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AND

**SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND
GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION
LOCAL 4253**

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**ARTICLES OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
made in duplicate this 29th day of August, 2024.**

between

**NORTHLANDS COLLEGE
hereinafter referred to as "the Employer"**

OF THE FIRST PART

and

**SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION
hereinafter referred to as "the Union"**

OF THE SECOND PART

PREAMBLE

Northlands College and the members of the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union Local 4253 acknowledge and respect the traditional lands of Treaty 5, 6, 8 and 10 Territories and the homelands of the Metis people.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all parties to this Agreement to maintain the existing harmonious relationship between the College and the members of the Union, to promote **cooperation** and understanding between the College and the employees, and to recognize the value of joint discussions, and negotiations in matters pertaining to working conditions, hours of work and scale of wages to encourage economy of operations and elimination of waste, and to promote the morale, well-being and security of the employees of the College, **and,**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both parties to support the principles of a collective working relationship and develop a spirit of transparency and mutual trust in labour relations between the union and the employer;

NOW THEREFORE, This Agreement witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and covenants, conditions, stipulations and provisos herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

- 1.1 **Bargaining Unit** means the employees of Northlands College as per Certification Order.
- 1.2 **Call-Back** is a request, by the supervisor, after the employee has left the place of work for the employee to return to work for overtime.
- 1.3 **College** means Northlands College as the employer as per Certification Order.
- 1.4 **Employee** or **Employees** means an employee or employees to which the terms of this Agreement apply as indicated in Article 2 hereof.
- 1.5 **Field Employees** are employees whose hours of work are scheduled according to Article 9.2.
- 1.6 **Fiscal Year** is July 1 to June 30.
- 1.7 **Occasion** means one (1) instance of reporting for work which shall not exceed in duration the number of hours normally worked in a day by a full-time employee. There can be no more than one (1) occasion per day.
- 1.8 **Office Employees** are employees who work office hours as referred to in Article 9.1.
- 1.9 **Part-Time Employee** means an employee who is scheduled to work less than full-time daily, weekly, monthly or yearly.
- 1.10 **Pay Plan** means the scales of pay as contained in Appendix A and B and the rules governing its operation as contained in Article 7.
- 1.11 **Permanent Employee** means one who has successfully completed the probation period on initial appointment.
- 1.12 **Position Classification Plan** means the jointly developed and maintained pay equity job evaluation system that ensures equal pay for work of equal value.
- 1.13 **Chief Executive Officer** means the Principal or Chief Executive Officer of Northlands College.
- 1.14 **Probationary Employee** means one who has not yet completed a probationary period on initial appointment.

- 1.15 **Prorata Basis** means prorated according to the time worked while employed, as a percentage of the time worked by full-time employees in the same classification.
- 1.16 **Regulated Employees** are employees who have regulated hours of work which are other than office hours.
- 1.17 **A Subunit** comprises the in-scope employees working in each of three geographical areas in the service region of the College: the Central Region, the Eastern Region, and the Western Region.
- 1.18 **Temporary Employee** means the incumbent of a position whose tenure of employment is limited without acquisition of any continuing right to be retained as an employee beyond such period providing, **they are** employed to fill an existing position vacated because of illness or leave with or without pay.
- 1.19 **Union** means the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union and its Northlands College Bargaining Unit as certified.
- 1.20 **Promotion** is defined as the movement of an employee from a position in one (1) class to a position in another class with a salary range of higher maximum.
- 1.21 **Term position is an appointment established with a defined end date given at the commencement of employment.**
- 1.22 **Ongoing position is an appointment established without a defined end date given at the commencement of employment .**

ARTICLE 2 SCOPE

The terms of this agreement shall apply to all employees of the College in accordance with any Labour Relations Board order. In addition to those positions excluded by Labour Relations Board order, the parties may from time to time agree to the exclusion of additional positions as contemplated by Article 5.

The following is a current list of those excluded:

- 2.1 President & CEO
- 2.2 Vice-President, Finance and **Administration**
- 2.3 **Executive Regional Director, West Region**
- 2.4 **Executive Regional Director, Central Region**

- 2.5 **Executive Regional Director, East Region**
- 2.6 Executive **Coordinator**
- 2.7 **Director, Engagement and Communications**
- 2.8 **Director, Indigenous Initiatives**
- 2.9 **Director, Human Resources and Organizational Development**
- 2.10 **Director, Finance**
- 2.11 **Director, Information Technology**
- 2.12 Manager, Facilities
- 2.13 **Manager, Mining Programs**
- 2.14 Manager, University **Studies**
- 2.15 **Human Resources Generalist (2)**
- 2.16 Subject to mutual agreement at the local level, individuals employed on specific projects for which the College does not have exclusive responsibility for selection, direction and evaluation.
- 2.17 Employees who are in positions that are scheduled for less than the equivalent of twenty-five (25) full days. For the purpose of this Article, a full day is defined by a normal working day by a full-time employee in a similar position.

ARTICLE 3 UNION SECURITY

- 3.1 The College agrees to recognize the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for the employees covered by this Agreement and hereby agrees to negotiate with the Union or its designated bargaining representatives in any and all matters pertaining to working conditions, hours of work and scale of wages.
- 3.2 The College agrees that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised or practised with regard to any employee in the matter of hiring, wage rates, training upgrading, promotion, transfer, lay-off, discipline, classification, discharge, educational leave or otherwise by reason of religion, creed, marital status, family status, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, colour, ancestry, nationality, place of origin, race or perceived race, receipt of

public assistance, gender identity, political or religious affiliation, nor by reason of membership or activity in the Union.

- 3.3 All employees covered by this Agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a picket line arising out of a labour dispute. Failure to cross a picket line encountered in carrying out the Employer's business shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action. However, the Employer may dock an amount of pay appropriate to the work time lost by the employee through honouring the picket line.
- 3.3.1 All employees who are now, and hereafter become, members of the Union shall maintain their membership in the Union as a condition of their employment and all new employees shall, as a condition of their employment, and within thirty (30) days of the commencement of their employment, apply for and maintain membership in the Union. Any employee who is not required to maintain membership in the Union and whose class of employment is within the bargaining scope of the Union, shall, as a condition of employment, tender to the Union the monthly dues uniformly required to be paid by the members of the Union.
- 3.3.2 On signed authorization by an employee, the College shall deduct, on behalf of the Union, all initiation, dues, assessments, or levies, uniformly required from the pay cheque of each employee **each pay period**, who as a condition of employment is required to submit such initiation, dues, assessments, or levies. The College shall remit the same to the Executive Director of the Union **or designate** prior to the 20th day of the month following the calendar month in which such deduction is made, accompanied by a list of all employees for and on behalf of whom the individual deductions were made and the **corresponding pay period(s)** that the deductions were made.
- 3.3.3 A monthly statement shall also be forwarded to the Executive Director of Operations of the Union showing the names of all new employees covered by this Agreement hired during the month, the date they were employed and the name of all employees covered by this Agreement who have left the employ of the College during the month and the date of severance.
- 3.3.4 At the time Income Tax (T-4) slips are made available, the College shall indicate the amount of union dues paid by each Union member.
- 3.3.5 The College agrees to acquaint new employees, upon employment, with the fact that a Union Agreement is in effect, and direct the person to the local Union representative. **The College further agrees to allow the steward at the subunit location to provide Union orientation to new employees. The steward and new member(s) will be allowed up to**

one half (1/2) hour during scheduled work time for this purpose. Such arrangements for time shall be made with the out of scope supervisor(s) or human resources.

- 3.3.6 An employee covered by this Agreement who is temporarily filling an out-of-scope position shall continue to have union dues deducted from **their** salary and shall be entitled to all the benefits and protections afforded by this Agreement.
- 3.3.7 Employees shall have the right to the assistance of a Union representative(s) during discussions related to **disputes**, grievances or negotiations. Such representative(s) shall have access to the College premises, in order to investigate and assist in the settlement of a **dispute and/or** grievance(s).
- 3.4 Subject to approval by **Human Resources** or designate, the College shall allow the Union to conduct educational and business functions on the College's premises. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3.5 The College shall allow the Union to post notices and information of interest to the employees. The Union agrees not to post material defamatory to the Employer. Notices may be posted on bulletin boards and through the internal email system.
- 3.6 Written notice of change in the amount of dues must be given to the College by the Union at least ten (10) working days in advance of the date that the change is to be effective.
- 3.7 **The College agrees to provide the Union annually, by September 30, a list of all employees in the bargaining unit indicating each individual employee's fulltime equivalent (FTE), title, step, as well as range or classification of the position(s) occupied. This information will be accurate as of June 30.**
- 3.8 **Duty to Accommodate**

The College, the Union and the employee acknowledge their duty to accommodate in accordance with Human Rights legislation, up to the point of undue hardship. The College, in consultation with the Union and the employee, shall determine the appropriate action to accommodate the employee.
- 3.9 Contracting Out

It is not the intention of the employer to enter into the contracting out of existing work arrangements that directly result in the loss of any employee's employment. If the College determines that it is necessary to contract out any new work arrangements that potentially involve the

loss of employment for employees, the College will so advise the Union in writing.

- a) giving as much notice as possible, but at least thirty (30) days; and
- b) allowing at this stage the Union to enter into discussions with the Employer regarding the planned contracting out.

If no reasonable alternative to contracting out is found, the Employer will endeavour to use the services of other unionized agencies.

As a courtesy, the Employer will notify the Union of any and all other instances of contracting out, even where these do not result in the loss of employment for employees.

3.9.1 Whenever possible, Northlands College will utilize Northlands employees to deliver programs brokered from other institutes.

3.10 Indemnity

3.10.1 Except where the employee's negligence or acts of malice have resulted in a judgment or settlement payment being made by the Employer, the Employer agrees not to seek redress against an employee whose act or acts, done in the ordinary course of the employee's employment, results in a judgment or settlement payment being made by Employer.

3.10.2 The Employer agrees to provide legal counsel for an employee against whom action is brought for acts done by the employee in the ordinary course of the employee's employment, provided the acts are done without negligence or malice and provided further that the employee notifies the Employer within thirty (30) days of any incident, occurrence, or event which may lead to legal action against the employee and in the following circumstances:

- a) when the employee is first approached by any person or organization notifying the employee of intended legal action against the employee; or
- b) when the employee decides to retain counsel in regards to the incident or course of events; or
- c) when information first becomes known to the employee in the light of which the employee might reasonably consider that the employee might be the object of legal action.

3.10.3 In the event that an employee wishes to retain counsel the employee shall so advise the Employer in writing. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of this information the Employer shall advise the employee, in writing, of the Employer's intention either to:

- a) provide and pay for legal services; or
- b) pay for legal services from counsel whose selection the employer approves.

ARTICLE 4 APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Re-Employment Lists

4.1.1 Re-Employment List for Permanent Employees

The College shall establish and maintain a re-employment list by classification, with the names of employees ranked thereon in order of bargaining unit-wide seniority. Employees may remain, subject to Article 7.9.4 on the Re-employment List for a period of two (2) years. Such list shall include the names of the following permanent employees:

- a) employees who are on lay-off.
- b) employees whose jobs have been abolished.
- c) employees who have been bumped.
- d) employees whose former positions have been reclassified as positions with lower pay range maximums.
- e) employees returning from indefinite leaves of absence.

In future hiring, employees on the re-employment list shall **have the right to apply for job postings**, in accordance with **the terms of this collective agreement**.

4.1.2 Re-hire List for Probationary Employees

The College shall establish and maintain a re-hire list for probationary employees who have had their jobs abolished, who have been bumped, or whose term appointments have expired. The re-hire list shall show employees' classifications and shall list their names in rank order according to their days of service.

In future hiring, probationary employees on the re-hire list shall be given preference over outside applicants for same or similar positions in accordance with their days of service for a period of twelve (12) months.

4.1.3 Notification of Qualification and Current Address

Employees shall be responsible for keeping the College notified of their current qualification and addresses, and the College shall not be liable to grievance action where it can be shown that failure to receive notice of vacancy is the fault of the employee in not notifying the College of the change of address.

4.2 Filling Positions by Competition

Vacancies and new positions covered in the scope of this Agreement which the College chooses to fill shall be subject to in-service competition by all employees.

4.2.1

When an appointment of predetermined length is extended beyond the originally specified date by more than **fifteen (15)** working days, the position shall be re-advertised internally and subject to in-service competition by all employees. This provision may be waived by mutual agreement, which must be confirmed in writing, at the local level.

4.3 Job Postings

A competition shall be announced to all employees in the form of a bulletin posted in a prominent position in the College offices and in an email the following information: name, duties, and classification of position; qualifications, knowledge, skills, and education required; wage or salary rate or range, hours of work and scheduled days of rest for regulated employees and whether the position is full-time or part-time, full-year or part-year, deadline date for applications, expected start date of the position and any other pertinent information.

Employees on the reemployment or rehire list shall receive notification of competitions on their personal email. If email is unavailable, a bulletin will be mailed to them. It is the responsibility of the employee to supply the College with a current email address.

A competition shall allow a minimum of ten (10) calendar days for applications to be submitted unless a shorter period of time is mutually agreed to.

Positions may be advertised internally and externally at the same time. However, no external applicant shall be considered until all internal applications have been evaluated and it is determined that no internal applicant meets the qualifications for the vacancy.

The Union and the College may mutually agree, **in writing**, that **posting** a particular position is not required.

4.4 Basis of Appointments

Subject to Article 4.2, positions shall be filled on the basis of qualifications and seniority. The applicant with the necessary qualifications, knowledge, education and skills as outlined in the class plan, and having the most seniority in the College shall be appointed to the position.

4.4.1 In evaluating the qualifications, knowledge, education and skills, the Employer shall do so in a way that is bona fide, fair, reasonable, non-arbitrary and non-discriminatory.

4.5 Basis of Appointment to Supervisory Positions

- a) A supervisory position is a Level 7 or Level 8 position with supervisory responsibilities.
- b) Appointment to supervisory positions shall be made subject to Article 4.2, on the basis of the following factors:
 - i) qualifications, knowledge, education and skills of the applicant relevant to the job for which the selection is being made, and
 - ii) where the qualifications, knowledge, education and skills of the applicants are relatively equal, seniority shall be the deciding factor. Relative equality is achieved where the assessment of the applicants are within ten percent (10%) of each other.

4.6 Union Observer

The College shall notify the Union of the time, place and date of the assessment of applications and/or interviews for any positions for which there are any internal applicants. **The employer will give reasonable advance notice of assessments and will advise the union regarding interviews at the same time that the interview applicant is advised.** The Union shall be entitled to have a representative of its choice present to function as an observer during such assessments or interviews.

4.7 Notice of Filling Vacancy

Successful applicants who fill vacant positions shall be notified in writing prior to commencing such duties of the classification, range and step they will occupy. **A copy of the offer of employment letter will be sent to the Local Bargaining Chair within ten (10) days of an**

appointment. The employer will announce the name of the successful applicant by email to all staff.

4.8 When an in-scope position is advertised externally, notice of vacancy will be provided concurrently to all other Regional Colleges in which the Union is the certified bargaining agent. The notice shall contain the information as stated in Article 4.3. On receipt of such a notice, the College shall post it on College bulletin boards and provide a copy to the Union.

4.9 Conversion to Ongoing

Upon request, the College agrees to review, in meaningful consultation, with the Union, any position with a definite term (end-dated) for conversion to **ongoing**. When a position is converted to **ongoing**, the position may be posted with an incumbent subject to challenge within the posting period.

4.10 If, as a result of the process set out in Article 4.7, an employee from another Regional College applies for, and is selected by the employing College to fill the vacancy, such employee shall be credited for service with the former College as follows:

- a) re-instatement of unused sick leave credits,
- b) service credit for purposes of vacation entitlement.
- c) placed at the same step on the pay range with the new Employer as with the former employer provided the classifications are the same.

4.11 Written Examination and Performance Tests

At the discretion of the College, relevant performance tests may be used in the selection process, when adequate certification or performance references are not available.

4.12 Dispute Resolution for Non-appointment of an Internal Applicant

The parties agree that only one (1) complaint may be lodged by the Union on behalf of the non-appointed employee(s) in a non-appointment dispute regarding any given vacancy.

Within seven (7) days of receiving notification of non-appointment, a senior affected employee, through the union, will lodge a complaint with the CEO who shall respond to the dispute within seven (7) days. If the matter can't be resolved, an arbitrator, agreed upon by the Union and College, will be appointed immediately.

Within seven (7) days of receiving the dispute, the Arbitrator will hear the matter, and shall, within three (3) working days, provide a written decision based on the facts presented.

When a complaint of non-appointment has been lodged, the College will not make a permanent appointment to the vacancy prior to receiving the decision of the Arbitrator.

4.12.1 Participants in the Process

The Arbitrator shall have the authority to establish the general procedure to be followed at the hearing of the matter.

The employee shall have the benefit of representation by the Union.

The decision of the Arbitrator under this procedure shall be final and binding on the parties and upon any employee(s) affected by the final decision of the Arbitrator.

4.12.2 Admissible Precedents

The parties agree that the submissions of precedent shall be limited to four (4) cases.

4.12.3 Expenses

The fees and expenses of the Arbitrator and any other common expenses shall be shared equally by both parties.

4.13 Vacant Positions

When a position becomes vacant, the College shall notify the Union about the Employer's intention regarding that position, specifying whether the position is to be:

- a) Filled within thirty (30) calendar days;**
- b) Left vacant temporarily,**
- c) Abolished**

ARTICLE 5 JOB CLASSIFICATION

5.1 The parties agree to be governed by the terms and conditions of the joint (union/management) Regional Colleges Pay Equity Classification Plan as identified in Appendix J.

5.2

Whenever the College proposes to establish a new position the process will be as follows;

- a) The Union shall be notified of the College's intention.
- b) The College will provide the Union with the new position description.
- c) The College will then enter into negotiations with the Union respecting the inclusion or exclusion of the position from the scope of the bargaining unit.
- d) **If the position is determined to be within the scope of the bargaining unit, the employer will assign the appropriate hours of work designation.**
- e) Any dispute flowing from the above will be referred to the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board in accordance with applicable legislation.
- f) The College will, for positions that are determined to be within the scope of the collective agreement, forward a copy of the position description and a completed questionnaire to the Evaluation Sub-Committee for evaluation in accordance with Appendix G.
- g) Decisions of the Evaluation Sub Committee may be appealed to the Appeal Sub-Committee by either the employee/Union or employer within fifteen (15) working days of the release of the evaluation results. The determination of the Appeals Sub-Committee is final and binding.
- h) To ensure there is no delay in filling a new position the College may set an interim rate, advertise and fill the position according to that rate. Any adjustment in salary resulting from the evaluation of the new position will be retroactive to the start date of the position.

5.3

Training allowances may be established for co-op education post-secondary **learners** employed by the College provided that:

- a) the **learner** does not meet the minimum qualifications.
- b) the appointment is of a specified duration to a maximum of the equivalent of five (5) months.
- c) the **learner** is not filling a regular vacancy.

- d) the training position fulfills the co-op education requirement of the **learner** program of study.

The College shall inform the Union of such rates and if there is no agreement, the training rates shall be negotiated.

ARTICLE 6 RECLASSIFICATION

6.1 Changes in Classification

Whenever an employee, the Union or the employer feels that a position is incorrectly classified or that a reclassification is required to cover a change in the level of assigned duties or responsibilities, an application for job re-evaluation may be made to the Evaluation Sub-Committee. The Committee shall re-evaluate the position and render a decision within ninety (90) calendar days of the application for review.

6.2 Approved Changes

If the request is approved, it will be effective the date of application. All reclassifications will be posted and the Union will be notified.

6.2.1 Disputes

If the request for reclassification is rejected, an appeal may be filed, on forms approved for such purpose, with the Appeals Sub-Committee within ten (10) calendar days of receiving the results of the review. The decision of the Appeal Sub-Committee is final and binding.

Note: Further particulars can be found under Appendix G Appeals Sub-Committee.

6.3 Appointments and Challenges

When the reclassification is due to new or additional duties and responsibilities, the incumbent shall be appointed, subject to challenge from more senior employees. Challenges will be accepted from any senior qualified employee able to fill the reclassified position.

The Chief Executive Officer shall decide the validity of challenges, subject to grievance.

If the challenge is successful, the most senior qualified challenger shall be appointed, and the incumbent prior to the challenge shall be laid off and shall be allowed to exercise the options contained in Article 11.3.

6.4 Pay on Reclassification

The rate of pay for an incumbent of a position that is reclassified shall be determined by the criteria outlined in Article 7.5.1 to 7.5.3.

ARTICLE 7 PAY ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Rates of pay contained in Appendix A shall be paid to employees in accordance with the Job Evaluation Plan. Rates of pay contained in Appendix B shall be paid to Instructors in accordance with Appendix C. Rates of pay for Instructor Aides shall be paid in accordance with Appendix B-1.

In addition to their regular rates of pay, all eligible employees shall receive the Northern Allowance in Appendix D.

7.2 No Payment Prior to Allocation

Payment of salary or wages shall not be made to any employee of the College until such time as the College verifies that the position to be filled is one previously allocated to an established class or approves a tentative allocation.

7.3 Hiring Rates

In-hiring rates of pay shall normally be at the minimum of the salary range, provided however that the College may approve a higher rate where the selected applicant possesses education and/or experience which exceed the minimum requirements for the class.

The College will notify the Chair of the Sub-Unit of the rate at which it has given such approval and provide an outline of the education and experience of the person appointed within two (2) weeks of the appointment. Any employee in the same class who is being paid at a lower rate in the range and who believes that **they** possesses education and experience equivalent to those of a person appointed above the minimum in accordance with the foregoing may, within thirty (30) working days of such publication, request that the College review **their** education and experience and salary. The College will also notify the Chair of the Sub-Unit of any additional benefits provided to the appointed person.

If, as a result of the review, a salary adjustment is considered to be warranted, the College shall so authorize.

7.3.1 The rate of basic salary of all Instructors shall be determined by the application of the guide rules in Appendix C.

- 7.4 Annual Increments
- 7.4.1 Subject to Article 7.4.3, all probationary and permanent employees shall receive within-grade step increments effective on the established increment dates, provided that the employee has been authorized and has completed the equivalent of a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) days since **their** last increment adjustment. In the case of employees that require more than one calendar year to complete the equivalent of 180 days, their increment shall be effective upon the one hundred and eighty-first (181) day, which becomes their new increment date.
- 7.4.2 An increment may be withheld by the College based on an unsatisfactory performance assessment report. The employee shall be notified in writing and provided with reasons prior to the increment date. An employee may grieve against withholding of his increment, and the onus of proof shall rest on the Employer.
- 7.4.3 When an employee returns to work after lay-off, the employee will be credited with all service before the lay-off. Having achieved the required accumulation, the date upon which the increment is earned will be the new increment date.
- 7.4.4 For the purpose of increments, days paid for sick leave, pressing necessity, bereavement leave, holidays, vacation, Workers' Compensation, leave with pay and Union business leave shall be regarded as service.
- 7.4.5 Increment dates shall not be affected by reclassification changes in position.
- 7.4.6 Long Service Increment
- The College shall recognize an employee's experience at the commencement of fifteen (15) years of service in accordance with Appendix A, B and B1 equivalent to 4% above the appropriate step.
- 7.4.6.1 **Long service employees who bid into positions from the Instructional and/or Instructor Aide grid to the Non-Instructional grid shall maintain their Long Service Increment.**
- 7.4.6.2 **Long service employees who bid into positions from the Non-Instructional grid to the Instructional and/or Instructor Aide grid shall be placed on the Instructional grid in accordance with Appendix C, Part II plus one incremental step in recognition of their long-service.**

7.5 Changing Positions

7.5.1 When an employee voluntarily bids into a position with a higher maximum, the employee's rate of pay shall normally be adjusted to the minimum of the new range except that the rate will not be less than four (4) percent above the current rate and no more than the maximum of the new range. If the addition of four (4) percent produces a rate between two steps in the range of the higher paid position, the salary shall be adjusted to the higher of these two rates. This provided however that the College may approve a higher rate where the selected applicant possesses education and/or experience which exceed the minimum requirements for the class.

7.5.1.1 Employees on promotion shall be placed in accordance with Article 7.5.1 except that:

- a) Employees who previously worked in a position with the same or higher maximum as the new position shall move to the same step in the new pay range or be placed in accordance with Article 7.5.1 whichever is higher
- b) Employees who are reclassified as a result of application of the classification plan shall move to the same step in the new pay range;
- c) Employees at the long service increment who are promoted shall **retain their long service placement on the grid.**

7.5.1.2 A permanent employee who is promoted and fails the probation shall revert to the position held prior to promotion, or by mutual agreement, the employee may revert back in accordance with Article 8.2.3. The rate of pay in the position will be adjusted based on any increments which would have been earned had the employee not been promoted.

7.5.2 When an employee voluntarily bids in to a position with a pay range with a lower maximum, the employee shall normally move to the step in the new pay range as determined by their years of service with the College, provided however that the College may approve a higher rate where the selected applicant possesses education and/or experience which exceed the minimum requirements for the class.

7.5.3 When a pay range with a lower maximum is assigned to a position or when an employee involuntarily moves into a position with a lower pay range maximum, the employee shall move up the steps in the new pay range to the nearest rate that is equal to or higher than the employee's previous rate. If no such rate exists, the employee's rate shall remain unchanged until the maximum rate of the new position exceeds the

employee's rate, at which time, the employee shall receive the maximum rate of the new position.

7.5.4 Red Circling

An employee who bumps to a position in a pay range with a lower maximum shall have **their** salary red circled for a period equivalent to two years of service.

At the end of the red circling period, the incumbent will be placed at the same step on the pay range for the new position, and will be granted increments in the usual fashion for time worked while red circled.

7.5.5 Re-employment

7.5.5.1 The rate of pay for a permanent employee who is re-employed as a result of competition or in accordance with Article 11 shall be determined by the criteria outlined in Articles 7.5.1 to 7.5.4.

7.5.5.2 When a permanent employee is re-employed in a **position** in which **the employee had previously passed probation**, the rate of pay shall not be less than the step previously held in that **position**.

7.6 Temporary Assignment of Higher Duties

7.6.1 Formal assignment to perform the duties of a higher position occurs only by assignment by an out-of-scope supervisor and neither the employee nor supervisor should assume it takes place without assignment. An employee may refuse a temporary assignment of higher duties.

When TAHD is to an in-scope position, the employee's rate of pay shall be at the same step of the higher paid position as held in **their** present position. When TAHD is to an out-of-scope position, the employee's rate of pay shall be negotiable and must be established prior to the employee assuming duties.

7.6.2 Remuneration shall be payable under this subsection for all time worked.

7.6.3 Substitution shall not exceed one hundred and thirty (130) working days. Extensions may be granted by agreement between the College and the Union.

7.6.4 Periods of temporary substitution shall not produce any change in increment dates and shall count for increment purposes. The rate in the higher class shall be adjusted based on increments in the lower range.

- 7.7 Overtime
- 7.7.1 All overtime shall be on a voluntary basis. All overtime performed must be authorized **by the out-of-scope supervisor prior to working the overtime.**
- 7.7.1.1 Overtime shall be paid out with the employee's regular pay. Management may, on request by the employee, grant time off at the appropriate overtime rate in lieu of payment for overtime worked.
- 7.7.1.2 Time off in lieu shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the out-of-scope supervisor. Any time in lieu not taken by August 31 each year will be paid out at the rate when earned.
- 7.7.2 Office Employees
- Office employees will receive time and one-half (1 1/2) for the first four (4) hours and double (2) time thereafter for all hours worked in excess of normal hours on any one (1) regular work day. Double (2) time shall be paid for all hours worked on Saturday and/or Sunday. All work performed by office employees on days of rest shall be considered as overtime.
- 7.7.2.1 Office employees who are directed to work through normal meal hours shall receive time up to thirty (30) minutes for a meal before or during the overtime work. For purposes of this Article, normal meal hours are 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 7.7.2.2 An office employee who receives a call-back shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at overtime rates.
- 7.7.3 Field Staff
- 7.7.3.1 Field employees who are authorized, in writing and in advance, shall receive time and one-half (1 ½) for all hours in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) hours averaged over a four (4) week period.
- 7.7.3.2 Any days of leave, including Union business leave, shall result in a reduction in the averaging period according to the number of hours normally worked per day by the employee, for purposes of calculating overtime.
- 7.7.4 Regulated Employees
- 7.7.4.1 Time and one-half (1½) for the first four (4) hours and double (2) time thereafter shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of normal hours on any one (1) regular work day. Double (2) time shall be paid for all hours worked on scheduled days of rest.

- 7.7.4.2 A regulated employee who receives a call back shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at overtime rates.**
- 7.8 Pay Periods
- 7.8.1 Each employee shall be paid bi-weekly. Payment shall be made within six (6) days of the last day of the pay period.
- 7.8.2 Each employee shall receive a statement showing the gross amount earned, itemized deductions and the net amount payable.
- 7.9 Severance Pay
- 7.9.1 A permanent employee shall be entitled to severance pay on the basis of one (1) week's pay for each year of service. All severance pay will be pro-rated according to service as defined by seniority. Pay will be calculated on the basis of the employee's rate of pay at the time of separation.
- 7.9.2** When a permanent part-time employee is laid off and does not have an opportunity to obtain similar employment within a two (2) month period prior to, or after **their** usual start-up time, that employee shall be entitled to severance pay on resignation.
- 7.9.3** If an employee voluntarily bids into a part-time position, the employee shall be ineligible for severance pay if **they** fail to use **their** seniority to obtain subsequent employment similar to **their** former positions.
- 7.9.3.1 For the purpose of Article 7.9.2 and Article 7.9.3 similar employment means employment similar in location and classification with at least the same previous minimum duration.
- 7.9.4 Following job abolition, subject to Articles 7.9.2 and 7.9.3 a permanent employee who is on lay-off will be paid severance pay at the end of twenty-four (24) months on the re-employment list or on resignation from the re-employment list.
- 7.10 Travel and Sustenance
- 7.10.1 Employees authorized to use their vehicle on a regular basis in the performance of their duties shall receive a monthly allowance of ninety dollars (\$90.00) per month and shall be reimbursed at the current rate for in-town mileage in excess of one hundred sixty (160) kilometres per month, and for all out-of-town mileage. The College will continue the current practice of supplying parking for such employees.
- 7.10.1.1 College employees shall not be required to supply an automobile in the performance of their duties. If a College vehicle is not available and if

prior approval is granted, employees may use their own vehicle while on College business and shall be reimbursed at the PSC North of 54 rates for all such kilometres travelled.

7.10.1.2 Incidental Mileage Expenses

Employees other than those in Article 7.10.1 who are authorized on an occasional basis to travel within town on College business will be paid four dollars (\$4.00) per trip.

7.10.2 Hotel Accommodation

Actual and reasonable charges supported by a receipt or for accommodation in private residence the amount in effect between the Public Service Commission and the Saskatchewan and Government and General Employees' Union (no receipt necessary) will be paid.

7.10.3 Meals

The meal rates and eligible meal time schedule for in-province, out-of-province and out-of-country in effect between the Public Service Commission and the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union, as adjusted from time to time, will apply.

7.10.4 Incidental Expenses

Actual and reasonable charges for such items as taxis, parking and storage of vehicles and telephones, will be paid. Total expenditures of more than ten dollars (\$10.00) per day require receipts. Other incidental expenses may be claimed if reasonable.

7.11 Use of Personal Electronics

College employees will not be required to use their personal electronics for College business. If prior approval is granted employees may use their personal electronics for College business and will be reasonably reimbursed for such use.

7.12 Relocation Allowance

7.12.1 In cases of involuntary transfer, the College agrees to pay the relocation allowance as established by the Public Service Commission for involuntary transfer.

7.12.2 Part-time Instructors required to travel to communities where no housing is available shall be paid mileage from the nearest community in which housing is available to their place of work.

7.13 Professional Fees

Notwithstanding Article 23.2, Employees who, as a condition of employment are required to maintain registration with a professional body, shall have such fees reimbursed by the employer.

7.14 Instructor Commuting

Instructors who travel to communities that are in excess of fifty (50) kilometres one way from their designated headquarters will be provided a travel allowance of twenty-five (25) dollars for each day travelled.

7.15 Maternity/Legal Adoption/Parental Leave Top-up

Employees on Maternity/Legal Adoption/Parental Leave who qualify for benefits under the Employment Insurance Act shall be entitled to the following:

- a) for the first two (2) weeks payments equivalent to the difference between Employment Insurance benefits and one-hundred percent (100%) of their weekly rate of pay. For the following fifteen (15) weeks payments equivalent to the difference between Employment Insurance benefits and ninety-five (95%) of their weekly rate of pay.
- b) part-time employees who work part of a year, shall receive benefits/partial benefits as follows:
 - i) employees normally at work during the period of leave will be eligible for full benefits as above;
 - ii) employees not normally at work during the period of leave will be ineligible for benefits;
 - iii) employees normally at work during part of the period of the leave will be eligible for partial benefits consistent with the period of normal employment.

It is agreed the maternity leave top up provision will be retroactive to September 1, 2006.

7.16 **Overpayment**

7.16.1 **Where it has been determined that there has been an overpayment, the College, the Union and the employee shall negotiate a reasonable repayment plan.**

ARTICLE 8 PROBATION

8.1 On Initial Employment

8.1.1 The initial employment of every person shall be on a probationary basis for the following periods.

- a) Level 1 & 2 - four (4) months
- b) Level 3, 4, 5 – six (6) months
- c) Level 6, 7, 8 – ten (10) months
- d) Instructors & Instructor Aides - one hundred and eighty (180) assigned days.

8.1.2 Employees shall serve the probationary period for their classification by accumulating time to the extent required over one (1) or more working periods, providing there are no more than two hundred (200) calendar days between working periods.

8.1.3 At any time during the initial probationary period, the College may terminate an employee. The College shall provide reasons in writing in all cases of termination during a probationary period.

8.1.4 Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the employee shall be appointed to the permanent staff; the employee shall be informed in writing.

8.1.5 The College may request, from the local bargaining unit, an extension no later than two (2) weeks prior to the expiration of the probationary period and shall include written reasons for the request. The length of extension shall be a matter for negotiation, up to a maximum length of:

Length of Extensions

- Office - Two (2) months.
- Regulated Employees - Three (3) months.
- Accountants – Four (4) months.
- Field Employees – Four (4) months.
- Instructors and Instructor Aides - Ninety (90) assigned days.

8.2 On Changing Positions

8.2.1 A permanent employee who moves into a position in a different classification shall serve the normal probationary period for the new position unless:

- a) the duties of the new position are substantially the same as the original position.
- b) the employee **previously passed probation** in the new position.
- c) the employee has moved into the position by bumping.
- d) the move was involuntary.

8.2.2 A permanent employee who changes positions within the same classification shall serve a probationary period only if the new position is substantially different from the former position.

8.2.3 A permanent employee who does not pass the probation after changing positions shall revert to **their** former position or, by mutual agreement, the employee may revert to a similar position at the same level and step in the salary grid.

8.2.4 A permanent employee who changes positions where the new position is substantially different from the former position will be provided with mentoring and other such initiatives as are jointly identified to provide a supportive work network.

8.2.5 An employee on initial probation who moves into a position in a different classification shall serve the usual probationary period in the new position.

8.2.6 An employee on initial probation who changes positions within the same classification shall complete the probationary period for the new position minus the service in the original position.

8.2.7 An employee on initial probation who does not pass the probation after changing positions may revert to **their** former position, in which case the remainder of the original probation period shall be served.

8.3 On Re-Employment

8.3.1 No probationary period shall be required of an employee with seniority who is re-employed in a position equal/similar to a position in which **they had** formerly **passed probation** at the College.

8.4 On Demotion

8.4.1 No probationary period shall be required of a permanent employee who has been demoted. However, permanent employees who voluntarily demote may be required to serve the probationary period for the new classification unless the lower classification is one in which the employee formerly **passed probation**.

8.5 On Reclassification

8.5.1 No probationary period shall be required of an employee in a position which is reclassified unless the employee is on probation; if on probation the employee shall continue to serve the probationary period minus service accumulated to that point. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the employee shall become a permanent employee in the revised classification.

8.6 Leave During Probation

8.6.1 **An employee may not pass initial probation when leave of more than fifteen (15) calendar days has been taken during the probationary period. When such leave occurs, the probationary period will be extended by the leave period.**

8.7 Assessments While on Probation

8.7.1 The evaluation process will be explained and the evaluation form will be provided to the employee.

8.7.2 Any written performance assessments performed on any employee shall be shown to the employee at the time of the assessment and shall be signed by the employee to indicate awareness of the assessment.

An employee may request a performance assessment at any time(s) during a probationary period. Such assessments may be granted at the discretion of the Supervisor.

ARTICLE 9 HOURS OF WORK

9.1 Office Employees

Employees **whose duties are not required to be done outside of regular office hours** shall work office hours, (i.e.: **office clerks, accounting clerks, etc.**)

Office employees shall work **thirty-seven and one-half (37.5)** hours per week in one of the following ways:

- a) A five (5) day week at **seven point five (7.5)** hours per day, Monday to Friday, or
- b) Upon mutual agreement between the Employer and the employee, a five/four (5/4) work week consisting of nine (9) days of **eight point three (8.3)** hours per day in a two (2) week period

9.1.1

Administrative guidelines for the five/four (5/4) operation:

- a) The five/four (5/4) schedule shall be drawn up as required.
- b) Employees on the five/four (5/4) work schedule shall have the right to bank five (5) EDO's annually. Additional days may be banked by mutual agreement. The Employer shall allow up to five (5) banked EDO's to be taken in conjunction with the employee's annual vacation. Any additional banked EDO's taken in conjunction with annual vacation shall be by mutual agreement only.
- c) An employee's earned day off may be moved to another day by mutual agreement. Requests by either party that are denied shall result in the earned day off being taken as scheduled.
- d) Any authorized work performed by an employee on **their** earned day off shall be compensated for at the applicable overtime rate.
- e) Subject to Article 9.1.1 c), should a scheduled earned day off fall on a designated statutory holiday, the following work day shall be assigned in lieu.
- f) If an employee is ill on a scheduled earned day off, there will be no other day assigned and there will be no charge against sick leave credits. Employees shall make reasonable effort to schedule medical and dental appointments on days off.
- g) All earned days off scheduled shall be adjacent to weekends unless changed by mutual agreement subject to the conditions outlined in Article 9.1.1(c).
- h) While on sick leave or vacation leave, the number of days charged against the employee's sick or vacation leave shall not include **their** scheduled EDO's during that period.
- i) While on sick leave the number of days charged against the employee's sick leave shall not be more than one (1) day per working day.

j) The Employer also shall have the option to direct the employee to bank up to ten (10) days annually.

9.1.2 Noon hour coverage will be provided when required. Arrangements for such coverage will be subject to mutual agreement at the local level.

9.1.3 Minimum Salary for Reporting For Work

Notwithstanding Article 7.7.2.2, any time an employee reports for work they shall be guaranteed to receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay at their regular hourly rate.

9.2 Field Employees

9.2.1 Field employees are those employees whose duties require them not to be bound by the hours of work for office or regulated employees. Field employees shall schedule their hours of work and days of rest according to the demands of the job, with an average of two (2) days of rest per week.

9.2.2 Hours of work for field employees shall be one hundred and fifty (150) hours averaged over a four (4) week period.

9.2.2.1 For the purpose of banking, outlined below, the year shall be divided into two (2) periods of twenty-eight (28) and twenty-four (24) weeks.

The starting and ending dates for the twenty-eight (28) and twenty-four (24) week periods shall be agreed to at the local level.

Where there is a mutual understanding for the need to work in excess of the one hundred and fifty (150) hours in a four (4) week period such time shall be banked at straight time and taken within the twenty-eight (28) or twenty-four (24) week period in which it was earned.

Employees shall be entitled, once a year, to designate up to fifteen (15) days of banked time to be taken in conjunction with a period of vacation leave. More than fifteen (15) days may be designated upon the approval of the **Vice President of the unit or their designate.**

Every possible effort shall be made by the College and the employee to ensure that the employee's work schedule allows for the banked time to be used prior to the last four (4) weeks of the twenty-eight (28) or twenty-four (24) week periods. Where it was not possible to utilize the banked time, with the exception of those days designated to be taken in conjunction with vacation, the number of hours in the last four (4) weeks shall be reduced by the number of hours remaining in the bank. Hours worked in excess of the reduced number must be authorized in advance and in writing and shall be paid at overtime rates.

When an employee leaves the service of the College the banked time will be paid out at straight time.

9.2.3 Any days of leave, with or without pay, shall count as seven and one-half (7½) hours per day for purposes of the average.

9.2.4 A field employee shall be considered to be on a five (5) day week for the calculation of pay and employee benefits.

9.3 Instructors

9.3.1 **Instructors** who work two hundred (200) assigned days in a school year shall receive an annual salary. An annual salary is twelve (12) times the grid step allocated as per the Guidelines for Certification contained herein.

Any **instructor** who works in excess of the two hundred (200) assigned days shall receive, per day, one two-hundredth (1/200) of **their** annual salary. **Instructors** who work less than two hundred (200) assigned days shall be paid on the basis of one two-hundredth (1/200) of **their** annual salary per assigned day.

9.3.2 A part-time Instructor shall be paid pro-rata based on a full-time Instructor's teaching day in a like program as established by the College.

A part-time Instructor Aide shall be paid pro-rata based on a full-time Instructor Aide's teaching day in a like program as established by the College.

9.3.3 An assigned day is a day or any portion thereof where an **instructor** is required to work. Prior to September 1 of each year, yearly assigned days for each employee will be scheduled, insofar as is possible.

9.3.4 **An instructor who is required by the employer to work on a designated holiday shall be paid an additional 1.5 times their rate of pay in accordance with Appendix B.**

9.4 Instructor Aides

9.4.1 **Hours of work for full-time instructor aides shall be seven point five (7.5) hours per day for two hundred (200) assigned days. A part-time instructor aide shall be paid on a pro-rata basis.**

9.4.2 **The schedule of assigned days, daily start and end times shall be determined by the College.**

9.4.3 An Instructor Aide who is required by the employer to work on a designated holiday shall be paid an additional 1.5 times their rate of pay in accordance with Appendix B1.

9.5 Regulated Employees

Employees in the following positions shall work regulated hours: Kitchen Supervisor, Cook, Cook Helper, Custodian and Security Guard **and/or Learner Housing Attendant, Building Attendant, and Facilities Assistant.**

Full-time regulated employees shall work thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week and shall receive two (2) consecutive days off per week.

9.5.1 Shift Differential – Applicable to Office and Regulated Employees

Any employee who works a shift that ends after 6:00 p.m. shall receive a shift differential of **eight (8)** dollars per shift. Any employee who is working on an overtime basis shall not receive shift differential.

9.6 Summer Hours

Any change in hours of work for office and regulated staff in June, July and August will be mutually agreed upon between the College and the Union prior to May 15 of each year.

9.7 Rest Periods

All employees shall have two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods per day.

9.8 Increase or Reduction of Hours of Work

- a) If the hours of work of a position are reduced on an ongoing basis, the incumbent may choose either to:
 - i) be appointed to the reduced position, or
 - ii) exercise the options contained in Article 11.3.

- b) If the hours of work of a less than full-time position are increased, on an ongoing basis, the incumbent may choose either to:
 - i) be appointed to the increased position, subject to challenge from more senior employees as per Article 6.3, or
 - ii) exercise the options contained in Article 11.3.

9.9 **Hours of work designation for a new position shall be determined in accordance with Article 5.2(d).**

ARTICLE 10 TECHNOLOGICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

10.1 If technological changes **or organizational changes** are contemplated in the operation and organization of the College that may infringe upon the security of any of its employees covered by this Agreement, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of division 10 of the Saskatchewan Employment Act.

10.2 If the College contemplates major changes in the program, either in the scope and content of the program, or in the manner in which the program is delivered, the College will consult with the appropriate staff before making decisions related thereto.

ARTICLE 11 LAY-OFF

11.1 Notice of Lay-Off and Job Abolition

11.1.1 Permanent Employees

11.1.1.1 Permanent employees who have had their jobs abolished shall receive sixty (60) calendar days of notice in writing.

11.1.1.2 Permanent employees who have been laid off shall receive written notice as follows:

- a) Four (4) weeks for an employee whose length of service is less than five (5) years.
- b) Six (6) weeks for an employee whose length of service is five (5) or more years, but less than ten (10) years.
- c) Eight (8) weeks for an employee whose length of service is ten (10) years or more.

11.1.2 Permanent Employees with a Term **Position**

11.1.2.1 A permanent employee in a term **position** shall be deemed to have been given sufficient notice if the end date for a definite term was specified in writing at the commencement of the term of employment.

11.1.2.2 Instructors and Instructor Aides who are employed on a determinate basis, that is for a pre-determined course, and who receive written notice that the course is being discontinued shall continue to be employed in their positions for the lesser of:

- a) duration of the course had it continued, or
- b) three (3) months from the date of such notification.

11.1.3 Probationary and Temporary Employees

Probationary and Temporary Employees shall be given fifteen (15) calendar days of written notice of lay-off, except that such notice shall be deemed to be given if the end date of a definite term is stated at the commencement of the term of employment.

11.1.4 Employees shall be paid in lieu of notice if notice is not given.

11.2 Method of Lay-Off

11.2.1 Office, Field, Regulated

In the event of lay-off, employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their bargaining unit-wide seniority within the classification affected. Notwithstanding the above, geographic location lay-off may occur.

11.2.2 Instructors and Instructor Aides

Except for lay-off on completion of course assignments of less than two hundred (200) days, employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their bargaining unit-wide seniority, within the class affected, and on the basis of qualifications and skills, in the order indicated herein.

Notwithstanding the above, geographic location lay-off may occur.

Notwithstanding the above, employees may be laid off in the reverse order of their bargaining unit-wide seniority within the program affected.

11.3 Options on Lay-Off or Job Abolition

Permanent employees who have been laid off or who have had their jobs abolished may choose either of:

Office, Field, Regulated:

- a-i) to use their bargaining unit seniority to bump a junior office, field or regulated employee in a position for which the employee has the necessary qualifications, knowledge, education and skills relevant to the job in the same, similar or lower classification.

Instructors and Instructor Aides:

- a-ii) to use their bargaining unit-wide seniority to bump a junior employee in the same classification or in the Instructor Aide

classification if appropriate, providing that they possess the qualifications and skills necessary to perform **their** duties.

If no position is derived from this process the employee may choose to exercise either option (b) or (c). Employees shall not bump out of a short-term program which has run to its projected completion, into a short-term program that is currently in progress.

A permanent employee who has been bumped by this process shall be allowed to exercise the options contained in this Article.

- b) To go to a re-employment list established for each position for which they are qualified.
- c) Subject to Article 7.9.2, resign and thus be able to exercise rights to severance pay.

11.3.1 A permanent employee who intends to exercise **their** bumping rights shall provide the College with notice of intention to bump within five (5) working days of receipt of lay-off notice. In the notification to the College the employee shall identify the position **they** propose to bump. Employees who elect not to exercise bumping rights will choose between options (b) or (c) of Article 11.3.

11.3.2 A permanent employee who is being bumped as a result of the application of the provisions in 11.3 (a) will be so notified in writing within two (2) working days of the College's approval of the bump.

11.4 Notification of Position Renewal

Office, Field and Regulated employees whose terms of employment coincide with the program year shall be notified by the College, in writing, at the time they are given notice of lay-off, and in any case no later than June 30 of each year, as to whether the position will be renewed for the next program year.

Instructors and Instructor Aides shall be notified by the College, in writing, or at the time they are given notice of lay-off, if possible by May 25, but no later than June 30, as to whether their position will be renewed for the next program year.

Whenever reasonably possible, the employee **and the union** will be notified in writing at least one (1) month prior to commencing the term of employment.

ARTICLE 12 SENIORITY

12.1 Definition of Seniority

Seniority is defined as the total length of service in the bargaining unit, and shall be used in determining preference or priority for competitions, lay-offs, and permanent reduction of the workforce. Seniority shall operate on a Bargaining unit-wide basis.

12.2 Seniority shall be calculated in days on the following basis:

12.2.1 Instructor, Instructor Aide: for each cumulative assigned day worked, for days paid for sick leave, pressing necessity, Workers' Compensation, Northern Leave, leave with pay, Union business leave, family leave and periods on long term disability **leave**, employees will receive one point three zero five (1.305) days of seniority to a maximum of two hundred and sixty-one (261) days per year.

12.2.2 Office, Field and Regulated: for each cumulative complete day worked at straight time rates and for days paid for sick leave, EDOs, pressing necessity, Workers' Compensation, Northern Leave, leave with pay, Union business leave, statutory holidays and vacations, and absences for family leave and long term disability **leave**, employees will receive one (1) day of seniority to a maximum of two hundred and sixty one (261) days per year.

12.2.3 Part-time Employees: will receive credit for statutory holidays and vacation by receiving an additional five point four two (5.42) percent and a percentage in accordance with Article 13.2.5 respectively of the number of days worked.

12.3 All Employees Have Seniority

All employees within the scope of this Agreement shall have seniority after successful completion of probation at which time such seniority will be retroactive to the date of employment.

12.4 Seniority List

The College shall maintain a seniority list showing each employee's hiring date, number of seniority days and accumulated sick leave. Seniority lists shall be updated annually, posted in the College offices and sent to each employee on the re-employment list, and the Union before July 31 for the previous year ending June 30th. A local Union representative shall be present for consultation during the preparation of the list.

- 12.5 Seniority on Out-of-Scope Temporary Assignment of Higher Duties
- Notwithstanding Article 12.1, an employee within the scope of this Agreement, who is appointed to an out-of-scope position on TAHD, shall count that time as seniority.
- 12.6 Loss of Seniority
- Seniority shall only be lost for the following reasons:
- 12.6.1 Dismissal for just cause, and not reinstated.
- 12.6.2 Resignation in writing.
- 12.6.3 Appointment to an out-of-scope position, other than on TAHD, following successful completion of the probationary period in the out-of-scope position.
- 12.6.4 Continuous lay-off in excess of twenty-four (24) months.
- 12.6.5 Removal from the Re-employment or Rehire list.

ARTICLE 13 VACATION LEAVE AND VACATION ALLOWANCE

For the purpose of this Article, the vacation year shall be the fiscal year.

- 13.1 Instructors and Instructor Aides
- 13.1.1** All unassigned days in a school year shall constitute full recognition of, and full payment for, any vacation leave (excepting the special **northern** leave and cash bonus benefits of the Northern Allowance provisions), designated holidays, days of rest, earned days off and paid days off that may otherwise have been provided by this Agreement.
- 13.1.2 Instructors and Instructor Aides who work a two hundred (200) day year shall be entitled, in each school year, to a minimum of four (4) consecutive weeks of unassigned days.
- 13.2 Office, Field and Regulated Employees
- 13.2.1 Full-time employees shall earn annual vacation with pay as follows:
- After working the equivalent of one (1) full year = 15 days
- After working the equivalent of eight (8) full years = 20 days
- After working the equivalent of fifteen (15) full years = 25 days
- After working the equivalent of Twenty-Two (22) full years = 30 days

- 13.2.2 Less than full-time employees shall earn annual vacation with pay on a pro-rata basis.
- 13.2.3 An employee who has not completed one full year of service shall earn one and one-quarter (1¼) days of vacation with pay for every full month worked and shall be entitled to take vacation leave to the extent earned.
- 13.2.4 An employee who works year round is entitled to take vacation leave annually at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the CEO or designate.
- 13.2.5** An employee who does not work year round may choose one of the following options:
- a) to take **their** vacation at the end of their term **position** unless the supervisor agrees that it can be taken within the term **position**,
or
 - b) to receive vacation allowance at the appropriate rate of gross wage earnings on each paycheque. For administrative purposes the percentage of pay will be as follows:
 - if entitled to 15 days vacation = 6.36%
 - if entitled to 20 days vacation = 8.64%
 - if entitled to 25 days vacation = 11.0%
 - if entitled to 30 days vacation = 13.44%
- 13.2.6** An employee is entitled, but not obligated, to receive **their** vacation leave in an unbroken period.
- 13.2.7 Conflicts between employees in scheduling vacation shall be resolved on the basis of seniority.
- 13.2.8** An employee shall be entitled to carry over any unused vacation entitlement from vacation year to vacation year to a maximum of ten (10) days. Additional amounts may be carried over with the approval of the **Vice President of the unit** or designate. Such requests and the response **from the Vice President** shall be in writing. Any pay-out which may result shall be at the employee's rate when earned.
- 13.2.9 When any holiday(s) designated in Article 14 falls within an employee's annual vacation, an additional day(s) vacation will be granted.
- 13.2.10** When an employee qualifies for sick leave in excess of two (2) days or bereavement leave during **their** vacation, there shall be no deduction from vacation credits for such absence. The period of vacation so displaced shall, by mutual agreement between the Employer and the

employee, either be added to the vacation period or reinstated for use at a later date. Substantiation of all claims for deferred vacation must be provided.

- 13.2.11 No employee shall be required to work during **their** scheduled vacation. However, should an employee agree to work, when requested, the period so displaced shall, at the employee's option, either be added to the vacation period or reinstated for use at a later date at a time mutually agreed upon.
- 13.2.12 An employee who leaves the service of the College shall be paid in lieu of earned vacation leave which has not been used.
- 13.2.13 In the event of death of an employee, any amount due under this Article shall be paid to the estate.
- 13.2.14 In addition to any vacation earned up to June 30 of the preceding fiscal year, an employee leaving the College on superannuation shall be entitled to full vacation leave or pay in lieu in the fiscal year of retirement.
- 13.2.15 In calculating the number of completed months of service an employee has, for the purposes of receiving pay in lieu, twenty two (22) days worked shall constitute a month of service. An earned day off shall count as a day of service.

13.3 Special **Northern** Leave

In addition to their regular vacation leave and allowance, every employee who has completed one year of service (as defined by seniority) **and who resides in the Northlands College region** shall be entitled to seven (7) days special **northern leave** and **\$150** bonus annually.

- 13.3.1 The leave must be taken in the year following the completion of the one year period. Notwithstanding, the accumulated leave credit may be carried over to the next year entirely at the discretion of the College. It is by mutual agreement of the employee and College as to how and when the leave will be used.
- 13.3.2 All leaves will be paid at the employee's present salary rate or on an average of the employee's earnings in the previous period, whichever is greater.

ARTICLE 14 DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS

14.1 Holiday List

Leave of absence with pay shall be allowed for: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, the first Monday in August, Labour Day, **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and any other day proclaimed a holiday by the federal or provincial governments.

As agreed between the Local and the Employer, the designated floating holiday will be observed in March or April of each year in the alternate month from Easter.

14.1.2 Employees who work less than full-time year round shall be entitled to benefits of this Section on the basis of five point four two (5.42) percent of an employee's regular wage earnings on each pay cheque, in lieu of designated holidays on Article 14.1. Earnings for this purpose shall not include vacation leave pay.

14.2 Working Days Between Christmas and New Year's

The three (3) working days between Christmas and New Year's shall be considered as paid days off for Office, Field and Regulated employees. Should an employee be required to work on the above days, **they** will be compensated at overtime rates plus an additional day off at a mutually agreeable time.

14.3 Falling on Days of Rest

If any of the holidays listed in Article 14.1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday and is not proclaimed as being observed on some other day, it shall be observed on the first working day(s) following the weekend.

14.4 Working on a Holiday

14.4.1 An employee who is required to work on a designated holiday shall be paid at the rate of two and one-half (2 ½) times the regular rate of pay, or upon mutual agreement between the employee and the out-of-scope supervisor, the employee may be paid one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay plus an additional day off with pay at a time mutually agreed between the employee and the out-of-scope supervisor.

14.4.2 An employee who is authorized to perform overtime work on a designated holiday shall be paid at a rate of two (2) times **their** regular pay for each hour in excess of normal hours which **they** work.

ARTICLE 15 SICK LEAVE

- 15.1 Sick leave, for purposes of this Section, means that period of time an employee is absent from work with full pay by virtue of being **ill injured** or disabled or under examination or treatment **by a licensed and regulated health professional** for which compensation is not payable elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 15.2 Employees who work on a 200-day year basis shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) days for each twenty (20) full assigned days worked, subject to a maximum of fifteen (15) days per year.
- Other employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-quarter ($1\frac{1}{4}$) days for each full month worked to a maximum of fifteen (15) days per year.
- 15.3 The unused portion of an employee's sick leave shall accumulate from year to year, to a maximum of two hundred sixty two (262) days.
- 15.4 Employees will draw on sick leave credits to the extent earned except that an employee may, subject to approval by the **Vice President of the unit or designate**, draw on future credits to a maximum of fifteen (15) days.
- 15.5 A deduction shall be made from accumulated sick leave of all normal working days (exclusive of EDO's and designated holidays) absent for sick leave. An employee shall inform the supervisor normally before starting time or as soon as possible of the need to be absent.
- Less than full-time employees with sick leave credits shall be paid only for those days on which they would have worked.
- 15.6 An employee may be required to produce a medical certificate for any illness. The cost of such certificate will be paid for by the College.
- 15.7 An employee on leave of absence with full pay shall receive sick leave credits for the period of such absence. Such employees shall record all sick days. The onus will be on the employee to substantiate all claims for sick leave under this Article. Leave of absence without pay shall be dealt with on the basis of Article **17.6.2**.
- 15.8 Medical and Dental Leave
- The College will continue the existing discretionary practice of granting short term leave with pay for the purposes of required visits to medical and dental offices. Any such absence of one-half day or more shall be deducted from accumulated sick leave credits. On request, employees will be required to show proof of medical or dental care.

15.9 EI Rebate

The College will undertake to apply for the EI Rebate at the appropriate time. All monies rebated shall be used by the Employer to offset costs of the employee benefits plans.

ARTICLE 16 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS

16.1 Employee participation in the benefits under this section shall be mandatory provided:

- a) the employee is a member of the union.
- b) the employee works fifteen (15) hours or more each week.

16.1.1 Group Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Group Life benefits and Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are set at 300% of your annual salary rounded to the next higher \$1,000. The employer pays the premiums on the first \$50,000 of life insurance coverage and the accident death and dismemberment coverage. The remainder of the life insurance premium is the responsibility of the employee.

16.1.2 Dental Plan

The employer shall pay 100% of the premiums for the agreed upon SGEU Dental Plan based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2010. Any subsequent increase in premiums shall be responsibility of the employee. This Agreement shall stay in effect until a new agreement is arrived at during the next collective bargaining.

16.1.3 Extended Health and Vision

The employer shall pay 100% of the premiums for the agreed upon SGEU Extended Health and Vision Plan based on rates in effect as of January 1, 2010. Any subsequent increase in premiums shall be the responsibility of the employee. This Agreement shall stay in effect until a new agreement is arrived at during the next collective bargaining.

16.1.4 Lay-Off Coverage

If an employee who has worked for 130 days or longer in a fiscal year or between periods of lay off, the benefit coverage identified in Article 16.1 above, will continue for four (4) months. If the employee has worked for less than 130 days in a fiscal year or between periods of lay off, there shall be no coverage. Employees who work less than 130 days between periods of lay off will have the option to pay full premiums and

maintain benefit coverage during periods of layoff for up to four (4) months.

Subject to the qualifying provisions of the Benefit Plan, the employee may continue their benefit coverage after four (4) months by paying both the employee and employer share of the premiums.

16.1.5 Further details of the Benefit Plans can be found in the Plan booklet.

16.2 Pension

The employer and employees shall make contributions to a mutually agreed upon pension plan according to the provisions of the Plan.

16.3 Workers' Compensation

16.3.1 When an employee is injured in the performance of duties or incurs an industrial illness, the College shall pay the employee the difference between **their** regular **biweekly** net wage and the **biweekly** compensation received, for a maximum of one (1) year.

16.3.2 Pending receipt of payments from the Workers' Compensation Board, an employee shall receive advances up to the amount of normal earnings.

16.3.3 For periods of time during which benefits are paid under this Section an employee shall be entitled to earn all benefits under this Agreement in accordance with Article 17.5.3.

16.4 Eligible employees shall pay one hundred (100) percent of the cost of the premiums of SGEU's Long Term Disability Plan **as per plan text**.

ARTICLE 17 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

17.1 In all cases of leaves under Article 17 except "Indefinite Leave", employees returning to work when their leaves expire shall be reinstated in the positions they held prior to going on leave. Employees returning from Indefinite Leave shall have their names placed on the Re-employment List.

17.2 Leaves With Pay

17.2.1 Pressing Necessity and Bereavement Leave

In the case of leave under this article, a maximum of five (5) days per occasion without loss of pay or benefits may be allowed. Additional amounts if approved will be deducted from accumulated sick leave credits limited to days earned in excess of nine (9) days during the

employee's first year and days accumulated to the employee's credit which exceed twelve (12) days in each year thereafter.

An employee with less than the sick leave credits specified above may be granted an advance to a maximum of three (3) days sick leave credit. This advance will be charged against the employee sick leave credits in the following year.

Employees shall be allowed to designate one (1) of the five (5) days in this article as a Personal Wellness Day.

17.2.2 Union Business Leave

17.2.2.1 Representatives of the Union shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits for total time involved in negotiation with the Employer. The Union shall reimburse the Employer for such salary and benefits.

17.2.2.2 One (1) employee representative of the Union shall suffer no loss of pay or benefits for time involved in grievance and employee selection procedures.

17.2.2.3 Upon written request to the Employer, an employee elected or appointed to represent the Union shall be allowed leave of absence with pay and benefits. Leave of absence with pay and benefits shall be allowed for employees to attend meetings of the Provincial Executive and its Committees, or any bodies affiliated with the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union. The Union shall reimburse the College for pay and benefits in such cases.

17.2.2.4 An employee who is elected or appointed to a full-time position with the Union, the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, or the Canadian Labour Congress shall be granted leave of absence without loss of seniority for a period of one (1) year. On request such leave may be renewed each year during the employee's term of office. Such employee shall continue to receive salary and benefits from the College. The Union shall reimburse the College for pay and benefits in such cases.

17.3 Interpersonal Violence Leave

The Employer will grant employees who have experienced interpersonal violence a leave of absence with pay of up to five (5) days per year. An additional five (5) days per year may be drawn from an employee's sick leave credits. Subject to the availability of sick leave credits.

17.4 Missing or Murdered Leave

The Employer will grant employees who have an immediate family member who is missing or murdered or dies of suicide a leave of absence with pay for up to three days from the time of the employee being advised. Such time may be used immediately or the employee may elect to use the time for the purposes of search parties or attendance at court as a result of the above. The employee agrees to provide as much advance notice as possible regarding search party and/or impending court dates.

17.5 Leaves With or Without Pay

17.5.1 Educational Leave

The College is committed to the ongoing professional development of its staff. An Educational Leave Committee consisting of at least three (3) Union representatives and three (3) persons appointed by the College shall be established and maintained. The Committee shall review Educational Leave proposals and shall make recommendations on employees' applications for Educational Leave. Final decisions on matters relative to staff professional development and Educational Leave shall rest with the Board.

Education Leave may be approved with full pay, partial pay, or without pay.

17.5.1.1 Benefits While on Educational Leave

- a) Subject to the qualifying provisions of the Benefit Plan, an employee on Educational Leave may elect to maintain coverage under the Benefits Plan outlined in Article 16 by paying the usual share of premiums.
- b) Employees on Educational Leave shall accumulate seniority for the period of time which they would normally have been employed and sick leave benefits for the term of the leave.

17.5.2 Leave for Traditional Indigenous Practices

17.5.2.1 Every permanent employee who is an Indigenous person is entitled to and shall be granted a leave of absence from employment of one unpaid day under this article in each fiscal year, in order to enable the employee to engage in traditional Indigenous practices, including:

- (a) hunting;**
- (b) fishing;**

- (c) **harvesting; and**
- (d) **Indigenous ceremonial, cultural or spiritual events**

17.5.2.2 The employee shall provide their out-of-scope manager with a minimum of 48 hours' notice of the planned leave.

17.5.2.3 The College may, on a one-time only basis, request the employee to provide documentation that shows the employee as an Indigenous person.

17.5.2.4 For purposes of this section, "Indigenous" means First Nations, Inuit or Metis.

17.5.3 Secondment Leave

In cases where there is a request to second an employee to another organization, the CEO will prior to granting such request, provide the union with the details of the secondment.

17.5.3.1 Benefits while on Secondment Leave

- a) The employee shall continue to receive salary and/or benefits from the College with the seconder reimbursing the College for those costs unless the employee chooses otherwise.
- b) Employees on Secondment Leave shall accumulate seniority, increments, and sick leave credits for the period of time for which they normally would have been employed.

17.5.4 Compassionate Care Leave

Compassionate Care Leave is a leave of up to twenty-eight (28) weeks granted to a person who has to be absent from work to provide care or support for a gravely ill family member at risk of dying within twenty-six (26) weeks. Copies of the Employment Insurance "Authorization to Release a Medical Certificate" and "Medical Certificate for Employment Insurance Compassionate Care Benefits" are required to substantiate compassionate care leave claims.

17.5.4.1 Benefits During Compassionate Care Leave

- a) While on Compassionate Care Leave, an employee shall accumulate seniority, increments, and sick leave credits on the same basis as **their** normal work pattern.
- b) Subject to the qualifying provisions of the Benefit Plan, an employee on Compassionate Care Leave may elect to maintain

coverage under the Benefits Plan outlined in Article 16 by paying the usual share of the premiums.

17.6 Leaves Without Pay

17.6.1 Family Leave (Maternity, Paternity, Adoption)

An employee, who has completed thirteen (13) cumulative weeks of employment and who provides the employer with a medical certificate or an adoption order certifying the employee or the employee's partner is pregnant or about to adopt, and specifying the expected date of birth or adoption, is entitled to apply for Family Leave without pay. Requests for such leaves shall be made in writing one (1) month in advance of the proposed commencement date, except in unavoidable circumstances.

17.6.1.1 In response to a request, the College shall approve Family Leave of up to eighteen (18) months, in any combination before or after the birth or adoption of the child. Where a doctor's certificate is provided stating a longer period of Maternity Leave is required, an extension of up to six (6) additional months shall be granted.

17.6.1.2 Benefits During Family Leave

- a) While on Family Leave, an employee shall accumulate seniority, increments, and sick leave credits on the same basis as **their** normal work pattern.
- b) Subject to the qualifying provisions of the Benefit Plan, an employee on Family Leave may elect to maintain coverage under the Benefits Plans outlined in Article 16 by paying the usual share of the premiums.
- c) Any employee who has a medically substantiated need to be absent from work for health related reasons due to the pregnancy either before, during, or after the date of delivery shall be allowed to access sick leave for the period of time that employee remains unfit to perform the function of her position due to this health problem.

The Employer will pay its usual share of benefit premiums on behalf of the employee during **their** absence in the same way the Employer pays benefit premiums for other employees while in receipt of sick leave.

In the event an employee does not have sufficient sick leave credits to cover the health related absence the employee may, subject to approval by the C.E.O., draw on future credits to a maximum of twenty-five (25) days. Any advanced sick leave will

be recouped, when the employee returns to work, on the basis of 50% of the earned sick leave per month.

In the event an employee does not return to work the College reserves the right to recover any overpayment.

17.6.1.3 In the event of medical complications arising out of pregnancy such that an employee is unable to return to work at the expiry of her Maternity Leave, the employee will receive payment of normal salary from **their** accumulated sick leave in accordance with Article 15.

17.6.2 General Leave

17.6.2.1 "Definite Leave" is a general leave of absence without pay that does not exceed one (1) calendar year in duration where the employee retains the right to return to their specific position.

17.6.2.2 "Indefinite Leave" is a general leave of absence without pay where the employee does not retain the right to return to their specific position.

17.6.2.3 An employee's application for general leave must be in writing and approved by the CEO. The Union will be notified of the decision in writing.

17.6.2.4 An employee on General Leave must reapply annually giving evidence that the conditions under which the leave was originally granted still prevail.

17.6.2.5 Benefits while on General Leave

- a) Employees on General Leave may elect to maintain benefit coverage for up to one (1) month by paying the employee share of the premiums. Subject to the qualifying provisions of the Benefit Plan, the employee may continue their benefit coverage after one (1) month by paying both the employee and employer share of the premiums.
- b) Employees on General Leave earn sick leave credits for the first ninety (90) calendar days of leave.
- c) Employees on General Leave of more than five (5) days per fiscal year, do not earn increments, or seniority.

17.6.3 Long Term Disability (L.T.D.) **Leave**

17.6.3.1 Employees receiving LTD benefits shall be granted LTD Leave to a maximum of three (3) calendar years, after which time they are eligible for Indefinite Leave. **Such Indefinite Leave is not subject to 17.6.2.3 or 17.6.2.4.**

17.7 Returning Early from a Leave of Absence

When an employee requests to return to work prior to the expiry of a leave granted under Article 17, **they** shall provide at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to the College. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied. An employee returning early may be placed in an equivalent position until the original expiry date of the leave, at which time **they** shall be reinstated in the position held prior to the leave.

17.8 Deferred Salary Leave Plan

17.8.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, whenever used herein, shall for the purpose thereof, unless the context requires otherwise, have the meaning set forth below, despite any definitions that conflict therewith in any other document.

- a) **Deferred Amount:** means the portion of the Normal Gross Pay which is retained by the College for the Participant in each year in accordance with this Plan.
- b) **Deferral Period:** means the period during which compensation is deferred in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.
- c) **Eligible Employee:** means a permanent employee who has been employed by the College for a continuous period of at least one (1) year.
- d) **Leave of Absence:** means the period of time an employee will be receiving deferred salary. The Leave of Absence will be no less than three (3) consecutive months and no greater than twelve (12) consecutive months.
- e) **Normal Gross Pay:** means the regular salary paid to the employee, including any applicable retroactive salary, but excluding overtime and any other special payments.
- f) **Plan:** means the Deferred Salary Leave Plan as described in this instrument.
- g) **Prevailing Pay:** means the Normal Gross Pay less the Deferred Amount.

- 17.8.2 Approval Process
- 17.8.2.1 The Northlands College Deferred Salary Leave Plan is designed to assist the employee in financing a leave of absence, for any reason, subject to the approval of the employer.
- 17.8.2.2 During the approval process issues such as timing, length and general purpose of the leave and future workplace operational requirements will be reviewed.
- 17.8.3 Funding for Leave of Absence
- 17.8.3.1 During each year prior to the agreed upon Leave of Absence, the employee will receive, for a maximum of six (6) years, the applicable Prevailing Pay as determined for the particular year by the Memorandum of Agreement.
- 17.8.3.2 In no case shall the Deferred Amount be less than ten percent (10%) nor greater than 33 1/3% of the employees' Normal Gross Pay in any calendar year.
- 17.8.3.3 The College shall pay all the interest accrued on the Deferred Amount during the calendar year to the employee on:
- a) the last day of the calendar year during the Deferral Period; and
 - b) the last day of the Leave of Absence; or
 - c) the day that participation in the Plan ceases due to withdrawal from the Plan or upon the death of the employee.
- 17.8.4 Taking Leave of Absence
- 17.8.4.1** When the employee returns, **they** shall return to **their** position.
- 17.8.4.2 During the Leave of Absence, the employee will receive payment monthly through automatic bank deposit to the employee's account. All of the Deferred Amount shall be paid no later than the end of the first calendar year that commences after the last calendar year of deferral.
- 17.8.4.3 The periodic amounts to be paid to the employee during the Leave of Absence shall be proportionate to the monies retained by the College and the duration of the Leave of Absence less the appropriate deductions.
- 17.8.4.4 The Leave of Absence shall commence immediately following the Deferral Period.

- 17.8.4.5 During the Deferral Period:
- Pensionable service and pension accruals shall conform to the provisions of the appropriate pension plan and will include prescribed compensation as permitted and described in the *Income Tax Act* and *Regulations*.
- 17.8.5 Applications
- 17.8.5.1 An employee wishing to participate in the Plan shall submit a request to the immediate out-of-scope supervisor between September 1 and October 31 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the employee wishes to commence participating.
- 17.8.6 Withdrawal from the Plan
- 17.8.6.1 An employee's participation in the plan must be terminated upon:
- a) ceasing to be an employee of the College;
 - b) continuous lay-off exceeding thirty-six (36) months;
 - c) having been a recipient of long-term disability benefits for more than three (3) years;
 - d) failure to take the Leave of Absence; or
 - e) death.
- 17.8.6.2 In the event of termination from the Plan as described above in Article 17.8.6.1, the College shall pay to the employee, or the beneficiary as applicable, the Deferred Amount and all accrued interest no later than three (3) months following date of termination with the Plan.
- 17.8.6.3 In cases of extreme financial hardship, the employee may withdraw from the Plan. In the event of such withdrawal, the Deferred Amount and all accrued interest shall be paid to the employee within three (3) months.
- 17.8.7 Suspension from Participation in the Plan
- 17.8.7.1 Upon written notice to the College, an employee may suspend participation in the Plan in the following events:
- a) upon taking an unpaid leave of absence, or
 - b) becoming a recipient of long-term disability benefits.

- 17.8.7.2 Should the cause for suspending participation cease to exist, the employee shall be reinstated upon returning to active employment.
- 17.8.7.3 Any suspension of participation shall not extend the Deferral Period beyond six (6) years.
- 17.8.8 Deferred Amounts
- 17.8.8.1 The College unconditionally guarantees payment of the Deferred Amount.
- 17.8.8.2 The Deferred Amount shall be invested by the College.
- 17.8.8.3 The interest rate to be applied to the Deferred Amount is guaranteed to be the same rate as the College receives on short-term investments.
- 17.8.8.4 Payroll shall maintain an individual account for the Deferred Amount and accrued interest of each employee in the Plan.
- 17.8.9 Return Following Participation in the Plan
- The employee must resume employment with the College, following the Leave of Absence, for a period of time not less than the length of the Leave of Absence.
- 17.8.10 General Provisions
- 17.8.10.1 The Plan shall not constitute a contract of employment between an employee and the College.
- 17.8.10.2 Interest credited to a Participant's Deferred Amount under the provisions of this Plan will be considered as employment income for purposes of the *Income Tax Act* and will be reported on the Participant's T4 supplementary and shall be subject to tax withholdings.

SALARY AND BENEFITS DETAILS		
ITEM	DURING DEFERRAL PERIOD	DURING LEAVE PERIOD
1. Prevailing Pay	as defined in 17.6.1	N.A.
2. Deferred Amount	As per Memorandum of Agreement	as defined in 17.8.1
3. Income Tax	Calculated on the Prevailing Pay.	Calculated on the periodic amounts paid to the employee during the leave of absence consistent with article 17.8.4

		and based on then current rates
4. CPP	Calculated on the Prevailing Pay; applicable College contributions to continue.	Calculated on the periodic amounts paid to the employee during the leave of absence consistent with article 17.8.4 and based on then current rates
5. EI	Calculated on the Normal Gross Pay; applicable College contributions to continue.	No premiums payable, therefore there is no benefit entitlement until working the minimum requirements upon return from Leave of Absence.
6. Pension Plan	In accordance with pension plan documents	In accordance with pension plan documents
7. Long Term Disability	benefits and participant's premiums calculated on the Prevailing Pay	benefits and participant's premiums calculated on the Deferred Amount paid over the Leave of Absence at the then current premium rates
8. Dental / Extended Health Plans	coverage continues; College pays premiums	coverage continues; College pays premiums
9. Group Life Insurance	coverage and both College and participant's premiums calculated on the Prevailing Pay	coverage and both College and participant's premiums calculated on the Deferred Amount paid over the Leave of Absence
10. Union Dues	calculated on the Prevailing Pay	calculated on the Deferred Amount paid over the Leave of Absence
11. Other Deductions	To be deducted as usual	Same as deferral period
12. Interest	as per 17.8.3.3, paid to participant on the last day of the calendar year during the Deferral Period	as per 17.8.3.3, paid to participant on the last day of the Leave of Absence

ARTICLE 18 COACHING AND PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

18.1 The College has the right to discipline employees who, through their actions or omissions, violate College standards. The focus of all discipline shall be corrective, **except in cases of termination**. In all cases the discipline imposed will be kept confidential and will be reasonable in relation to the offence committed.

- 18.1.1** Under exceptional circumstances (i.e. allegations of harassment, safety concerns, major theft, etc.), the College may place an employee on non-disciplinary paid administrative leave pending the results of an investigation.
- 18.1.2** The employee will be informed in writing of any reprimand or suspension, the reasons for the disciplinary action, the corrective behaviour that is required and the consequences of further infractions.
- 18.1.3** In cases of termination, the employee will be informed in writing of the reasons for the termination.
- 18.1.4** A copy of any disciplinary document will be placed on the employee's personnel file and shall be copied to the Union.
- 18.2** **Progressive Discipline**
- 18.2.1** In order for discipline to be corrective it shall be progressive with stronger penalties for repeated offences. The progression shall be:
- i) Verbal reprimand**
 - ii) Written reprimand**
 - iii) Suspension(s) without pay**
 - iv) Dismissal for cause.**
- 18.2.2** Under an exceptional circumstance, the College may abandon the progressive approach to discipline and impose an advanced penalty for a first offence. Exceptional circumstances include, but are not limited to: gross insubordination, fighting, harassment, or major theft.
- 18.3** **Burden of Proof**
- 18.3.1** In cases of reprimands, suspensions, and dismissals, the burden of proof of just cause shall rest with the College. When the College is taking disciplinary action under Article 18.2.2 this must be indicated in the reprimand, suspension or dismissal notification, and the reasons for not following progressive discipline stated. Evidence shall be limited to the grounds stated in the suspension or dismissal notice. The record of an employee shall not be used for disciplinary reasons after eighteen (18) months of satisfactory service and shall be removed from the employee's file.
- 18.3.2** An employee shall not be immune from future progressive discipline due solely to the fact that **they** had grieved an earlier discipline and such

grievance was not resolved by the time that the subsequent disciplinary step was taken. In this situation, a subsequent grievance cannot allege a failure to follow the procedural steps in Article 18.2.

18.4 Due Process

18.4.1 An employee will have the right to be heard. The employee's written response to any level of discipline shall be placed on **their** personnel file and attached to any document relating to the incident placed on the file by the College.

18.4.2 A Union representative, selected by the Union, shall be present at any disciplinary action. However, at the specific **written** request of the employee to the Union, a verbal reprimand may proceed without a Union representative.

18.4.3 An employee shall be allowed to peruse **their** own personnel file upon request to the **Human Resources**. Any response in respect to its contents shall become part of the file.

18.5 Resignation and Job Abandonment

18.5.1 Employees shall give thirty (30) days notice of resignation. An employee who fails to give such notice shall be struck from the payroll effective the date **they** absent **themselves** without leave.

18.5.2 Any unexplained absence of three (3) days or more shall be considered job abandonment unless justification can be demonstrated.

ARTICLE 19 GRIEVANCES

19.1 Leave for Grievances

The College shall allow leave without loss of pay for up to one (1) elected Union representative and one (1) grievor for grievance meetings under Article 19.3. One (1) grievor shall be allowed leave with pay to attend Arbitration Hearings.

19.1.1 Any disagreement between the parties to this Agreement with respect to the application or interpretation of the Articles contained herein, or any other matters relating to conditions of employment shall be resolved according to the following procedure:

19.2 Time Limits

A grievance shall be deemed to have been initiated on the date a written statement of grievance has been received by the out-of-scope supervisor or Chief Executive Officer. A grievance to be accepted must

be initiated within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the employee first became aware of the alleged infraction.

Notwithstanding, the thirty (30) calendar day time limit shall not apply to those items included in the Agreement where the College has allegedly failed to apply a specific benefit, i.e. vacation leave, sick leave, shift differential, etc. In these latter instances the time limit shall be one (1) year after the date on which the alleged infraction occurred. The effective date of any necessary retroactive pay shall be ninety (90) days prior to the date the infraction was known or ought to have been known.

19.3

Procedure

Step 1:

The grievance shall be submitted in writing by the aggrieved and/or by the Local Union Executive on behalf of the aggrieved to the immediate out-of-scope supervisor, who shall render a decision in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt. In all instances, a copy of the grievance shall be submitted concurrently to the **Human Resources** and to the Executive Director of Operations of the Union.

Step 2:

If a satisfactory settlement cannot be effected at Step 1, the Local Union Executive must submit, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of reply at Step 1, the grievance to the Chief Executive Officer **or designate**, who will render a decision in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the grievance at Step 2.

Step 3:

If a satisfactory settlement cannot be effected at Step 2 the Local Union Executive may, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the decision at Step 2 apply for a Board of Arbitration.

19.3.1

The Local Union Executive shall have the right to originate a grievance on behalf of an employee or group of employees and to seek adjustment with the College in the manner provided in the grievance procedure. Such a grievance shall commence at Step 2.

19.4

The parties to this agreement desire that all grievances and arbitrations be expedited in a timely fashion. They therefore will endeavour to adhere to the time limits outlined in Article 19 and 20.

ARTICLE 20 **ARBITRATION**

20.1 Referral to Arbitration

20.1.1 When either party requests that a grievance be submitted to Arbitration, the request shall be made in writing to the other party of the Agreement. The notice of intent to proceed to arbitration shall include the suggestion of a person to serve as arbitrator.

20.1.2 Within ten (10) working days of receiving the notice, the party receiving the notice shall either agree to the proposed arbitrator or suggest alternative arbitrators.

20.1.3 If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator within thirty (30) days, the arbitrator shall be selected from a list of arbitrators that is agreed upon annually by the College and Union.

20.2 Procedure of an Arbitration Board

20.2.1 The Chairperson of the Board shall fix a time and place of sittings after consultation with the other members and notify the parties. The Board shall meet not later than seven (7) calendar days after it has been constituted, unless by consent of both parties the date is changed.

20.2.2 The Board shall determine its own procedure, but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations. The Board shall, as much as possible, follow a layman's procedure and shall avoid legalistic or formal procedure.

20.2.3 In the event that an employee is called as a witness before an Arbitration Board convened under Article 20, the College shall grant leave and expenses, which shall be applicable as follows:

- a) If called by the College, leave without loss of pay and expenses paid by the College;
- b) If called by the Union, leave without pay and expenses paid by the Union;
- c) If called by the Board, the parties shall share equally the costs of leave without loss of pay and expenses.

20.2.4 The Board shall render a decision within fifteen (15) days of the end of the hearing.

- 20.3 Decision of an Arbitration Board
- 20.3.1 The decision of the majority shall be the decision of the Board. Where there is no majority decision, the decision of the Chairperson shall be the decision of the Board.
- 20.3.2 The decision shall be final, binding and enforceable on all parties.
- 20.3.3 The Board shall not have the power to change this Agreement or to alter, modify, or amend any of its provisions. Subject to the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to dispose of the grievance by any arrangement which it deems just and equitable.
- 20.3.4 Should the parties disagree as to the meaning of the Board's decision, either party may apply to the Chairperson to reconvene the Board to clarify the decision.

20.4 Expenses of an Arbitration Board

Each party shall pay the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator it appoints. The fees and expenses of the Chairperson, and any other common expenses, shall be shared equally by both parties.

ARTICLE 21 SAFETY AND HEALTH

- 21.1 The College shall make provision for the safety and health of employees during hours of work.
- 21.2** The College will comply with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety **divisions of the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the associated** Regulations.
- 21.3 Adequate first aid supplies (based on Workers' Compensation Board recommendations) shall be provided at all College work sites and for all vehicles for which car allowance is payable as per Article 7.10.1, and for all College-supplied vehicles.
- 21.4 Survival Kits
- The College will supply winter survival kits acceptable to the Saskatchewan Safety Council for use in all vehicles for out-of-town work assignments.
- 21.5 The College will ensure College vehicles are kept in safe operating condition. The College shall arrange for and ensure that all vehicles are regularly serviced. There will be a log located in each vehicle which indicates the last service date and most recent repairs.

Problems with vehicles shall be reported immediately to the identified supervisor. No employee shall be required to use a vehicle which is unsafe.

- 21.6 No College employee shall be required to travel outside of their Community/place of work in weather when temperatures are -35 degrees Celsius or lower.
- 21.7 The College will provide two satellite telephones in each regional office and one such telephone in the Air Ronge office, for employees' use when travelling.
- 21.8 **The College agrees to pay the cost of an eye examination not covered by Benefit Plans and/or medicare, undertaken by an employee regularly working on a computer or monitor at the commencement of work and annually thereafter.**

ARTICLE 22 RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

22.1 The Union and the Employer consider harassment in the workplace to be unacceptable and recognize the right of Employees to work in an environment free from harassment. To create a harassment-free workplace, the parties are committed to the joint development of proactive programs to eliminate all forms of harassment **and to create a respectful workplace.**

22.1.2 **Harassment is defined under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* and includes unwanted or unwelcome action by any person against another whether it be verbal, written, or physical and which:**

- a) **is perceived on the part of the affected employee to create a negative psychological or emotional state; or**
- b) **prejudices the affected employee's job security; or**
- c) **undermines an employee's job performance.**

22.1.3 **Those acts which constitute harassment include for the purposes of clarity, but without limitations:**

- a) **unsolicited physical contact, pushing, grabbing, or other touching.**
- b) **comments, looks, and/or suggestions which might reasonably be found by the affected employee to be unwelcome, objectionable, offensive, or to cause discomfort on the job.**
- c) **persistent sexual or unfriendly propositions.**
- d) **gender or ethnic-based insults or taunting.**

22.1.4 Normal social contact between people based on a position of equality and/or mutual consent does not for these purposes constitute harassment.

22.1.5 **This article does not prohibit the employer from carrying out the functions which fall within their rights and responsibilities, provided this is done in an appropriate and professional manner. Such functions include, but are not limited to: performance appraisals, addressing performance and conduct issues, and assigning work.**

22.1.6 In the case of alleged harassment, the employee will:

- i) immediately inform the alleged harasser that the behaviour is unwelcome, or perceive to be inappropriate, and that it should stop immediately; or
- ii) ask **their** immediate supervisor for assistance in addressing the situation with the accused.

22.1.7 If the alleged harasser is the immediate supervisor, the employee should contact the next higher out-of-scope supervisor. If the alleged harasser is the out-of-scope supervisor, the employee should contact the CEO. If the alleged harasser is the CEO, the employee should contact the Board Chairperson for assistance.

22.1.8 Anti-harassment policy procedures will follow immediately after a complainant discloses information concerning an alleged harassment.

22.1.9 Upon request, an employee involved in a harassment case shall be entitled to counselling at no cost to the employee within the terms of the Employee Family Assistant Program policy.

22.1.10 A joint union/management committee composed of equal representation from union and management will work collectively to establish and maintain a harassment-free college-wide work environment. The parties will endeavour to achieve equal gender and minority group representation. The chairperson of the committee shall rotate from meeting to meeting. Committee decisions shall be by consensus.

The Committee will:

- i) oversee the development production and delivery of an educational program to establish and maintain a harassment-free work environment.

- ii) ensure mandatory participation by all employees in the program that is designed to meet the needs of individuals in their work situations.

22.1.11 All approved costs associated with the implementation of this program shall be the responsibility of the employer.

22.1.12 Grievances under this clause shall commence at the second step of the grievance procedure and will be handled with all possible confidentiality and dispatch.

ARTICLE 23 PRESENT CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS

23.1 All provisions of this Agreement are subject to applicable laws now or hereafter in effect. If any law now existing or hereafter enacted, or proclamation or regulation shall invalidate any portion of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall not be invalidated.

23.2 All benefits of this Agreement shall, unless otherwise specified, accrue on a prorata basis to employees who work less than full-time.

ARTICLE 24 COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT

24.1 The College and the Union shall share printing costs of sufficient copies of Agreement at a mutually agreed upon shop.

ARTICLE 25 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

25.1 This Agreement shall be binding and remain in effect from September 1, **2022** to August 31, **2025**, and shall continue from year to year thereafter unless either party gives to the other party notice in writing to negotiate amendments between sixty (60) and one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the anniversary date.

25.2 Any changes deemed necessary in this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the existence of this Agreement.

25.3 Both parties shall adhere to the terms of this Agreement during collective bargaining. If negotiations extend beyond the termination of the Agreement, the retroactivity of terms as mutually agreed upon (other than wages) shall be negotiable.

25.4 An employee who has severed **their** employment between the termination date of this Agreement and the effective date of the new Agreement shall receive full retroactivity of any increases in wages.

SIGNING PAGE

THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL EMPLOYEES' UNION and NORTHLANDS COLLEGE hereby agree that the attached document shall form the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Collective Bargaining Agreement on this 29th day of August, 2024.

Original Signed By:

The Saskatchewan Regional Colleges
Represented by:

The Saskatchewan Regional
Colleges Bargaining Units of SGEU
Represented by:

Northlands College
Patty Coulson

Bargaining Chair
Laura Nagy

Northlands College
Lovepreet Singh

Bargaining Committee Member
Lisa Courtoreille

Northlands College
Karsten Henriksen

Bargaining Committee Member
Myrna Ewing

SGEU Labour Relations Officer
Kathy Mahussier

GENERAL WAGE INCREASES

Effective September 1, 2022 – 3%

Effective September 1, 2023 – 3%

Effective September 1, 2024 – 2%

RETROACTIVITY

Retroactivity to September 1, 2022, is applicable to those employees on staff at the date of signing the Memorandum of Agreement and those employees who have left employment since September 1, 2022, unless terminated for cause. Such former employees must apply to the College for the retroactive pay, indicating their current address, within sixty (60) days of signing the Collective Agreement.

LONG SERVICE INCREMENT

Effective September 1, 2007, the Colleges shall recognize experience at the commencement of 15 years of service in accordance with Article 7 by providing a long service increment equivalent to four percent (4%) above the appropriate step in the pay tables in Appendices A, B, and B-1.

**APPENDIX A
NON INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 (+3%)**

Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Long Service 4%
1	19.46	20.15	20.91	21.64	22.35	23.04	23.96
2	21.79	22.61	23.42	24.23	25.06	25.83	26.88
3	24.41	25.31	26.21	27.17	28.07	28.94	30.10
4	27.00	27.98	29.00	30.03	31.00	32.11	33.38
5	29.57	30.71	31.84	32.99	34.07	35.19	36.58
6	32.18	33.38	34.62	35.87	37.10	38.33	39.85
7	34.80	36.10	37.42	38.79	40.09	41.46	43.12
8	37.36	38.80	40.27	41.68	43.12	44.53	46.30

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 (+3%)**

Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Long Service 4%
1	20.04	20.76	21.53	22.29	23.02	23.73	24.68
2	22.44	23.29	24.12	24.95	25.81	26.61	27.68
3	25.14	26.07	27.00	27.98	28.91	29.81	31.00
4	27.81	28.82	29.87	30.93	31.93	33.07	34.38
5	30.46	31.63	32.80	33.98	35.09	36.24	37.68
6	33.15	34.38	35.66	36.94	38.21	39.48	41.05
7	35.84	37.18	38.55	39.95	41.29	42.70	44.41
8	38.48	39.96	41.48	42.93	44.41	45.86	47.69

APPENDIX A
NON INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 (+2%)

Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Long Service 4%
1	20.44	21.17	21.97	22.74	23.48	24.21	25.18
2	22.89	23.75	24.60	25.45	26.33	27.14	28.24
3	25.64	26.59	27.54	28.54	29.49	30.41	31.62
4	28.37	29.39	30.46	31.55	32.57	33.73	35.07
5	31.07	32.26	33.46	34.66	35.80	36.97	38.43
6	33.81	35.07	36.37	37.68	38.97	40.27	41.87
7	36.56	37.93	39.32	40.75	42.12	43.56	45.30
8	39.25	40.76	42.31	43.79	45.30	46.78	48.64

**APPENDIX B
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 (+3%)**

RANGE	INSTRUCTOR (ANNUAL, DAILY)									LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	
RANGE I	58,135	62,247	65,363	68,629	72,064	75,672	79,453	83,430	87,592	91,096
	290.67	311.24	326.82	343.15	360.32	378.36	397.26	417.15	437.96	455.49
RANGE II	62,065	64,954	67,985	71,174	74,518	78,033	81,723	85,593	89,663	93,249
	310.33	324.77	339.92	355.87	372.59	390.16	408.61	427.96	448.31	466.25
RANGE III	64,817	67,639	70,604	73,721	76,983	80,418	84,024	87,810	91,775	95,445
	324.08	338.20	353.02	368.60	384.92	402.09	420.13	439.05	458.89	477.23
RANGE IV	71,829	74,605	77,520	80,574	83,780	87,153	90,688	94,402	98,306	102,238
	359.15	373.02	387.60	402.87	418.91	435.77	453.45	472.00	491.53	511.19

NOTE: For those employed partial days, the hourly rate is as follows:

**APPENDIX B
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY GRID
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 (+3%)
HOURLY RATES**

STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
RANGE I	48.44	51.87	54.47	57.19	60.05	63.06	66.21	69.53	72.99	75.91
RANGE II	51.72	54.13	56.65	59.31	62.10	65.03	68.10	71.33	74.72	77.71
RANGE III	54.01	56.37	58.84	61.43	64.15	67.01	70.02	73.17	76.48	79.54
RANGE IV	59.86	62.17	64.60	67.15	69.82	72.63	75.57	78.67	81.92	85.20

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RANGE	INSTRUCTOR (ANNUAL, DAILY)									LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	
RANGE I	59,879	64,114	67,323	70,688	74,226	77,942	81,837	85,932	90,220	93,829
	299.39	320.58	336.63	353.44	371.13	389.71	409.18	429.67	451.10	469.15
RANGE II	63,927	66,903	70,025	73,309	76,754	80,374	84,175	88,161	92,353	96,046
	319.64	334.52	350.12	366.55	383.76	401.87	420.87	440.80	461.76	480.23
RANGE III	66,761	69,668	72,722	75,933	79,293	82,831	86,545	90,444	94,528	98,309
	333.80	348.35	363.61	379.66	396.47	414.15	432.73	452.22	472.66	491.54
RANGE IV	73,984	76,843	79,846	82,991	86,294	89,768	93,409	97,235	101,255	105,305
	369.92	384.21	399.23	414.96	431.47	448.84	467.05	486.16	506.28	526.53

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STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
RANGE I	49.90	53.43	56.10	58.91	61.86	64.95	68.20	71.61	75.18	78.19
RANGE II	53.27	55.75	58.35	61.09	63.96	66.98	70.14	73.47	76.96	80.04
RANGE III	55.63	58.06	60.60	63.28	66.08	69.02	72.12	75.37	78.78	81.92
RANGE IV	61.65	64.03	66.54	69.16	71.91	74.81	77.84	81.03	84.38	87.75

**APPENDIX B
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 (+2%)**

RANGE	INSTRUCTOR (ANNUAL, DAILY)									LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9	
RANGE I	61,077	65,397	68,670	72,102	75,710	79,501	83,473	87,651	92,025	95,706
	305.38	326.99	343.36	360.51	378.56	397.51	417.37	438.26	460.12	478.54
RANGE II	65,206	68,241	71,425	74,775	78,289	81,981	85,858	89,924	94,200	97,967
	326.03	341.21	357.12	373.88	391.44	409.90	429.29	449.62	471.00	489.84
RANGE III	68,096	71,062	74,176	77,452	80,879	84,488	88,276	92,253	96,419	100,275
	340.48	355.31	370.89	387.25	404.40	422.43	441.38	461.26	482.11	501.37
RANGE IV	75,463	78,380	81,443	84,651	88,019	91,563	95,277	99,179	103,280	107,411
	377.32	391.89	407.21	423.26	440.10	457.82	476.39	495.89	516.41	537.06

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STEP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
RANGE I	50.90	54.50	57.23	60.09	63.09	66.25	69.56	73.04	76.69	79.76
RANGE II	54.34	56.87	59.52	62.31	65.24	68.32	71.55	74.94	78.50	81.64
RANGE III	56.75	59.22	61.81	64.54	67.40	70.41	73.56	76.88	80.35	83.56
RANGE IV	62.89	65.32	67.87	70.54	73.35	76.30	79.40	82.65	86.07	89.51

**APPENDIX B -1
INSTRUCTOR AIDE SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 (+3%)
(7.5 hours per day)**

INSTRUCTOR AIDE (ANNUAL, DAILY)							LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	
\$53,114.28	\$55,333.27	\$57,097.36	\$59,075.04	\$61,049.93	\$63,117.76	\$65,231.34	\$67,840.60
\$265.58	\$276.67	\$285.49	\$295.37	\$305.25	\$315.59	\$326.16	\$339.20

**APPENDIX B -1
INSTRUCTOR AIDE SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 (+3%)
(7.5 hours per day)**

INSTRUCTOR AIDE (ANNUAL, DAILY)							LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	
\$54,707.71	\$56,993.27	\$58,810.28	\$60,847.29	\$62,881.43	\$65,011.29	\$67,188.28	\$69,875.82
\$273.54	\$284.97	\$294.05	\$304.23	\$314.41	\$325.06	\$335.94	\$349.38

**APPENDIX B -1
INSTRUCTOR AIDE SALARY GRID
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 (+2%)
(7.5 hours per day)**

INSTRUCTOR AIDE (ANNUAL, DAILY)							LONG SERVICE INCREMENT
STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	
\$55,801.86	\$58,133.13	\$59,986.49	\$62,064.24	\$64,139.06	\$66,311.52	\$68,532.05	\$71,273.33
\$279.01	\$290.67	\$299.93	\$310.32	\$320.70	\$331.56	\$342.66	\$356.36

APPENDIX C

CERTIFICATION AND SALARY ADMINISTRATION: INSTRUCTORS

The provisions of this Appendix shall apply to all Instructors hired under the terms of this Collective Agreement.

Part I: Placement on Salary Ranges

1. The salary range of a newly appointed Instructor shall be determined by the number of years of relevant post-secondary education/training **they have** completed successfully (Saskatchewan standards).

- RANGE I Instructor
- Grade XII (Saskatchewan) or equivalent with one (1) year of related training or education.
 - Grade XII (Saskatchewan) or equivalent with two (2) years of related training or education.
 - Nurse Diploma, Technology Diploma, Registered Technician's Certificate, Dental Nurse Diploma or Dental Hygienist Diploma.
 - Journeyman's Certificate requiring less than three (3) years.
 - Standard "A" or Standard "B" Teaching Certificate (two (2) years).
 - Grade XII (Saskatchewan) or equivalent and a minimum of three (3) years post- secondary study, related training or education.
 - Three (3) or more year Journeyman's Certificate.
 - Nurse's Diploma and one (1) year related post-secondary education.
 - Technology Diploma or Registered Technician Certificate, and a Teaching Certificate (or an additional year of related post-secondary education).
 - Three (3) year University degree.
 - Journeyman's Certificate requiring less than three (3) years plus a Teacher's Certificate (or an additional year of related post-secondary education).
 - Dental Nurse Diploma or Dental Hygienist Diploma plus a Teaching Certificate (or an additional year of related post-secondary education).
 - Standard "A" or Standard "B" Teaching Certificate (three (3) year).
 - Minimum of two (2) year Technology Diploma in Instrumentation or Journeyman's Certificate in Instrumentation and considerable related experience.

- RANGE II Instructor
- A four (4) year University degree or three (3) year University degree plus an additional year of related study.
 - Professional accounting designation (CPA) without a degree.
 - Saskatchewan Land Surveyor.
 - Journeyman's Certificate in two (2) or more trades related to the program being taught.
 - Three (3) or more years Journeyman's Certificate and a Teaching Certificate (or an additional year of related post- secondary education).
 - Journeyman's Certificate requiring less than three (3) years plus a University degree.
 - Nurse's Diploma and two (2) years of related post-secondary education.
 - Dental Nurse Diploma or Dental Hygienist Diploma plus two (2) years of related post-secondary education.
 - Minimum of two (2) year Technology Diploma in Instrumentation or Journeyman's Certificate in Instrumentation and considerable related experience plus a Teacher's Certificate (or an additional year of related post-secondary education).
 - Technology Diploma or Registered Technician Certificate plus two (2) years of related post-secondary education.
- RANGE III Instructor
- Five (5) years of related post-secondary study with a minimum of one (1) degree (e.g. B.Sc., B.A., B.Ed.).
 - Master's degree (five (5) years).
 - Professional accounting designation (CPA) plus a University degree.
 - Three (3) or four (4) year Journeyman's Certificate plus a University Degree.
 - Nurse's Diploma plus three years of education including a related University degree (B.S.N., B.Ed.).
 - Dental Nurse Diploma or Dental Hygienist Diploma plus three (3) years of education including a related University degree.
 - Technology Diploma or Registered Technician's Certificate plus three (3) years of education including a related University degree.
- RANGE IV Instructor
- Six (6) years or more of related University study including one (1) year of graduate study or an **honour's** year.
 - Master's degree (six (6) year degree or a five (5) year degree plus one (1) year of related post-graduate study).

- Professional accounting designation (CPA) plus a degree and one (1) additional year of related University study.

Part II: Salary Grid Placement

1. The salary step granted within the assigned Range recognizes the experience of Instructors. Either teaching experience or closely related commercial or industrial experience will be accepted. For Trades Instructors, only Journeyman experience will ordinarily be accepted. To be credited, experience must have occurred within twenty (20) years of the date of appointment.
2. Related experience will be recognized for salary purposes by granting:
 - a) One (1) increment for each of the first two (2) years of related experience.
 - b) One (1) additional increment for each subsequent two (2) years of related experience.
 - c) Experience increments will be granted to the maximum of the appropriate range.
3. Instructors in Ranges I, II and III who do not qualify for placement in the next higher range but who have completed one (1) year's relevant study or training beyond the minimum qualifications required for their current range placement, shall be granted one (1) additional increment. If such an Instructor is at the maximum salary of his current range, one (1) additional step, above maximum, shall be approved.
4.
 - a) In circumstances where an Instructor is hired to teach a particular trade or discipline, that Instructor's starting salary may be at a range and step which reflects an industry based rate. If there is no step within the range which is equal to an industry based rate, that Instructor will be paid at the next higher step.
 - b) Where original placement on range and step is authorized above the minimum as prescribed in **4(a)**, **Human Resources** shall review the related experience of all other Instructors in that particular specialty and adjust upwards the salaries of those Instructors with equivalent or better qualifications.

Part III: Allocation of Instructors to a Higher Range

1. It shall be the responsibility of Instructors to notify **Human Resources** upon completion of course work and of additional qualifications which provide eligibility for reallocation to a higher salary range. Written proof must be included with written application for reallocation.
2. The Instructor shall submit satisfactory evidence of new qualifications and their effective date(s). Such evidence shall be limited to an official transcript from a recognized institution or an official letter from a granting authority.
3. The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for implementing approved salary adjustments.

4. The salary adjustment shall be effective on the first day of the month following successful completion of course requirements.
5. Instructors currently in Ranges I or II shall move to the next higher range upon the completion of one (1) full year of university education or upon the completion of the requirements for the next higher range.
6. Upon successful application for recognition of improved qualifications, Instructors' pay rates shall be adjusted as follows:
 - a) Instructors currently in Ranges I to III inclusive shall move to the same step in the next higher range. Increment dates shall remain unchanged.

One (1) year's university study must be equivalent to:

Thirty (30) university credit units.

Part IV: Supervisory Instructor Positions

1. Instructors in sole charge of a program shall receive eight (8) dollars per day for each full day worked providing that no supervision is available within the immediate community.
2. Supervisors or Program Heads who supervise one (1) or more full-time Instructors will be paid eight (8) dollars per day per full day worked above their regular position as a supervisory allowance.

Part V:

The College, in consultation with the Union, may implement temporary stipends to address recruitment/retention issues. When temporary supplements are established the following shall apply:

1. They will be reviewed annually;
2. This stipend may be adjusted or terminated in accordance with market changes;
3. They will be treated as regular salary for all payroll purposes. General wage increase shall be calculated on the regular base salary.
4. Where such a stipend is implemented the College shall review the related experience of all other Instructors in that particular specialty and adjust upwards the salaries of those instructors with equivalent or better qualifications.

**APPENDIX D
NORTHERN ALLOWANCE**

Northern Living Allowance to be raised to the level contained in the Public Service Agreement. In addition, the communities listed in the agreement will be grouped according to latitude as in the Public Service Agreement:

Air Ronge, La Ronge

Cole Bay, Creighton, Cumberland House, Denare Beach, Dore Lake, Green Lake, Montreal Lake, Sled Lake, Sturgeon Landing, Timber Bay, Weyakwin

Beauval, Brabant, Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Narrows, Deschambeault **Lake**, Dillon, Grandmother's Bay, Hall Lake, Ile a la Crosse, Jans Bay, La Loche, Michel Village, **Patuanak**, Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay, Southend, St. George's Hill, Stanley Mission, Sucker River, Turnor Lake

Black Lake, Camsell Portage, Fond du Lac, Kinoosao, Stony Rapids, Uranium City, Wollaston Lake

Effective October 9, 2022

Rate	Location
\$ 403.50	#1 - Black Lake, Camsell Portage, Fond du Lac, Kinoosao, Stony Rapids, Uranium City, Wollaston Lake
\$ 247.00	#2 - Beauval, Brabant Lake, Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Narrows, Deschambeault Lake , Dillon, Grandmother's Bay, Hall Lake, Ile a la Crosse, Jans Bay, La Loche, Michel Village, Patuanak, Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay, Southend, St. George's Hill, Stanley Mission, Sucker River, Turnor Lake
\$ 155.00	#3 - Cole Bay, Creighton, Cumberland House, Denare Beach, Dore Lake, Green Lake, Montreal Lake, Sled Lake, Sturgeon Landing, Timber Bay, Weyakwin
\$ 103.50	#4 - Air Ronge, La Ronge

Effective October 8, 2023

Rate	Location
\$ 415.50	#1 - Black Lake, Camsell Portage, Fond du Lac, Kinoosao, Stony Rapids, Uranium City, Wollaston Lake
\$ 254.50	#2 - Beauval, Brabant Lake, Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Narrows, Deschambeault Lake , Dillon, Grandmother's Bay, Hall Lake, Ile a la Crosse, Jans Bay, La Loche, Michel Village, Patuanak, Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay, Southend, St. George's Hill, Stanley Mission, Sucker River, Turnor Lake
\$ 159.50	#3 - Cole Bay, Creighton, Cumberland House, Denare Beach, Dore Lake, Green Lake, Montreal Lake, Sled Lake, Sturgeon Landing, Timber Bay, Weyakwin
\$ 106.50	#4 - Air Ronge, La Ronge

Effective October 6, 2024

Rate	Location
\$ 422.50	#1 - Black Lake, Camsell Portage, Fond du Lac, Kinoosao, Stony Rapids, Uranium City, Wollaston Lake
\$ 259.00	#2 - Beauval, Brabant Lake, Buffalo Narrows, Canoe Narrows, Deschambeault Lake , Dillon, Grandmother's Bay, Hall Lake, Ile a la Crosse, Jans Bay, La Loche, Michel Village, Patuanak, Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse, Sandy Bay, Southend, St. George's Hill, Stanley Mission, Sucker River, Turnor Lake
\$ 162.00	#3 - Cole Bay, Creighton, Cumberland House, Denare Beach, Dore Lake, Green Lake, Montreal Lake, Sled Lake, Sturgeon Landing, Timber Bay, Weyakwin
\$ 108.50	#4 - Air Ronge, La Ronge

APPENDIX E EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

The parties recognize that the success of the Employment Equity Program depends on a commitment to positive action on the part of the College and the Union.

- 1) The targeted groups to which this Program applies are:
 - 1.1 people of aboriginal ancestry
 - 1.2 people with disabilities
 - 1.3 women
 - 1.4 visible minorities
- 2) A Joint Committee of equal representation from the Union and the College shall be charged with the responsibility of designing (or redesigning), implementing, monitoring and assessing the success of the ongoing program.
- 3) The Joint Committee is charged with the responsibility of considering all barriers to equity.
- 4) The Committee will consider strategies to address barriers to equity, and where necessary, will refer particular strategies to their respective principles for negotiation/ratification.
- 5) The College will appoint an Employment Equity Officer who will function as a resource to the Joint Committee.
- 6) Minutes of any Joint Committee meetings will be posted so that staff may be aware of any positions being designated or not on their behalf. The Employment Equity Officer will keep current statistics on the positions recommended for designation, the reasons for their designation or non designation and the number approved or non approved.

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APPENDIX F SAFETY NET

In the event of permanent layoff or job abolition involving employees with two (2) or more years of service takes place the employer agrees to offer the employees one of the following two options depending on applicability and individual choice:

1. Career Assistance Options

Employees who are permanently laid off or whose jobs are abolished may access Career Assistance Options. The maximum value shall not exceed \$5,000 and shall be calculated on the basis of \$1,000 for each two (2) years of service, prorated for partial years.

Employees may elect one or more of the following assistance options.

a) Career Counselling and Job Placement

Career counselling and job placement will be provided by any one of a number of companies and can be accessed for one (1) year from the date the employee's position is abolished.

Career counselling and job placement services may include assessment, resume' writing, interview coaching, job search techniques, and office support.

Employees must notify the College of their intention to access career counselling and job placement services and indicate the type of service desired.

The College will liaise with the selected company to refer the employee, and establish a defined credit account for the employee.

b) Retraining Assistance

Retraining assistance will be provided in the form of payment of tuition fees.

Employees will be able to access retraining assistance over a two (2) year period commencing the date the employee's position is abolished.

Upon notification by employees of the educational institution they will be attending, the College will advise the educational institute to invoice them for tuition fees incurred by their employees.

c) Saskatchewan Relocation Assistance

Relocation Assistance will be limited to in-province relocation expenses incurred in pursuing alternate employment opportunities.

Employees may access the relocation assistance over a one (1) year period commencing the date the employee's position is abolished.

d) Career Adjustment Assistance

Career Adjustment Assistance will be provided on a reimbursement basis for expenses employees incur in pursuing alternate employment opportunities.

Employees may access Career Adjustment Assistance over a one (1) year period commencing the date the employee's position is abolished.

Expenses that would be considered for reimbursement include business start up costs, travel expenses incurred in attending interviews, etc.

e) Enhanced Severance

Enhanced Severance will be provided to employees who elect to resign and on the basis of one (1) week's salary for every year worked to a maximum of five (5) weeks or \$5,000.

NOTE: These provisions shall be applicable to employees currently affected by job abolishment.

2. Voluntary Lay-off

When downsizing within a specific area of the College is required the College will provide employees with the opportunity to volunteer for lay-off. Any employee choosing the lay-off will continue to have access to the Career Assistance Options identified in Part 1 above.

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APPENDIX G COLLEGE CLASSIFICATION MAINTENANCE PLAN

In accordance with the Policy Framework – Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value and Pay Equity, the primary purpose of a maintenance plan is to provide for the maintenance of “equitable compensation practices and equitable wage relationships”. In addition, because the Job Evaluation Plan is a provincial plan intended to be consistently applied across the unionized colleges, the plan must also accommodate the evolving human resource needs of the member colleges. Those evolving needs will require consistent methods to assess new and unique jobs and significant changes in duties and/or responsibilities to existing jobs.

This classification plan was developed by the unionized regional colleges through a joint union/management committee. The intent of this classification plan is to ensure equity among the non-instructional, in-scope employees of the unionized regional colleges.

In keeping with the prescribed purpose, the following functions form the basis of the joint union/management maintenance committee and describe its primary responsibility, namely;

- a) recommend to the union and management bargaining committees provisions to ensure maintenance of equitable compensation practices and equitable wage relationships;
- b) assess new positions unique to the college system and classify in accordance with the Job Evaluation Policy;
- c) re-evaluate positions which have experienced significant change in duties and/or responsibilities in accordance with the Job Evaluation Policy.

Equity is defined as:

- a) Employees doing work of equal value at different colleges will receive the same pay; and
- b) Job requirements are assessed according to a common set of factors to determine the classification of the position.

To achieve gender equity, neutrality must be maintained. Gender neutrality is achieved when male and female wage lines are the same. This is achieved by ensuring jobs are measured against a common set of criteria.-and the resulting pay ensures that male and female wage lines are the same.

Committee Guidelines

The following procedures are applicable to all committees and sub-committees.

- a) All committees will operate by consensus.
- b) All committees will follow the “Conflict of Interest” guidelines.
- c) No member of any committee or sub-committee can act as an advocate.

Conflict of Interest Guidelines

Members of the Evaluation, Appeal and Dispute Resolution Sub-committees must exempt themselves from the process where the member could gain, or could be perceived to gain from the decision. This includes participation in decisions on jobs:

- a) Where the job duties are similar to their own;

- b) Which are encumbered by family members; or
- c) Which they directly supervise;
- d) Which are from the College of the position being evaluated.

Local College Representatives

Those representatives from each college who serve on the Maintenance Committee shall serve as local representatives in their respective colleges.

The local representatives will:

- a) Be a resource for their local college;
- b) Support the principles of the classification plan and pay equity; and
- c) Report back as required to their respective parties.

Maintenance Plan Committee

Composition:

- a) One union and one management (hereto referred as respective parties) representative from each college.

Quorum:

- a) At least three management and three union members, with at least one representative from each college, is required for quorum.

Term of Representatives:

Maintenance Committee members shall serve a two-year, renewable term.

Terms of committee representatives will be staggered to ensure continuity.

Selection of Representatives:

- a) Respective parties will select their representatives to the committee.

Co-Chairpersons:

- a) One union and one management representative will serve as Co-Chairpersons and will be selected by their respective parties. Co-Chairpersons will serve a one-year term.

Responsibilities:

The Maintenance Committee shall make decisions via consensus. Responsibilities of the Maintenance Committee are to:

- a) Assess new positions unique to the college system and classify in accordance with the Job Evaluation Policy;
- b) Re-evaluate positions which have experienced significant changes in duties and/or responsibility in accordance with the Job Evaluation Policy;
- c) Consider the impact of evaluation and re-evaluation on other jobs in the system. Periodic reviews may be undertaken to confirm on-going consistency;
- d) Review tabled salary proposals and advise the Negotiation Committees of the impact; monitor the wage gap so that negotiated wage settlements do not widen the wage gap or undermine equitable compensation practices and equitable wage relationships;
- e) Recommend to the Negotiation Committees any required changes in the

- policy to factor levels and definitions;
- f) Ensure all policies and principles of the Classification Plan are followed;
- g) Develop and implement procedures for evaluations, e.g. re-evaluation, appeals, and dispute resolution;
- h) Develop and implement job classification form(s);
- i) Establish, update, and maintain the notes to raters and benchmarked examples through additions or deletions of notes and benchmarked examples;
- j) Develop and maintain an educational program regarding the principles of the plan and how it works. This includes developing and updating the classification plan manual, arranging workshops, and providing on-going training as required, and ensuring that each College develop a link to the Job Evaluation website;
- k) Ensure that new members receive training in the principles and application of the classification plan;
- l) Maintain the structure, function, roles and authorities of any sub-committees and the training required for its members;
- m) Maintain an accurate, up-to-date, official record of all undertakings of the committee and its sub-committees. One of the Maintenance Committee Co-Chairpersons will be responsible for filing and storing all official documents. When that Co-Chairperson resigns **they** will forward the documents to the incoming Co-Chairperson. Permanent records will be kept at a designated College;
- n) Ensure that the Negotiating Committee is kept abreast of Job Evaluation Plan developments and outcomes. This includes the timely provision of:
 - i) Minutes of Maintenance Committee meetings
 - ii) Changes of notes to raters
 - iii) Benchmark job ratings
 - iv) Recommended changes in the policy to factor levels and definitions
 - v) Revisions to the procedures for evaluation; e.g. evaluation, re-evaluation, appeals and dispute resolution
 - vi) System review reports
- o) Prepare reports as required;
- p) Meet at least annually.

Each member of the Maintenance Committee will also be required to serve on one sub-committee.

Evaluation Sub-committee

Purpose

The Evaluation Sub-committee will evaluate both new and existing jobs by applying the Job Evaluation Policy.

Composition:

- a) Equal number of union/management representatives to be selected from the Maintenance Committee. No two (2) members will be from the same college.
- b) If possible, in-scope members will be from different job classifications.

Quorum:

- a) Majority of members

Term of Representatives:

- a) Evaluation Sub-committee members shall serve a two-year, renewable term.

Chairperson:

- a) The committee will elect a chairperson.

Definitions:

- a) Job evaluation refers to the assessment and classification of new positions where a “new position” is defined as one that performs a significantly different function than any existing position within the job classification plan.
- b) Job re-evaluation refers to a re-assessment of existing positions based on significant verified changes to duties and/or responsibilities.

Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of the Evaluation Sub-committee are to:

- a) Evaluate and classify new positions **(Form A)** as submitted by applying the job classification policy;
- b) Re-evaluate and possibly re-classify existing positions by applying the job classification policy;
- c) Send a representative to the appeal hearing where an appeal has been made with respect to the classification decision of the Evaluation Sub-committee;
- d) Maintain an accurate, up-to-date, official record of all undertakings of the Evaluation Sub-committee. The Chairperson will be responsible for filing and submitting all official documents to the Maintenance Committee **co-chairs**. When that Chairperson resigns **they** will forward the documents to the incoming Chairperson.
- e) Evaluate jobs within two (2) months of submission.
- f) Consider the impact of job evaluation and re-evaluation on other jobs in the system.

Process:

1. General

- a) The Job Evaluation Sub-committee will operate by consensus.
- b) If the Evaluation Sub-committee can not reach consensus the evaluation or re-evaluation will be referred to the Dispute Resolution **Sub-committee**;
- c) Decisions of the Evaluation Sub-committee are subject to appeal.
- d) The Evaluation Sub-committee is obligated to submit all official documentation to the Maintenance Committee co-chairs;
- e) The Evaluation Sub-committee has the authority to obtain information through questioning and written documentation to substantiate statements in the application(s). The Sub-committee will verify all signatories, where necessary, the job content as presented in the application;
- f) Prior to appeal an applicant has the option for re-assessment based on missed or additional information. An application for re-assessment must be approved by all signatories and submitted to the Evaluation Sub-committee

within ten (10) working days of notification of the original decision.

2. Re-Evaluation of Existing Positions (Form A-1)

An employee, the union, or management may apply for re-evaluation if there are verified changes in the assigned duties and/or responsibilities.

- a) For job re-evaluations of existing positions, the employee and direct supervisor will complete those portions of the **current job evaluation form** impacted by the changed duties and/or responsibilities. This is to include all those factors impacted by the changes.
- b) **If the re-evaluation request is primarily due to new duties and responsibilities within the last twelve (12) months, those new duties will be specified within the re-evaluation document.**
- c) The direct supervisor reviews the completed form and forwards it to the out-of-scope supervisor for review.
- d) Once the signatory page is completed, the out-of-scope supervisor forwards the form to the Local Joint Classification Plan Committee representatives.
- e) The Local Joint Classification Plan Committee representatives will review and ensure completeness of the form and forward it to the chair of the Evaluation **Sub-committee** within thirty (30) days of the form being signed by the employee.
- f) The Evaluation Sub-committee will acknowledge receipt of the request by letter or by email, with copies to all signatories within five (5) working days of receipt.
- g) Applications will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting of the **Evaluation Sub-committee**.
- h) Assessment of the application for re-evaluation will not impact the ratings previously assigned to descriptive statements if there is no change to those statements.
- i) Within twenty (20) working days of its decision, the Evaluation Sub-committee will provide in writing to the signatories and respective bargaining chair a detailed rationale relative to each factor.
- j) Any changes to an employee's classification as a result of this process will be effective of the initial date of application.
- k) At the recommendation of the Evaluation Sub-committee, a review by the Maintenance Committee may be initiated. This will occur when a position appears to have been rated differently than other like positions. The Maintenance Committee will institute a **review process** for these positions, in order to conduct a comparison to ensure consistent application of the Job Evaluation Policy has occurred. Notification of the decision to perform a review will be given to the person occupying the position.

3. Evaluation of New Positions

Management will apply for an evaluation of any new positions that do not exist within the Job Evaluation Plan.

- a) For new positions, management will complete the Application for Classification of New Positions (**Form A**). The **benchmark job descriptions** and the Job Evaluation Policy will be used as guidelines to determine an initial placement for the new position.

- b) Once completed, the application form and an attached job description are forwarded to the Local Joint Classification Plan Committee.
- c) The application will be reviewed by the Local Joint Classification Plan Committee for completeness and returned to management for signature.
- d) Once signatures have been obtained the Local Joint Classification Plan Committee will forward the application to the Evaluation Sub-committee Chair **and the Union Bargaining Chair. The Evaluation Sub-committee Chair** will acknowledge receipt of the application in writing to all signatories within ten (10) working days.
- e) The Evaluation Sub-committee will initiate a formal evaluation of the new position within six (6) to twelve (12) months of receipt of the initial placement documentation. To complete this process, the **Formal Evaluation/Re-evaluation (Form A-1)** will be used. The results of the formal evaluation will determine the final placement on the classification plan.
- f) The Evaluation Sub-committee will inform, in writing, the signatories of its decision within twenty (20) working days. If the assessment results in a different placement than the initial placement a detailed rationale will be provided.

Appeal Sub-committee

Purpose:

To provide staff with opportunity to appeal job ratings. This process is not designed to deal with issues that should be resolved through other processes (i.e. re-evaluation or grievance, temporary assignment of higher duties, etc.)

The Appeal **Sub-committee** does not adjudicate job content disputes where supervisor/employee do not agree on job duties.

Composition:

- a) Equal number of union and management representatives to be selected from the Maintenance Committee. Appeal **Sub-committee** members shall serve a one-year renewable term.

Quorum:

- a) Majority of the members.

Types of Appeals:

1. Inaccurate or Incomplete Information:

All signatories to the job evaluation or re-evaluation forms agree that information originally received on the questionnaire was inaccurate or incomplete, an **Application for Re-assessment (Form C)** may be made by all signatories. (This applies only to information that was relevant to duties at the time of completion of the evaluation. Duties assigned or changed since that time are not eligible for appeal, but may be eligible for re-evaluation).

2. Disagreement with Evaluation Sub-committee's decision to move information:

One of the signatories to the job evaluation or re-evaluation disagree with the rating committee's decision to move information from one response box of the evaluation form to another, an **Application for Appeal (Form D)** may be made by that signatory.

Process:

1. The appellant(s) must forward **the completed and signed Form C or Form D**, within fifteen (15) working days of notification of the decision by the Evaluation Sub-committee, to the Local Maintenance Plan Committee representatives.

The Local Maintenance Plan Committee representatives will forward copies of the appeal (**Form C or Form D**) to all signatories of the original evaluation. The local representatives will discuss the appeal with all signatories within ten (10) working days. The local representatives will be in possession of the original evaluation, the rating form and any clarification received with regard to the evaluation.

The role of the local representatives is to provide information and clarification only; they have no authority to change a rating. The local representatives will forward the appeal to the Appeal Sub-committee chairperson within fifteen (15) working days (inclusive of ten (10) review days above) of receipt from appellant(s).

NOTE: If a local representative appeals **their** rating, a member from another college will replace them on the local committee.

2. The Appeal Sub-committee will acknowledge receipt of the request for appeal, in writing, with copies to all signatories.
3. The appeal hearing will normally take place within eight (8) weeks of notification of results from the Evaluation Sub-committee with the Appeal Sub-committee **endeavouring** to run consecutive meetings.
4. Quorum for appeal hearings shall consist of three members of the Appeal Sub-committee.
5. Any signatory, appellant or advocate may attend the appeal hearing. Signatories and/or appellants may present their case in person, **virtually** and/or in writing. Appellants may bring advocates (to present their case only). The Appeal Sub-committee may ask questions of the signatories present. The Appeal Sub-committee will meet privately to prepare a ruling.
6. The Appeal Sub-committee will provide, in writing to the signatories and respective bargaining chair, a detailed rationale for its decision relative to each factor within twenty (20) working days of the ruling.
7. The Appeal Sub-committee will operate by consensus. The Appeal Sub-committee decision is final and binding.
8. If the Appeal Sub-committee cannot reach consensus, the appeal will be referred to the Dispute Resolution Sub-committee whose decision will then be final and binding.
9. The Appeal Sub-committee will be responsible for submitting all official documentation to the Maintenance Committee Co-chairs.

Dispute Resolution Sub-committee

Composition:

- a) Equal number of union and management representatives to be selected from the Maintenance Committee.

- b) If possible, in-scope members will be from different job classifications.

Quorum:

- a) The majority of members.

Term of Representatives:

- a) Dispute Resolution Sub-committee members shall serve a one-year, renewable term.

Chairperson:

- a) The sub-committee will elect a Chairperson.

Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of the Dispute Resolution Sub-committee are to:

- a) Resolve disputes when the Appeal or Evaluation Sub-committees cannot reach consensus.
- b) Maintain an accurate, up-to-date, official record of all undertakings of the Dispute Resolution Sub-committee. The chairperson will be responsible for filing and submitting all official documents to the Maintenance Committee **co-chairs**. When that Chairperson resigns **they** will forward the documents to the incoming Chairperson.
- c) To attend meetings as called by the Sub-committee Chairperson;
- d) Serve as replacements in the event of a conflict of interest of a member from the Appeal or Evaluation Sub-committee.

Process:

- a) The Sub-committee will operate by consensus. In the event the Sub-committee cannot reach consensus, a secret ballot vote will occur. The majority vote will determine the outcome. The Chair will only vote to break the tie.
- b) All disputes will be adjudicated and settled within ten **(10)** working days of submission.
- c) After making its decision, the Sub-committee will inform the appropriate Sub-committees (Appeal or Evaluation) in writing within five **(5)** working days.

Decisions of the Dispute Resolution Sub-committee are final and binding.

Renewed this 29th day of August, 2024.

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDED 9.1 LANGUAGE**

The amended language will be implemented in the following manner:

- a) Change in hours for current office employees to be implemented within thirty (30) calendar days following ratification of the memorandum of agreement.
- b) Affected employees on staff at time of ratification who are currently office employees will be given a one-time election to either accept the change in hours or be grandfathered at their current thirty-four point five (34.5) hours per week for a period not longer than six (6) months after which they will be moved to the new hours of work identified in article 9.1.
- c) Should the employer determine that the duties of an existing field position are more appropriately aligned to office hours, the employer agrees to consult with the union on the terms of such hours of work change on a case-by-case basis.

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
TEMPORARY LAYOFFS**

The Union and the Employer agree to strike a committee comprising not more than four representatives of each party, within 30 days of the signing of the collective agreement.

The objective of the committee is to achieve a letter of understanding (LOU) that will be used for the remainder of the term of the collective agreement and will be eligible for renewal.

The LOU will contain language based on the proposal at collective bargaining in 2024, on temporary layoffs due to force majeure events and improvements to vacation leave language.

The committee will work towards achieving agreed upon language within three months (90 days) of the first meeting.

This Letter of Understanding is agreed to on this 14th day of May, 2024.

Signed this 29th day of August, 2024.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING EMPLOYEE FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

GOAL

The Employer and the Union agree to work co-operatively in the development, implementation and administration of an Employee Family Assistance Program.

OPERATIONAL

A Union/Management Committee having two (2) representatives from the Union and two (2) from the Employer will be established in order to develop the operating guidelines, monitor the ongoing Program and recommend any revisions that appear warranted. The Committee shall also assist in the preparation and presentation of training and education to both management representatives and Union stewards in order to ensure familiarity with the objectives of the Program. The Committee shall be given reasonable and sufficient time with no loss in pay to perform Program duties.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The following statements shall direct the development and implementation of the Program.

- a) Recognition of Social, Health and Personal Problems as Treatable.
Union and Employer jointly recognize that successful intervention is possible with many personal/medical problems, especially if they are identified at an early stage.
- b) Objectives
The objectives of the Program will be to encourage employees or their family members to voluntarily seek assistance for personal problems particularly when those problems are adversely affecting work performance.
- c) Program Access
Every permanent employee or their family member shall have access to the Program. The decision to utilize the Program is the individual's.
- d) Employee Rights
The fact that an employee has been accepted into the Program will not, by itself, jeopardize job security, nor abrogate discipline.
Employees participating in the Program shall continue to enjoy all rights and benefits as provided in the collective agreement.
- e) Employee Responsibility
Employees participating in the Program will be expected to meet existing job performance standards and established work rules. Exceptions may be made if adherence to those rules and standards are inappropriate to effect a resolution of the problem.
- f) Employer Responsibility
The Employer will support an employee's decision to access the plan by guaranteeing appropriate leaves of absence and/or sick leave. The Employer

agrees to cover all reasonable costs associated with the development, implementation and administration of the Program.

g) Confidentiality

Every effort will be made to retain confidentiality as to an employee's or family member's reason for involvement in the Program.

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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE**

It is agreed that during the development of the College processes and policies regarding leave for interpersonal violence that the College will consult with the union about the policy provisions and processes. Leaves for interpersonal violence may include, but are not limited to: counselling sessions; court attendance; lawyer, child services, and police meetings; relocation; recovery; and medical appointments.

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