

and available at Phone No. _____ :

My alternate Steward is _____ :

Phone No. _____ :

The Collective Agreement

This contract specifies the terms and conditions of your employment and has been mutually agreed upon by the Union and College. Both parties want the provisions to be respected and properly applied. It is in your interest to know the contract as it applies to your working environment.

Grievance Procedure

Problems regarding the application, enforcement, or interpretation of this contract should be dealt with through the procedure outlined in Article IX. If you have a problem, discuss it with your immediate supervisor within 15 working days with your Shop Steward present.

Shop Steward

Your Shop Steward is a liaison between you and your supervisor when dealing with problems that arise on the job. Your Shop Steward should also be aware of what is happening within the Union and the labour movement. If you are aware of a problem or have a question regarding your work or the Union, please contact your Steward.

Negotiations

Contract improvements are negotiated between the Union and the College. Negotiations generally start about 3 months prior to the expiry of the Contract. It is the practice of your Union to have the Bargaining Unit elect a negotiating committee from within the membership of the Bargaining Unit.