

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

**AND**

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY  
EMPLOYEES UNION (CSN) - SYNDICAT DES EMPLOYÉ(E)S DES  
BIBLIOTHÈQUES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ CONCORDIA (CSN)**



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## **ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT**

1.01 It is the purpose of this Collective Agreement:

- a) to promote orderly relationships between the University, the Union, and all Employees covered by this Collective Agreement in order to provide library services and to maintain equitable and just working conditions;
- b) to promote the security and welfare of the Employee;
- c) to assure the discharge of duties in a reasonable manner;
- d) to favour the prompt and fair settlement of grievances.

## **ARTICLE 2 UNION RECOGNITION**

2.01 The University recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining agent and the only authorized representative for purposes of application and administration of this Collective Agreement for all Employees included in the bargaining unit.

2.02 The tasks usually performed by Employees covered by the present Collective Agreement cannot be regularly done by people outside the bargaining unit as defined in the certificate of accreditation.

2.03 In order to be valid, all agreements subsequent to the signature of the present Collective Agreement, among one, several or all of the Employees and the University that modify the present Collective Agreement must receive the written approval of the Union.

2.04 The present Collective Agreement applies to all Employees covered by the certificate of accreditation issued by the Ministry of Labour to the Concordia University Library Employees' Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l'Université Concordia (CSN).

The text of the certificate of accreditation appears in Appendix D.

The Job Classes and examples of positions are enumerated in Appendix A and Appendix A.1 of the Collective Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 3 DEFINITION OF TERMS AND INTERPRETATION**

3.01 For the purposes of applying the present Collective Agreement, the following terms are defined as follows:

a) **Employee:**

means any person employed by the University who is covered by the certificate of accreditation issued by the Ministry of Labour of Quebec, as appears in Appendix D.

b) **Permanent Employee:**

means any Employee who has successfully completed the probationary period provided in Article 9.02 a).

c) **Permanent Part-time Employee:**

means any Employee who regularly works a determined number of hours, but not more than twenty-eight (28) hours per week.

The Permanent Part-time Employee benefits, on a pro rated basis according to her/his regular work schedule, from all the rights and advantages of the Collective Agreement.

d) **Probationary Employee:**

means any Employee who has not yet completed the probationary period provided in Article 9.02 a).

e) **Temporary Employee:**

1) **Replacement Employee:**

means any Employee who is hired, on a temporary basis, to fill a Vacant Position, or a position which is temporarily vacated by its incumbent for one of the following reasons:

- a work-related illness or accident;
- illness or accident;
- vacation;
- parental leave;
- authorized leave;
- temporary assignment.

This Employee is laid off and placed on the recall list provided in Article 11.04 when the Vacant Position is filled or when the incumbent is reinstated.

2) **Supernumerary Employee:**

means any Employee who is hired to meet a work surplus not exceeding six (6) months or to serve a function in the framework of a special project not exceeding nine (9) months. The duration of the work surplus or the special project must be communicated in writing to the Union and cannot in any way exceed the time limit outlined above unless there is an agreement between the Parties.

After the time limit outlined in the preceding paragraph, the Supernumerary Employee must be laid off and is placed on the recall list provided in Article 11.04.

The only provisions which apply to the Temporary Employee are those outlined in Article 5.

f) **Seasonal Employee:**

means any Employee hired for a period normally of at least twenty (20) consecutive weeks but not more than thirty-eight (38) weeks in one year. This Employee usually works part-time. The Seasonal Employee is automatically laid off at the end of her/his employment period and is placed on the recall list provided in Article 11.04.

The only provisions which apply to the Seasonal Employee are those outlined in Article 5.

g) **Designated Supervisor:**

means the Employee who, at the University's request, in the absence of a supervisor for one day or more, is responsible for the smooth functioning of the Work Sector concerned. This Employee is temporarily re-assigned and is subject to the provisions of Article 37.07 a).

3.02 For the purposes of applying the present Collective Agreement, the following terms are defined as follows:

a) **University:**

means Concordia University.

b) **The Union:**

means the Concordia University Library Employees' Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l'Université Concordia (CSN)

c) **The Parties:**

means the University and the Union.

d) **The Libraries:**

means all those areas and functions which fall within the administrative jurisdiction of the University Librarian in accordance with the certificate of accreditation.

The term "library" means either the Vanier or Webster library

e) **Spouse:**

means the person to whom an Employee is legally married by virtue of a civil or religious ceremony or with whom the Employee has continuously cohabited in a spousal relationship for at least one (1) year, if neither party is married to another person, or for at least three (3) years in all other cases.

f) **Vacant Position:**

means any position which has been definitively vacated by its incumbent.

g) **Job Class:**

The Job Classes are those which appear in Appendix A and Appendix A.1 of the Collective Agreement.

h) **Required Qualifications:**

means the qualifications for each Job Class as they appear in Appendix A and Appendix A.1 of the Collective Agreement.

i) **Work Sector:**

means the positions grouped in accordance with the list of Work Sectors. The University shall provide the Union with this list, including any modification and the dates of implementation of these modifications. The University agrees to post this list for the duration of the Collective Agreement and to update the list every two (2) months.

The University determines the positions and the Work Sectors.

j) **Transfer:**

means a voluntary change of position within the same Job Class or to a lower Job Class.

k) **Promotion:**

means a change of position to a higher Job Class.

3.03 For the purposes of interpreting the Collective Agreement, the feminine or the masculine shall include the feminine and the masculine to the extent that the context permits.

3.04 For the purposes of interpreting the Collective Agreement, an absence without loss of pay shall not involve any loss of rights or privileges provided by the Collective Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

4.01 The administration of the Libraries remains vested in the University and shall not be exercised contrary to any provisions of the Collective Agreement.

4.02 The University will take up the cudgels on behalf of any Employee held legally responsible for an act carried out in the line of duty including that outlined in Article 13.17 b) and agrees not to institute any claims against the Employee on this account.

#### **ARTICLE 5 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**

5.01 The present Collective Agreement applies to Temporary Employees and Seasonal Employees in the following manner:

**Article 1 Purpose of the Collective Agreement**  
The entire Article applies.

**Article 2 Union Recognition**  
The entire Article applies.

**Article 3 Definition of Terms and Interpretation**  
The entire Article applies.

**Article 4 Management Rights and Obligations**  
The entire Article applies.



**Article 5 Temporary Employees and Seasonal Employees**

The entire Article applies

**Article 6 Union Membership**

The entire Article applies.

**Article 7 Union Activities**

The entire Article applies except for Article 7.09.

**Article 8 Grievance and Arbitration Procedure**

The entire Article applies.

**Article 9 Seniority**

**Probation period**

- i) As of the date of hire, the following clauses apply:
  - 9.02 a1), a2), a5) and a6).
  - In the event of a contract of less than sixty (60) working days during the initial hire or if the probation period has not been completed in its entirety, the probation period is completed during a subsequent temporary employment.
  - The new employee whose services are no longer required during the probation period is entitled to a written notice of ten (10) working days or two (2) weeks' salary if no notice is given.
  - 9.01d), e), f), 9.03 b), c), 9.04 and 9.05.

**Trial period**

- ii) During a subsequent hire for a period of more than six (6) months, and subject to the probation period having been successfully completed, the following parameters apply:
  - The trial period is of sixty (60) days worked;
  - If, during the trial period, the employee is incapable of satisfying the normal requirements of the position, he/she is laid-off and placed on the recall list in accordance with article 11. In such a case, he/she receives a written notice of ten (10) working days or two (2) weeks' salary if no notice is given.
  - The temporary employee may, during the first twenty (20) days of work of his/her trial period, leave his/her current assignment

and requests that his/her name be added to the recall list once again. He/she must inform his/her immediate supervisor, in writing, within the aforementioned delay.

- Article 10 Employment Security and displacement procedure**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 11 Lay-off and Recall**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 12 Job Posting, Selection, and Movement of Personnel**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 13 Health and Safety**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 14 Acquired Rights**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 15 Sub-contracting**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 16 Disciplinary Measures**  
The entire Article applies except for Temporary Employees and Seasonal Employees who have not completed their probationary period, for whom the grievance and arbitration procedure does not apply in the case of firing.
- Article 17 Personnel Files**  
The entire Article applies except for Article 17.03. Temporary Employees and Seasonal Employees shall receive an evaluation prior to being laid-off.
- Article 18 General**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 19 Job Descriptions**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 20 Hours of Work and Work Schedules**  
The schedules of Seasonal Employees and Supernumerary Employees are established by the University, but the Temporary Employee hired to replace a Permanent full-time Employee or a Probationary Employee works the hours of the Employee she/he is replacing.
- Article 21 Overtime**

The Seasonal Employee or the Temporary Employee can agree to extend her/his regular work hours up to the regular work day (seven (7) hours) or to the regular work week (thirty-five (35) hours). These hours shall not be considered as overtime, but are remunerated at the regular salary rate. All hours worked outside of the regular work day or regular work week are considered as overtime.

**Article 22 Call Back to Work**

The entire Article applies.

**Article 23 Premiums**

The Article does not apply to Seasonal Employees.

**Article 24 Holidays**

The entire Article applies to the Temporary Employee. The Seasonal Employee will be paid for any of the holidays described in Article 24.01 as long as it is part of the Employee's regular work schedule.

**Article 25 Social and Personal Leaves**

For the Temporary Employee, the entire Article applies. For the Seasonal Employee, the entire Article applies except for Article 25.08.

**Article 26 Vacation**

The Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee shall receive, upon leaving, vacation pay equivalent to eight per cent (8%) of her/his salary earned between her/his date of hire and her/his date of termination.

The Temporary Employee whose duration of employment exceeds twelve (12) months may take vacation, after agreement with the supervising librarian concerned.

Paid vacation is determined in the following manner: one day and two-thirds (1 2/3) for each month of seniority to a maximum of twenty (20) working days.

**Article 27 Parental Leave**

The Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee who has worked twenty (20) weeks in the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the maternity leave notice, is eligible for a maternity leave not exceeding twenty (20) weeks subordinate to the provisions of the law. The pregnant Employee whose name is on the recall list has the right to temporarily suspend her availability for twenty (20) consecutive weeks. To obtain this suspension, the Employee must

give a written notice to the University at least two (2) weeks prior to the suspension of availability, together with a medical certificate confirming the projected date of birth.

- Article 28 Leave without Pay**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 29 Public Service Absences**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 30 University Closings.**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 31 Tuition Waiver**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 32 Occupational Injuries**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 33 Technological change**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 34 Non-Discrimination**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 35 Harassment and sexual harassment**  
The entire Article applies
- Article 36 Training**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 37 Classification and Wages**  
Articles 37.01, 37.02, and 37.03 b) apply only. The classification plan and the salary scales provided in Appendix A, Appendix A.1 and Appendix B apply. The Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee who has completed the equivalent of one thousand eight-hundred and twenty-seven (1 827) hours worked is entitled to a step advance. However, the Job Class is determined by the position or the function for which the Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee is recalled or hired.
- Article 38 Group Insurance and Pension Plan**  
The Article does not apply, save where expressly provided by law.
- Article 39 Sick Leave**

The Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee is entitled to short-term sick leave, pro rated for the hours worked.

- Article 40 Study leave**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 41 Early retirement**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 42 Deferred salary leave**  
The Article does not apply.
- Article 43 Amendments to the Collective Agreement**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 44 Appendices and Letters of Agreement**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 45 Strike and Lock-out**  
The entire Article applies.
- Article 46 Duration of the Collective Agreement and retroactivity**  
The entire Article applies.

## **ARTICLE 6 UNION MEMBERSHIP**

6.01 As a condition of continued employment, Employees who are members of the Union at the date of signature of this Collective Agreement and Employees who become members at a later date must remain members of the Union for the duration of this Collective Agreement, except as stipulated in Article 6.04.

6.02 a) Each new Employee must, as a condition of employment, sign an authorization for the deduction of union dues, the text of which appears in Appendix F, and must become a Union member commencing from her/his date of hire by signing a membership card and paying the membership fees set by the Union.

The Union will arrange for her/him to sign a membership card and will collect the membership fee directly.

b) For the purposes of Article 6.02 a), a thirty (30) minute meeting is provided in a convenient, confidential location between a new Employee and her/his union delegate or in her/his absence, the delegate's replacement. This meeting must take place between the first (1st) and the fifth (5th) working

day of the new Employee. The scheduling of this meeting will be arranged with the supervising librarian concerned.

- 6.03 The University is not required to discharge or transfer out of the bargaining unit an Employee expelled from the Union or whose admission to the Union is refused. However, such an Employee will remain subject to union dues.
- 6.04 Any Employee may revoke membership in the Union between the ninetieth (90th) and the sixtieth (60th) day preceding the expiry of this Collective Agreement.
- 6.05 The University deducts from each Employee's pay cheque in each pay period, an amount equal to the union dues.
- 6.06 New Employees pay dues beginning with the first (1st) complete pay period following their date of hire.
- 6.07 The Union advises the University of any modification in union dues at least ten (10) working days prior to the date on which the University implements such change on the pay cheques.
- 6.08 a) Every month, the University sends to the Union Treasurer, within a period not exceeding ten (10) working days from the last pay date of the month, the money which has been collected, and an alphabetical list of the Employees' names, the amount deducted from each Employee, as well as their Work Sector.
- b) The University indicates on the T4 and Relevé-1 slips the union dues collected from each Employee.
- 6.09 All correspondence concerning union dues will be between the University and the Union Treasurer.
- 6.10 Within thirty (30) days of the signing of the present Collective Agreement, the University provides the Union with a list of Employees in the bargaining unit. The list will contain the following information:
- a) name and address;
- The Union will only use the home address information to contact an Employee, and agrees to keep it confidential.
- b) Job Class and step;
- c) position (title, number, Work Sector);

- d) status (for Temporary Employees or Seasonal Employees, projected period of hire);
  - e) date of hire.
- 6.11 The University notifies the Union in writing of any modification to the above list within thirty (30) days of such modification.
- 6.12 Upon written request from the Union and after agreement between the Labour Relations Manager and the Union, the University provides, within ten (10) working days of receiving the request, all requested information which is pertinent to the bargaining unit.
- 6.13 The Union has access to the University's computers in a place specified by the University during regular hours of use, subject to availability. Access outside of regular hours is permitted with the University Librarian's authorization.

## **ARTICLE 7 UNION ACTIVITIES**

- 7.01 a) The Parties recognize twelve (12) union delegates and their substitutes. The Union shall decide on the distribution of these delegates and will inform the University as provided in Article 7.01 c).
- b) No union officer or delegate leaves her/his assigned place of work without having made the necessary arrangements with the supervising librarian concerned or the designated representative of the supervising librarian. Such consent cannot be withheld without a valid reason.
- c) The Union informs the University Librarian in writing, of the names and assignments of the Employees elected or named to represent the Union, be they officers, union delegates, and/or members of the different committees recognized by the present Collective Agreement. Thereafter, any change to the said list is sent the same way.
- d) Subject to Article 7.01 b), notices of leave by virtue of the present Article are sent to the supervising librarian concerned or her/his representative at least five (5) days before the absence. However, notices of leave by virtue of Article 7.04, and under unforeseen circumstances where the above delay cannot be respected, are sent three (3) working days before the absence.

This notice indicates the name of the Employee and the duration of the absence.

Should it happen that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the notice has not been given, the University may grant such leaves of absence or request that an alternate delegate be named.

The Union provides the Library Administration Office with information pertaining to all leaves for union activity.

- e) It is understood that each party may request that an advisor or external representative of its choice, be present with the regular representatives at meetings between the Parties. The agenda and the names of the participants shall be given at the time that the meeting date is established.
- f) Any union member can be accompanied by a union delegate to a meeting with, or when summoned by, a University representative for any matter relating to the interpretation or application of the Collective Agreement.
- g) The University provides an office, furnished and maintained, for the exclusive use of the Union, for purposes of administration. The furniture initially provided by the University becomes the property of the Union from the date of acquisition.
- h) The University agrees that the Union may use the internal mail service for all union correspondence.
- i) The photocopy machines which are available to the Union are the ones in the Mailroom, and those for which the Union is granted access. The University agrees that the Union may use the photocopying machines subject to their availability. The University shall bill the Union monthly for the cost of the copies.
- j) Any Employee affected by the present Article cannot be inconvenienced or suffer any prejudice for her/his activities.
- k) Any meeting with representatives of the University does not incur any loss of pay for the Employee concerned.

## 7.02 **Negotiations Committee**

- a) The Union Negotiations Committee is composed of three (3) members named by the Union.
- b) The Employees forming the Negotiations Committee may each take ten (10) days of leave without loss of pay for the purpose of preparing the collective agreement project.



Once these days have been taken, absences are without loss of pay but are reimbursed by the Union.

- c) For each negotiation, conciliation, arbitration, or mediation meeting, the University grants the Negotiations Committee leave without loss of pay.
- d) Members of the Negotiations Committee may, if they so desire, defer to after the signing of the Collective Agreement, their vacation accumulated in the twelve (12) months preceding the expiry of the Collective Agreement, as well as those accumulated up until the signing of the Collective Agreement.

### 7.03 **Grievance Committee**

- a) The University agrees to recognize a Union Grievance Committee, composed of three (3) members, one of which is the union delegate of the sector concerned.
- b) In order to conduct their inquiry, members of the Grievance Committee, after having informed their respective supervising librarians, are entitled to a reasonable length of time without loss of pay, to inquire into each grievance and/or prepare meetings with the University. They have access, if necessary, to that part of the building in which the grievance has allegedly taken place in order that they may make an inquiry on location of the circumstances which gave rise to the grievance.
- c) The University agrees to meet the Grievance Committee on request at a time and place agreed to by the Parties.

### 7.04 **Executive Committee**

The five (5) officers of the Union are granted leave from their duties without loss of pay but with reimbursement by the Union at the rate of one-half (1/2) day per week, for the purpose of Union administration, and this without accumulation.

### 7.05 **Union Council**

- a) The Union Council is made up of all the union officers, delegates, and members of the different committees provided for in the Collective Agreement.
- b) Ten (10) times during the year, Employees who make up the Union Council are entitled to be absent without loss of pay for one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes to attend a union meeting. These hours shall be drawn from the bank provided for in Article 7.08. For the purpose of applying the present Article, the year begins January 1st.

## 7.06 **Labour Relations Committee**

- a) The Parties agree that the purpose of the Labour Relations Committee is to provide a forum through which the Parties may exchange information and views on all matters concerning the functioning of the Libraries as well as labour relations. These matters may not necessarily be specifically covered by the terms of the Collective Agreement. The Parties also agree that this committee should not be used as a substitute for the grievance and arbitration procedure.
- b) The Committee shall be composed of six (6) members, three (3) of whom shall be nominated by the Union and three (3) by the University. The Committee shall convene upon request of one of the Parties (normally on a monthly basis) at a time and place agreed upon by the Parties. Each party shall advise the other in advance of the items it wishes to include on the agenda as well as the names of those Employees it feels should be asked to attend the meeting.
- c) When the Committee's attention is drawn to a problem, a union representative who is a member of the Committee is freed, without loss of pay, to verify on site with the Employee(s) concerned and the University representative, the working conditions which form the basis of the complaint.
- d) The Committee has the right to make recommendations as a result of its discussions, although it does not have the power to alter or amend the Collective Agreement or the Libraries' policies and procedures in any way. The recommendation of the Committee is submitted in writing to the Union Executive and to the University Librarian. The University Librarian advises the Committee in writing, within fifteen (15) working days, of her/his response to the recommendation.
- e) Before each Committee meeting, the Union representatives have one (1) hour without loss of pay, to prepare. In exceptional circumstances and after agreement with the University this time allotment may be extended.
- f) The University informs the Union in writing of the names of its representatives on the Labour Relations Committee as well as any modifications which might occur.

## 7.07 **Health and Safety Committee**

- a) The University recognizes three (3) representatives of the Union as members of the parity health and safety committee (Library Area Health and Safety Committee).
- b) The Union representatives, after advising their respective supervising librarians or their representatives are entitled to a reasonable length of time

without loss of pay to inquire into any health and safety problem and/or prepare for meetings with the University, within the framework of the parity committee.

#### **7.08 Union Representation**

The Parties recognize that, in order for union officers and delegates to fulfill their responsibilities in the best way possible, leaves for union activity are necessary, and shall be granted as follows:

- a) The University grants the Union a bank of seventy-two (72) days or five hundred and four (504) hours of leave per year for union activity. For the purpose of applying this Article, the year begins June 1st and ends May 31st.
- b) The above-mentioned provisions shall apply to any leave for Union activity with the exception of those provided for in Article 7.03, 7.04, 7.06 and 7.07.
- c) Leaves for union activity which exceed the hours provided for in Article 7.08 a) shall be granted without loss of pay, but with reimbursement by the Union.

#### **7.09 Leave for Union Functions**

- a) Upon written notice from the Union, the University grants leave without pay, to not more than one (1) Permanent full-time Employee for union service either as an employee, or in an elected position, within the Confederation des syndicats nationaux (CSN) or one of its affiliated bodies.
- b) The University agrees to grant the leave without pay unless, due to particular circumstances, it would be impossible to do so without seriously affecting the normal operations of the sector where the Employee concerned works.
- c) If the Employee who is granted leave holds a non-elective position, she/he must return to work within twenty-four (24) months of the beginning of her/his leave, failing which, she/he will be considered as having resigned at the beginning of her/his leave.
- d) If the Employee on such leave holds an elective position, she/he receives a leave without pay equal in length to her/his term of office; this leave without pay may be renewed once, for a total of two (2) terms, in the event of a re-election.
- e) An Employee on such leave does not have a right to the benefits of this Collective Agreement except the pension plan and the group insurance plan to the extent such plans so allow. In such event, the cost of the premiums will be paid entirely by the Employee.

- f) The Employee granted such leave must give the University a written notice of her/his intent either to return to work or to stand for re-election at least thirty (30) days before the end of her/his first term of office. Upon her/his failure to return to work at the end of the term of office provided for in Article 7.09 d) she/he is considered as having resigned at the beginning of her/his leave.
- g) Upon her/his return to work the University will reinstate the Employee into the position she/he occupied at the moment of her/his departure, or if her/his position has been abolished or posted, into an equivalent position.

However, positions vacated as the result of leave for union activity for a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall not be considered Vacant Positions.

- h) The Employee granted leave by virtue of the present Article will continue to accumulate seniority for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months; seniority is thereafter maintained but does not accumulate.
- i) Notwithstanding the present Article, notices of leaves by virtue of Article 7.09 are sent to the University Librarian thirty (30) days in advance, and in unforeseen circumstances where the above-mentioned delay cannot be respected, the notice must be sent at least two (2) weeks in advance.

## **ARTICLE 8 GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

- 8.01 The Parties agree that a grievance shall be any disagreement respecting the interpretation or application of this Collective Agreement. The Parties agree that they shall endeavour to settle a grievance as promptly as possible.
- 8.02 Both Parties agree that before resorting to the grievance procedure, it is desirable for the Union, or an Employee accompanied by her/his union delegate, to discuss any labour relations problem with the University. The University representative must allow the presence of the union delegate who accompanies the Employee.
- 8.03 A technical error does not invalidate a grievance.
- 8.04
  - a) A grievance is presented either in French or in English, and contains a summary of the facts written in such a way as to be able to identify the problem raised, as well as the redress sought and, as an indication, the Article(s) or Articles in the Collective Agreement which is (are) concerned.
  - b) A grievance may be amended as long as the amendment does not alter the nature of the grievance. If the amendment is presented at the hearing, the arbitrator may decide to postpone the hearing in an effort to protect the rights of the Parties.

- 8.05 The discussions between the Parties concerning a grievance are held between the Grievance Committee and representatives of the University designated for this purpose.

Nevertheless, the University representative with whom a grievance is discussed may invite another representative of the University to participate in the discussion.

- 8.06 The Employee who files a grievance has a right to be present at all stages of the grievance and arbitration procedure; however, the final settlement of a grievance will take place between the Grievance Committee and the authorized representative(s) of the University.

- 8.07 No Employee shall suffer loss of pay for any time spent with representatives of the University or with members of the Grievance Committee during regular work hours, for the purpose of discussing a grievance. During an arbitration hearing, the members of the Grievance Committee, the grievor, the Employee concerned or any other Employees who serve as witnesses are granted leave, without loss of pay, in order to attend. Any meeting regarding a grievance, between members of the Grievance Committee and the Employees involved in the grievance, shall be held in a confidential location.

The time and reasonable duration of the meeting must be agreed to with the supervising librarian. Moreover, Employees referred to in the preceding paragraph are granted a period of three (3) hours without loss of pay, within the two (2) weeks preceding the arbitration hearing.

- 8.08 An Employee who files a grievance must not in any way be penalized or inconvenienced as a result.

- 8.09 The Union may file a grievance on behalf of an Employee, a group of Employees, or all of the Employees. In such a case, the Union must conform to the procedure provided in Article 8.10.

- 8.10 For all grievances the University and the Union agree to conform to the following procedure:

- a) The Employee or the Grievance Committee representative files the grievance with the University Librarian, or her/his representative, with a copy to the Employee Relations Office and the supervising librarian concerned, within fifty-five (55) working days of the event which gave rise to the grievance.

In the case of harassment, the grievance must be filed within two (2) years of the last occurrence of harassment.

In the case of dismissal or suspension, or when knowledge is acquired by the Union or the Employee after the incident, the grievance must be filed within twenty (20) working days of the dismissal, the suspension, or the knowledge of the incident by the Union or the Employee.

The burden of proof that knowledge was acquired subsequent to the incident rests with the Union and/or the Employee.

- b) At the request of either party, a meeting between the University and the Union shall take place within the twenty (20) working days following the filing of the grievance.
- c) The University Librarian or her/his representative must respond in writing to the Grievance Committee, within the thirty (30) working days following the receipt of the grievance. A copy of the response must also be sent to the Employee or Employees concerned.

8.11 In the case of disagreement between the Parties, the Union may submit the grievance to arbitration by giving notice to the Employee Relations Office, with a copy to the University Librarian or her/his representative, within thirty (30) working days following the expiry of the delay outlined in Article 8.10 c).

#### 8.12 **Prescription**

A grievance is deemed to have been settled, that is to say the grievance is accepted as valid or that it is abandoned, at any stage of the grievance and arbitration procedure upon failure of either party to respond, or to proceed to the next step including arbitration procedure, within the time limits stipulated in this Article, unless it has been mutually agreed in writing to modify them.

#### 8.13 **Arbitration Procedure**

- a) The Parties or their representatives must try to agree on the choice of arbitrator. Should agreement not be reached, one of the Parties will request that the arbitrator be named by the Ministry of Labour.
- b) The jurisdiction of the arbitrator is limited to conditions established in the present Collective Agreement, and in no case does the Arbitrator have the power to add to, subtract from or modify the Collective Agreement in any way. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding on the Parties.
- c) In the event of arbitration on disciplinary measures, the arbitrator may uphold the decision of the University or reject it, or render any other decision she/he judges equitable under the circumstances.

The arbitrator may render any other fair and equitable decision under the circumstances as well as determine, if appropriate, the amount of compensation and/or damages to which an Employee unjustly treated may have the right.

- d) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be divided equally between the Parties.

8.14 In the case of a resignation, the arbitrator may take into account the circumstances surrounding the resignation of an Employee, and the validity of the consent.

## **ARTICLE 9 SENIORITY**

### **9.01 Accumulation of Seniority Rights**

- a) For the Permanent full-time Employee, seniority is accumulated on the basis of continuous service as a member of the bargaining unit.
- b) For the Permanent Part-time Employee, seniority is accumulated on the basis of hours worked, subject to Article 9.03, a day being equal to seven (7) hours.
- c) In all cases, seniority is acquired for any Permanent Employee, when she/he has completed her/his probationary period, retroactively to the date of hire.
- d) For the Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee, seniority is accumulated on the basis of hours worked, or considered as having been worked, subject to Article 9.03 c), a day being equal to seven (7) hours.

However, this seniority cannot be used in opposition to that of a Permanent Employee as long as the Employee has the status of a Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee.

- e) The Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee who obtains a position in conformity with Article 12.01 is credited with the seniority accumulated as a Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee once her/his probationary period has been completed.

However, only seniority accumulated as incumbent in a position can be considered as seniority or active service for purposes of employment security.

- f) Overtime worked by an Employee is not considered for the purposes of calculating seniority.

## 9.02 Probationary and Trial Period

### a) Probationary Period

- 1) The probationary period for a new Employee is sixty (60) days worked. The Parties recognize that during the probationary period, the new Employee shall receive appropriate assistance and training in order to facilitate adaptation to her/his position.
- 2) In the middle of the probationary period, the supervisor, or when this position does not exist in a given sector the supervising librarian, shall make a written progress report and will have a formal interview with the Employee to discuss the said report. This report shall not be made by a Designated Supervisor
- 3) The new Employee whose services are no longer required during the probationary period is entitled to a written notice of ten (10) working days or two (2) weeks' salary if there is no notice.

If the Probationary Employee held the status of Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee prior to the above-mentioned period, her/his name is placed again on the recall list, as well as receiving the notice mentioned in the preceding paragraph. In such a case, the University is not obliged to recall the Employee for the same position or a similar position. The days worked during a probationary period are added to those already accumulated.

In both cases, the Union is advised in writing at the same time as the Employee.

- 4) Probationary Employees have access to the grievance and arbitration procedure, except in the case of lay-off and firing.
- 5) Any new Employee, as well as any Employee who held the status of Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee, and who has accumulated at least one hundred (100) hours of pertinent experience in the Libraries, shall be deducted one hundred (100) hours from her/his probationary period.
- 6) The Temporary Employee who obtains a position in accordance with Article 12.01, without any interruption of service, continues, during the probationary period, to benefit from personal leave accumulated as a Temporary Employee. The total of this leave cannot exceed twenty-one (21) hours in one year.



b) Trial Period

- 1) Any Employee who obtains a Promotion or a Transfer in accordance with Article 12.01 is entitled to a trial period of sixty (60) days worked.
- 2) During the trial period, the Employee continues to benefit from all rights and privileges of the Collective Agreement.
- 3) The Parties recognize that, during the trial period, the Employee is entitled to appropriate assistance and training in order to facilitate adaptation to her/his new position.
- 4) If, during the trial period, the Employee is incapable of satisfying the normal requirements of the position, or if the Employee advises the supervising librarian in writing within the first twenty (20) days of work of her/his trial period that she/he does not wish to remain in the position, the University reinstates the said Employee in her/his former position without prejudice as to rights acquired in her/his former position. In the case of a grievance, the University has the burden of proving that the Employee is incapable of satisfying the normal requirements of the position.

9.03 **Accumulation of Seniority Rights**

An Employee continues to accumulate her/his seniority during any absence provided for in this Collective Agreement, or in the application thereof, or otherwise authorized, for the duration of the absence, with the exception of the following cases:

a) **In the event of a leave of absence without pay provided for in Article 28.01:**

an Employee accumulates seniority for a maximum of twelve (12) months, subsequently seniority does not accumulate but is maintained.

b) **In the event of an absence due to a work-related accident or an illness or an accident:**

an Employee accumulates seniority for a maximum of twenty-four (24) months; subsequently, seniority does not accumulate but is maintained.

c) **In the event of a lay-off of a Temporary Employee or Seasonal Employee at the end of the period for which she/he was recalled or hired:**

seniority does not accumulate but is maintained.

d) **In the case of lay-off of a Probationary Employee or a Permanent Employee who does not have employment security:**

seniority does not accumulate but is maintained.

9.04 **Loss of Seniority Rights**

An Employee loses her/his seniority rights and her/his employment shall be considered as terminated when:

- a) she/he voluntarily terminates her/his employment with the University;
- b) she/he is dismissed unless the dismissal is cancelled as a result of the grievance and arbitration procedure;
- c) she/he is laid off for a period exceeding twelve (12) months;
- d) she/he retires;
- e) she/he fails to return to work within five (5) working days following receipt of a registered letter recalling her/him to work following layoff; this five (5) day period may be extended by agreement between the Parties.

9.05 **Seniority list**

- a) The seniority list of Employees remains posted for the duration of this Collective Agreement. The University agrees to update this list every two (2) months.

This list includes the surname and name, date of hire, the position, the library (Vanier or Webster), the Job Class and the status (on probation or permanent) of an Employee, whether she/he is full-time or part-time, and her/his seniority calculated in accordance with the present Article.

This list also includes the surname, name, date of hire, position (if appropriate), library (Vanier or Webster), and the status of a Temporary Employee or a Seasonal Employee and her/his seniority calculated in accordance with the present Article.

- b) Any dispute concerning the seniority of an Employee is submitted in writing, within two (2) weeks of the posting to the Library Administration Office. The Library Administration Office and the Union Delegate of the sector concerned shall enquire into all disputes and shall make all the necessary corrections to the seniority list. In the event of a persisting disagreement, a grievance shall be submitted in accordance with the grievance and arbitration procedure.

- c) Any error not detected during the period for dispute may be contested later through the above procedure; however, in this event, the University shall not be held liable for any actions taken based on seniority lists prior to the date of dispute.

## **ARTICLE 10 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND DISPLACEMENT PROCEDURE**

- 10.01 The University assures employment security, within the bargaining unit, for the duration of the present Collective Agreement, to all Permanent Employees who have twelve (12) months of seniority.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Collective Agreement and subject to Article 16.02, Employees benefiting from employment security cannot be discharged, laid off, fired, or dismissed and therefore shall remain in the employ of the University, without reduction in pay, and without delaying progression in their salary scale and continue to benefit from all the provisions of the present Collective Agreement.

- 10.02 In case of merger, integration or restructuring by legislation or otherwise, seniority within the bargaining unit which is defined in the certificate of accreditation (as indicated in Appendix D) of this Collective Agreement, shall prevail in the application of this Collective Agreement.
- 10.03 If the position or function of a Permanent Employee is transferred to another campus, the Employee has the right to accept or to refuse the transfer. If she/he refuses, the provisions of the present Article apply.

### **10.04 Displacement procedure in the case of an abolition of a position**

The University determines which position(s) must be abolished. In the case of abolition of positions, the following procedure applies:

- a) Reassignment in a Vacant Position or retraining
  - i. after agreement with the Union, the University agrees to reassign any Employee whose job is abolished or who is displaced according to the provisions of the present Article, without posting, to a Vacant Position available in the same Job Class, first in the library in which the position is abolished, then to another library if the Employee so elects;
  - ii. then, after agreement between the Parties, without posting to a Vacant Position in a lower Job Class, first in the library in which the position is abolished, then to another library;
  - iii. then, after agreement between the Parties, to provide retraining allowing the Employee to occupy a position in the bargaining unit.

Whenever possible, an Employee affected by a position abolition will be reassigned to a position working the same number of hours or more per week.

- b) If a) is not an option, an Employee affected by an abolition may displace an Employee in the same Job Class who has less seniority, as long as she/he can satisfy the normal requirements of the position, first in the library in which the position is abolished, then in another library if the Employee so elects.
- c) If b) is not an option, the Employee affected by an abolition or a displacement may displace an Employee in the immediately lower Job Class, who has less seniority, who occupies a position for which she/he can satisfy the normal requirements, first in the library in which the position is abolished, then in another library.
- d) Each Employee thus displaced may use her/his right to displace as outlined above.

However, the Employee is subject to the trial period provided for in Article 9.02 b). If, during the trial period, the Employee is incapable of satisfying the normal requirements of the position, or if the Employee gives a written notice within the first fifteen (15) working days of her/his trial period to the supervising librarian that she/he does not wish to remain in this position, the Employee may continue to use the displacement procedure.

- e) During the displacement procedure, an Employee who cannot displace in accordance with the present Article, and who does not choose to resign and receive the indemnity provided for in Article 10.06, must accept:
  - i) to fill a temporarily Vacant Position, if she/he meets the normal requirements of the position, or
  - ii) to meet a work surplus, or
  - iii) to fill a function in the framework of a special project, as per Article 3.01 e) 2.

10.05 Any Employee whose position is abolished or who is subject to a displacement must receive a notice at least one (1) month in advance.

10.06 Any Employee affected by the provisions of the present Article may choose not to exercise her/his rights and to resign. In this case, she/he shall benefit from a separation indemnity equivalent to one (1) month of salary per year of seniority up to a maximum of six (6) months. The present Article also applies to those Employees affected by Article 10.03.

10.07 As long as an Employee affected by the provisions of the present Article has not obtained a vacant or newly created position, she/he is considered as having applied for every posted position of the same Job Class.

10.08 a) The Employee who, by virtue of the present Article, obtains a position in a lower Job Class, preserves the Job Class she/he was in prior to the abolition of her/his position, or displacement. She/he is considered as having applied for each position in her/his old Job Class, and if she/he obtains such a position in conformity with Article 12, she/he must accept it, failing which she/he is subject to the provisions of Article 37.06.

b) Notwithstanding paragraph a) above and Article 10.01, when a position in the same Job Class is available at another library and an Employee elects to fill a position in a lower Job Class pursuant to the provisions of Article 10.04, the Employee will continue to receive the same salary until such time as the salary rate of her/his new position is greater than her/his salary.

## **ARTICLE 11 LAY-OFF AND RECALL**

11.01 Only those Employees not covered by Article 10.01 may be laid-off.

11.02 In the case of lay-off, Temporary Employees, Seasonal Employees and Probationary Employees are laid-off first. If other lay-offs are necessary, Permanent Employees not having employment security are laid-off, and this in inverse seniority order.

### **11.03 Lay-off Procedure**

a) A Permanent Employee affected by a lay-off may displace a Permanent Employee in the same Job Class who has less seniority than she/he, on the condition that she/he can satisfy the normal requirements of the position.

b) If a displacement in the same Job Class is not possible, the Permanent Employee who is affected by a lay-off may displace an Employee in the immediately lower Job Class having less seniority than she/he, who occupies a position for which she/he can satisfy the normal requirements.

c) Each Permanent Employee thus displaced may displace in the above-mentioned manner.

d) Any Permanent Employee subject to an abolition or a displacement must receive a notice at least one (1) month in advance. The University sends Temporary Employees and Seasonal Employees subject to a lay-off, a two (2) week notice indicating the date of the lay-off.

#### 11.04 Recall Procedure

- a) Unless otherwise stipulated, the University offers any employment of a temporary nature to those Employees whose names are on the recall list. Employees are called back to work in order of seniority, on the condition that they satisfy the normal requirements of the position. They may refuse all recalls to work within the time limits specified in the present Article.
- b) In the event of a recall, Employees shall provide all documents attesting to their qualifications which do not appear in their personnel files.
- c) An Employee who is recalled to a position of a temporary nature is subject to Article 5.

11.05 a) Within thirty (30) days following the signing of the Collective Agreement, the University provides the Union with the recall list of Employees covered by this Article. The University will notify the Union in writing of any modification of the list within thirty (30) days of such modification.

b) This list is drawn up in order of seniority and shall include:

- ✓ name;
- ✓ address;
- ✓ status;
- ✓ telephone numbers (maximum 2);
- ✓ last termination date;
- ✓ accumulated seniority;
- ✓ Work Sector of the last function occupied;
- ✓ library of the last function occupied;
- ✓ availability as per the form provided by the University.

The Employee whose name appears on the recall list is solely responsible for informing the University, in writing, of any change to be brought to this list.

- c) Unless otherwise stipulated, recall to work shall be done by telephone. A list of Employees telephoned is sent to the Union indicating the dates and times of the calls. The list is sent to the Union at the same time as the modified recall list provided in Article 11.05 a).
- d) If an Employee refuses, or if after three (3) calls in an eight (8) hour period, or within a four (4) hour period in case of urgency, an Employee cannot be reached, the University telephones the next person on the list and so on. The provisions of the present Article apply to each Employee called.
- e) Recall of Seasonal Employees is done in the following manner:

- 1) During the lay-off period between the end of April and the end of May, these Employees indicate in writing, on forms provided by the University, their desire to be reintegrated into their function during the coming academic year.
  - 2) If the function is available, the University sends a registered letter between July 24 and August 8th confirming the rehiring and indicating the starting date. At the latest one (1) week following the receipt of this letter, the Employee confirms her/his acceptance of work, failing which; she/he remains on the recall list.
  - 3) For other functions to be filled during the academic year, recall is done in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11.05 c) and d).
  - 4) This particular provision does not prevent Employees from benefiting from the provisions provided in Article 11.04 a).
- 11.06 The name of an Employee, who, during a period of twelve (12) consecutive months has not worked according to the provisions of the present Collective Agreement, is removed from the recall list.
- 11.07 If an Employee cannot be reached after three (3) consecutive recall attempts the University sends a registered letter to the last known address. If the Employee does not confirm her/his availability within five (5) working days following the receipt of the letter, she/he is considered as having resigned and her/his name is removed from the recall list.
- 11.08 The procedure for contesting the recall list is the one provided for in Article 9.05 b) of the present Collective Agreement.
- 11.09 The Union receives a copy of all letters sent by the University to the Employees affected by the present Article.
- 11.10 The University agrees to meet with the Union as soon as possible, to solve any problem related to the present Article and not covered by the provisions herein.

## **ARTICLE 12 JOB POSTING, SELECTION AND MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL**

- 12.01 a) Within the ten (10) working days following a job vacancy, the University has the choice of filling, abolishing, or deferring the posting of the position. If the decision is to fill the position, the University proceeds within a delay not exceeding ten (10) working days.

If the decision is to abolish the position, or to defer filling, the University must inform the Union within five (5) working days following the delay provided for in the first sentence of this Article.

In the case of grievance, the University has the burden of proving that it was justified in not filling the position or in deferring the posting.

- b) Unless there is an agreement between the Parties, the University may not defer the posting of a Vacant Position longer than three (3) months.
- c) Positions shall not be considered vacant when they are vacated for the following reasons:
  - i) work-related injury or illness;
  - ii) injury or illness;
  - iii) vacation;
  - iv) parental leave;
  - v) authorized leave;
  - vi) temporary assignment.

12.02 a) When a new or Vacant Position is to be filled, the University must post it for five (5) working days. The posting period begins when all the postings are in place. The posting date must appear on all the postings. A copy of the posting must be sent simultaneously to the Union.

b) The posting includes:

- ✓ position title and Job Class;
- ✓ job description;
- ✓ Work Sector;
- ✓ library;
- ✓ name of supervisor and/or supervising librarian;
- ✓ salary scale;
- ✓ work schedule and number of hours per week;
- ✓ dates of posting, expiry of posting, and entry into the position.

12.03 Employees who wish to apply for a position must do so in writing during the posting period mentioned in paragraph 12.02 a). An Employee who is to be absent during the posting period may apply in advance. Applications received after the posting period provided for in paragraph 12.02 a) shall be considered as external applications.

12.04 In applying for a position, the Employee provides an updated *Curriculum Vitae*, a cover letter and any document attesting to her/his qualifications which does not appear in her/his personnel file. A technical error does not invalidate the application.



- 12.05 a) During the selection of an Employee to fill a position posted in accordance with Article 12.02, the University must grant the position to the candidate who is a Permanent Employee with the most seniority unless she/he does not have the qualifications to satisfy the normal requirements of the position.
- b) If none of the above-mentioned candidates satisfies the normal requirements of the position, the University must grant the position to the Temporary Employee, Seasonal Employee, or Probationary Employee, who has the most seniority, unless she/he does not have the qualifications to satisfy the normal requirements of the position.
- c) If none of the candidates mentioned in Articles 12.05 a) and b), satisfy the said conditions, other candidates will be considered.
- d) The University is not obliged to post a Vacant Position a second time when:
- 1) the Vacant Position was first filled by a person outside the bargaining unit who decided to leave the position within the first three (3) weeks of her/his probationary period;
  - 2) the vacant or newly created position is filled by an Employee from within the bargaining unit who decided to return to her/his old position within the first twenty (20) working days of her/his trial period. The University then proceeds with a second choice among the candidates who applied in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.05.
- e) An Employee shall not apply for a Vacant Position or a temporarily vacated position within the same Job Class or an inferior Job Class in the six (6) months following her/his appointment to the present position, except with the approval of the University unless she/he has not availed herself/himself of the rights accorded in Article 9.02 b), 4th paragraph.

Notwithstanding the above:

- 1) The Temporary Employee who has worked at least sixty (60) working days in her/his present position may apply for a Vacant Position.
- 2) The Permanent Employee may apply for a Vacant Position representing a Promotion in terms of the position of which she/he is the incumbent.
- 3) The Employee in a temporary assignment may apply for the position in which she/he is currently on temporary assignment should it become vacant.

- f) An Employee who applies for a position and who withdraws her/his application or who refuses the position shall not suffer any prejudice concerning any future applications.
- g) In filling a position with an Employee from the bargaining unit, the University designates the Employee in the twenty (20) working days following the end of the posting period. This designation is done in the prescribed time limits, by giving the Employee concerned, a written notice with a copy to the Union. In filling a position by a person outside the bargaining unit, the University attempts to designate the person in the thirty (30) working days following the end of the posting period. This shall be done as per the aforementioned modalities.
- h) When an Employee is promoted or transferred, she/he is assigned to her/his new position in the five (5) working days following the moment she/he was designated, unless the Employee is on vacation at that moment. In such a case, the vacation period is excluded from the five (5) working days. The Employee receives, from the moment she/he has been assigned or from the moment she/he should have been assigned, whichever is the earliest, the salary scale of her/his new position.
- i) If an unsuccessful candidate for a posted position maintains that certain qualifications included in the posted position prevented his candidacy and that these qualifications are not relevant to the duties and responsibilities of the position, he may present a grievance through the grievance and arbitration procedure. The burden of proof rests with the Employee.

12.06 The hiring of part-time Employees, Seasonal Employees or Temporary Employees must not limit the number of full-time permanent positions required for the normal functioning of a Work Sector.

#### 12.07 **Temporary Assignment**

- a) In the case of a position temporarily vacated by its incumbent as per the provisions of Article 12.01 c), for a period of nine (9) consecutive months or more, the University fills the position unless service requirements do not justify it.

For the purposes of the present Article, the University posts the position temporarily vacated by its incumbent for a period of three (3) working days. The posting includes the elements listed in Article 12.02 b), and also includes the length of the temporary assignment.

- b) If the University decides to fill a position temporarily vacated by its incumbent for less than nine (9) months, it shall assign, in an order of priority, the Employee from the Work Sector of the Webster or Vanier library, as the case

may be, for whom the assignment represents a change in duties or responsibilities while taking into account seniority, and the ability of the Employee to satisfy the normal requirements of the position. Should it be impossible to fill the position in the above-mentioned manner, the University will fill the position according to the provisions of 11.04.

- c) The Employee who obtains a temporary assignment is subject to the provisions of Article 9.02 b).
- d) The Permanent Employee who is assigned or recalled, whichever the case, to a temporary position shall be paid in accordance with the provisions in Article 37.07.
- e) In filling a temporarily vacated position with an Employee from the bargaining unit, the University designates the Employee in the fifteen (15) working days following the end of the prescribed period by giving the Employee concerned a written notice with a copy to the Union.
- f) When an Employee is temporarily transferred or promoted, she/he is assigned to her/his new position in the five (5) working days following the moment when she/he was designated. The Employee shall receive, from the time she/he is assigned, or from the time she/he should have been assigned, according to the earlier of the two, the salary scale of the new position.
- g) The University gives a written notice to the Employee, with a copy to the Union, from the beginning of the temporary assignment stating the length of the temporary assignment, the position to which the Employee is assigned, and the corresponding salary.
- h) At the end of the temporary assignment, the Employee shall return to her/his former position, or in the event of an abolition, to an equivalent position, or on the recall list if such is the case.

#### 12.08 **Emergency temporary assignment and premium**

- a) In cases when staffing at a service desk falls short of what is required to operate it, after 5:00 p.m. in the evening, or on weekends, the University may invoke emergency temporary assignment. Only those Employees who have the appropriate experience may be assigned by the University from within the division, or from other areas of the Webster or Vanier library, as the case may be, depending on availability.
- b) An Employee working on emergency temporary assignment is paid a premium equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of her/his current rate of pay for each hour of work performed.

- 12.09 The Employee who is temporarily assigned to a position in accordance with the present Article is entirely freed from the duties inherent to her/his old position, for the length of the temporary assignment.
- 12.10 In the case of a grievance concerning this Article, except for Article 12.05 e), the burden of proof rests with the University.

### **ARTICLE 13 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 13.01 The University agrees to respect the appropriate laws and regulations on conditions of health and safety at work.
- 13.02 An Employee may refuse to obey an order, without risk of insubordination, when the carrying out of this order would put her/his health and safety in danger. When working conditions are dangerous, an Employee or a group of Employees must notify the supervising librarian concerned or her/his representative.
- 13.03 The University must eliminate the danger before the work resumes.
- 13.04 No loss of rights, of benefits, of salary or revenue, no lay-offs or disciplinary measures can result from the application of Article 13.02.
- 13.05 The rights acquired by this Article do not remove final responsibility from the University.
- 13.06 Upon written request of the Union, the University will inform the Union, and each Employee concerned, in writing, of the inherent risks of a job, the nature of products used and the necessary antidotes in case of intoxication.
- 13.07 On the written request of the Union, the University will inform the Union of the inherent dangers of installing new machinery, in the introduction of new work procedures, in the use of new chemical products or other products, and on any other modification to the organization of work which has an influence on the health and safety of workers.
- 13.08 Any inspection and enquiry of health and safety at work must be done in the presence of an Employee named by the Union. The University will give the Union a copy of all reports of these inspections and enquiries as soon as they are submitted to the University.
- 13.09 It is incumbent upon the University to inform the Employees of the safety norms and the regulations in effect in the sector where they work.

- 13.10 The University will post for all to see, in the appropriate places, the norms, safety regulations and instructions for cases of emergency concerning the area, and the materials and products used in the area.
- 13.11 In cases where special protective gear or other articles are required by law for the protection of Employees, said gear or articles will be provided for by the University.
- 13.12 Once per year, between May and September, the University carries out a cleaning of the areas in the Libraries where dust accumulates. The areas are determined during a visual inspection which includes a representative of the Union.
- 13.13 First-aid services are available to all Employees through the University Health Centre. If the Health Centre is closed during an Employee's working hours, transportation must be provided for her/him without delay to the nearest hospital or emergency clinic.
- 13.14 It is incumbent upon the University to put an adequate first-aid kit at the disposal of the Employees, at all times, in an easily accessible place in each department.
- 13.15 The University agrees that the staff lounges in the Libraries shall remain available exclusively to the Libraries' staff for the duration of the present Collective Agreement.
- 13.16 The University will furnish the staff lounges and the washrooms with the necessary equipment and accessories in good condition.
- 13.17 a) The University agrees to inform all Employees of the procedure to follow in the case of fire. The University will assure that each new Employee receives the necessary training related to the evacuation of their work area.
- b) In the library evacuation procedures, the Employees who are named monitors for a part of the library must do so on a voluntary basis.
- 13.18 In a general way, the University will attempt to maintain:
- a) The levels of ambient temperature in the Libraries within the range of 20° Celsius and 25.5° Celsius.
- b) The humidity, ventilation, lighting at acceptable levels, through mechanical devices, in conformity with legislation covering these items.
- 13.19 **Working environment**

Being aware that the ambient temperature which may at times exist in the work areas inconveniences the Employees and hinders the performance of their duties, the administration of either library may adapt, in whole or in part, the work

schedules of the Employees when unacceptable temperatures occur in these work areas. The Parties agree that any policy developed will take into account government legislation in like matters.

**Procedures:**

- a) When it is apparent that the ambient temperature has fallen outside the range as per Article 13.18 a), the supervising librarian or her/his representative is informed immediately by one of the Employees in the given Work Sector.
- b) Following this, readings will be taken one (1) hour later and at consecutive intervals when it is evident that the temperature falls outside the range.
- c) When the ambient temperature falls outside the range and it is not possible to relocate the Employees concerned, the following provisions shall apply:
  - 1) No service shall be maintained if the ambient temperature is more than three (3) degrees Celsius higher or lower than the acceptable temperature.
  - 2) If the ambient temperature in a given sector is higher or lower than the acceptable temperature, the University is entitled to two (2) hours to take the measures necessary to remedy the situation.
  - 3) If, after the two (2) hours provided above, the temperature is still higher or lower than the acceptable temperature, the Employees who work in that sector have the right to stop work one (1) hour earlier than usual, for each degree Celsius higher or lower than the acceptable temperature, without loss of pay, and services shall be maintained in the following manner:

Minimal service shall be maintained if the ambient is between one (1) and three (3) degrees Celsius higher or lower than the acceptable temperature.
  - 4) The Employees who work during minimal service shall be chosen in turn, starting with the Employee with the least seniority. These Employees may convert into time off the work accomplished, the following day if possible. If not, they shall receive payment at their hourly rate plus hundred percent (100%).
- d) Except in the case of closing of a library, evening Employees shall go to work in their sector according to their established work schedule. If unacceptable temperatures occur after 5 p.m., the Libraries do not limit service or dismiss their Employees.

The Employees are entitled to convert work accomplished into time off to be taken during the same or following week if possible, as determined by the supervising librarian. If this is not possible the Employees shall receive payment at their regular rate plus hundred percent (100%) for work thus accomplished.

- e) For the purposes of applying the present Article, each work area shall be equipped with a thermometer, the model and location of which shall be agreed to by the Parties in the thirty (30) days following the signing of the Collective Agreement.
- f) Failing agreement, the dispute shall be submitted to an arbitrator, who is known for her/his competence in industrial engineering matters, who will render a decision on the matter.

#### **ARTICLE 14 ACQUIRED RIGHTS**

14.01 An Employee who at April 14, 1975, had, in the Webster Library, rights or advantages superior to those provided in the present Collective Agreement in relation to working conditions, continues to benefit from them for the duration of this Collective Agreement.

An Employee who at July 19, 1976, had, in the Vanier Library, rights or advantages superior to those provided in the present Collective Agreement in relation to working conditions, continues to benefit from them for the duration of this Collective Agreement.

14.02 The University agrees to maintain the rights or advantages not provided or superior to the provisions in the present Collective Agreement, which some Employees enjoy, except if the circumstances that permitted the establishment of these rights and advantages have changed.

#### **ARTICLE 15 SUBCONTRACTING**

15.01 The University agrees not to subcontract when this would have the effect of depriving employment for Employees covered by the Collective Agreement, for work which is regularly performed by these Employees. The University reserves the right to maintain existing contracts.

#### **ARTICLE 16 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

16.01 Any disciplinary measure must be the subject of a written notice addressed to the Employee concerned and stating the reasons for the measure. Such notice must be sent simultaneously to the Union. Only those disciplinary measures of which

the Employee and the Union have been informed in writing can be used as evidence in arbitration and can appear in the Employee's personnel file.

- 16.02 Except in the case of the discharge of Employees serving a probationary period, for any Employee who is discharged, suspended, or given a written warning, the Union may submit her/his case to the grievance procedure and if necessary to arbitration.
- 16.03 In all cases of disciplinary measures, the University has the burden of proving that the disciplinary measure was imposed for just and sufficient cause. The arbitrator may confirm or reject the disciplinary measure or render any other decision that she/he judges equitable under the circumstances.
- 16.04 In the event that a University representative finds it necessary to summon an Employee for disciplinary reasons (written warning, suspension, or dismissal) the Employee has the right to be accompanied by a Union representative.
- 16.05 A suspension does not interrupt the continuous service of an Employee.
- 16.06 No disciplinary measure may be imposed later than fifteen (15) days after the incident which gave rise to it or of the University having become aware of it.
- 16.07 No confession signed by an Employee may be used against her/him during arbitration unless it is a question:
- of a confession signed in the presence of a union delegate;
  - of a confession signed in the absence of a union delegate but not denounced by the Employee in writing, within seven (7) days of its being signed.

The University will forward a copy of the confession to the Union as soon as it is received.

## **ARTICLE 17 PERSONNEL FILES**

- 17.01 An Employee has the right to verify, in the presence of a representative of the University, the contents of her/his personnel file which relate to her/his work at the University and to add written comments to it.
- 17.02 Any record of a disciplinary measure must be removed from the Employee's file after a period of twelve (12) months has elapsed without any further disciplinary measure of the same nature.

Furthermore, any disciplinary notice or part of one against which an Employee has won her/his case, must be removed from the file.



- 17.03 Mid-probation or mid-trial period evaluation reports must be removed from the personnel file once the probationary or trial period has ended.
- 17.04 Each Employee must receive a photocopy of her/his probationary or trial period evaluation and the subsequent annual evaluations before these documents are added to her/his file. At an arbitration hearing the burden of proof of the contents of an evaluation rests with the University.
- 17.05 An Employee's signature on her/his evaluation signifies that she/he is aware of the contents and may not be interpreted as an acceptance of the contents of the said evaluation.
- 17.06 No evaluation may be made by a Designated Supervisor or by a supervisor on probation or trial in accordance with Article 9.02.

## **ARTICLE 18 GENERAL**

### **18.01 Use of University Premises**

- a) The Union agrees that there shall be no Union activities (such as holding meetings or distributing Union literature) during working hours on library premises unless such activities are specifically authorized by an Article in this Collective Agreement.
- b) The Union may conduct Union activities on University premises by following current University policies related to room bookings and use of University premises.
- b) The University agrees to provide space on library bulletin boards for official Union notices. These boards must be easily accessible. These notices shall be dated and signed by an officer of the Union.

### **18.02 Communications**

The University must send to the Union a copy of the following documents issued from the date of signature of this Collective Agreement.

- a) all rules and regulations that apply to Employees covered by this Collective Agreement.
  - b) any other written communiqué issued to more than one Employee covered by this Collective Agreement concerning library working conditions.
- 18.03 All resignations may be retracted within three (3) days. The University will immediately send copies of all resignations to the Union.

- 18.04 No Employee will be required to either make or obtain coffee or other beverages or do personal work for a superior.

## **ARTICLE 19 JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

- 19.01 An Employee must receive a copy of her/his job description when she/he is hired or changes position, as well as when said description is revised, regardless of whether it is modified or not. A copy is simultaneously sent to the Union.

The University maintains the current job descriptions on an electronic platform that is available to the employees.

- 19.02 If the ability of an Employee to fulfill her/his functions is affected by a change in her/his job description, the University agrees to give that Employee a supervised and directed training period of sixty (60) days.
- 19.03 If an Employee believes her/his job description does not correspond to the description of the Job Class listed in Appendix A and Appendix A.1, she/he may avail herself/himself of the grievance procedure to request a reclassification.

## **ARTICLE 20 HOURS OF WORK AND WORK SCHEDULES.**

- 20.01 Except for Employees subject to a particular work schedule according to Article 20.06, the duration of the regular work week and the regular workday is established at thirty-five (35) hours divided into five (5) consecutive work days of seven (7) hours each, from Monday to Friday inclusively, generally worked between 9:00 and 17:00.

- 20.02 All Employees are entitled to one (1) twenty (20) minute rest period without loss of pay for each regular half day of work, that is to say, two hundred (200) minutes of rest for every regular work week of thirty-five (35) hours.

- 20.03 All Employees are entitled to an unpaid meal period of one (1) hour during the regular workday. This meal period is normally taken not more than one (1) hour before or after the hour which is in the middle of the regular workday.

An Employee has the right, with the prior approval of the supervising librarian or her/his representative, to add to her/his meal period one (1) daily rest period. Consent may be withheld on the basis of service and staffing needs.

- 20.04 In the event that two (2) Employees wish to exchange their weekly days off or their established work schedules, they must receive the prior approval of the

supervising librarian. In this event, the provisions related to overtime pay do not apply.

## 20.05 Summer Schedule

- a) Every year, for a period of ten (10) weeks, starting from mid-June (exact dates to be posted by the University) the length of the regular work week is reduced by three (3) hours without reduction in remuneration.
- b) For the purpose of applying the summer schedule, individual work schedules must be approved for the entire summer period by the Wednesday of the week preceding the start of summer hours and established for the entire summer by distributing the choice among the various options as equitably possible, taking into consideration:
  - i) the seniority of the Employee applied within her/his sector;
  - ii) the preference expressed by the Employee to the extent that service requirements permit.

With the permission of the supervising librarian, an Employee may change her/his choice of option during the summer period.

- c) The different options are:
  - 1) five (5) workdays per week, distributed Monday through Friday inclusively, scheduled in one of the following ways:
    - i) four (4) workdays of six and three-quarters (6 3/4) hours each and one (1) workday, Friday, of five (5) hours;
    - ii) four (4) workdays of seven (7) hours each and one (1) workday, Friday, of four (4) hours;
  - 2) four (4) workdays per week of eight (8) hours each, from Monday through Thursday inclusively.
  - 3) An Employee may choose an option not found above. This option must be scheduled regularly between Monday and Friday inclusively.
- d) If an Employee is unable to take advantage of the summer schedule as it occurs, the hours so lost by the Employee are taken in time off at a time or times agreed to by the Employee and the supervising librarian.

Moreover, an Employee may bank the summer hours if she/he is on vacation for an entire week during the period in which the summer schedule is in effect. The banked hours must be expended by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

- e) For the purpose of applying the present Collective Agreement, each week thus reduced is considered to be a regular work week in conformity with Article 20.01 and one (1) hour worked during the summer period is considered to be an hour of work in a regular work week. However, when a week includes a statutory holiday provided for in this Collective Agreement, the total number of hours worked, and hours taken as holiday equal thirty-two (32).

Short-Term sick leave as provided in Article 38 as well as personal leave provided in Article 25 are calculated and applied in hours and/or quarter (1/4) hours. The application of social leaves is provided in Article 20.07 e).

- f) As an exception, and solely for the purpose of the conversion of overtime as provided in Article 21.05, the duration of overtime work thus converted shall be equal to the duration of the regular reduced work week or the regular reduced workday.
- g) Depending on the option chosen as per Article 20.05 c), the rest periods are:
- for c) 1) i) : nine (9) rest periods of 20 minutes;
  - for c) 1) ii) : nine (9) rest periods of 20 minutes;
  - for c) 2) : four (4) rest periods of 25 minutes and four (4) rest periods of 20 minutes.

## 20.06 Particular Work Schedules

### a) General provisions

The following working conditions apply to all Employees working on a particular work schedule, as provided for in the present Article, with the exception of part-time Employees who normally work less than the regular work week provided for in Article 20, to whom Article 20.06 c) below applies.

- 1) The University determines particular work schedules according to the service requirements in each Work Sector.
- 2) The University determines the positions to which particular work schedules apply, it being understood that particular work schedules must be kept to a minimum subject to service requirements.
- 3) Any change in the particular work schedules in existence before the signature of the present Collective Agreement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

- 4) The duration of the regular work week for an Employee on a particular work schedule is thirty-five (35) hours, subject to the provisions of Article 20.06 e) below.

**b) Distribution of work schedules**

The distribution of particular work schedules is made as equitably as possible, on a rotation basis, among the Employees who normally perform the work required.

**c) Posting of schedules**

The University posts schedules and any changes at least five (5) working days before their effective date.

**d) Evening Work**

- 1) In the Webster Library, subject to Article 20.06 a), no Employee shall be required to work more than two (2) evenings per week, except Employees hired to work evenings on a permanent basis.
- 2) Employees hired to work evenings on a permanent basis work a regular day, that is from 9:00 to 17:00 when the library is open only between 9:00 and 17:00.
- 3) The University determines evening schedules, taking into account the following:
  - i) the seniority of the Employee as applied within her/his sector;
  - ii) the preference expressed by the Employee to the extent that service requirements permit.

The schedules of Employees who are called to work evenings are normally established at the beginning of each semester or at the time of hiring of a new Employee, or on the occasion of the Promotion or Transfer of an Employee within the sector.

**e) Work on a Saturday and/or Sunday**

Generally, an Employee is entitled to two (2) consecutive days of rest per work week. However, Employees working on particular work schedules may be required to work six (6) consecutive days. The provisions of Article 21 do not apply for regular work performed on the sixth (6th) day, provided an average of five (5) days of regular work per week is maintained.

In the event of work on Saturday and/or Sunday, days off are taken, generally, during the seven (7) days preceding or the seven (7) days following the Saturday and/or Sunday worked. These days are taken from Monday to Friday inclusively.

The University determines the date(s) of such days off, taking into account:

- 1) the seniority of the Employee applied within her/his Work Sector;
- 2) the preference expressed by the Employee, to the extent that service requirements permit.

Subject to the preceding, an Employee may convert into hours the days off that are due to her/him. The hours not taken off may not exceed fourteen (14).

**f) Evening and weekend work for the Vanier Library**

Notwithstanding paragraphs d) and e) above, as a general rule, in the Vanier Library, no Employee shall be required to work more than one (1) evening per week or in lieu of evening work, one (1) weekend day (i.e. Saturday or Sunday) unless otherwise stipulated in the job description at the time of hire.

Notwithstanding the above paragraph, a Permanent Employee and the University may agree upon a work schedule not provided under Articles 20.01 and 20.07 a). For the purposes of applying the Collective Agreement, the agreed-upon schedule becomes the Employee's schedule of work and the following provisions apply: 20.06 c), 20.06 h), 20.07 c), 20.07 e) and 23.01.

**g) Modifications to the work schedules**

The hours of work may be modified if necessary after agreement between the parties.

However, the University may modify the existing hours of work or impose new ones if service needs dictate such changes. In such a case, a written notice shall be posted, and a copy sent to the Union, at least thirty (30) days prior to the implementation of the change. No change may be implemented if the University has not followed this procedure.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, such modifications must not result in split-shifts.

In the event of a disagreement, the Union may refer the case directly to arbitration by following the procedure outlined in Article 8. The time delays

provided for in this Article may be modified after agreement between the Parties.

The mandate of the arbitrator consists of determining whether such changes were essential, the burden of proof of which rests with the University. If the arbitrator judges the changes are not essential, the University returns to the old schedule.

**h) Days off**

Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, Employees who work a particular schedule are entitled to two (2) consecutive days off for each work week.

**20.07 Alternative Work Schedules**

- a) Except for Employees who are subject to particular work schedules provided for in Article 20.06, the alternative work schedule will take one of the following formats, subject to the approval of the supervising librarian. Approval is not refused without valid reason.
- 1) five (5) days per week, of seven (7) hours each, worked from Monday to Friday inclusively, regularly scheduled between 8:00 and 18:00;
  - 2) four (4) days per week, of eight (8) hours and forty-five (45) minutes each, worked from Monday to Friday inclusively, regularly scheduled between 8:00 and 19:45;
  - 3) four (4) days per week, of eight (8) hours each and one (1) day of three (3) hours, worked from Monday to Friday inclusively, regularly scheduled between 8:00 and 19:00;
  - 4) four (4) days per week of seven hours and a half (7 1/2) each and one (1) day of five (5) hours, worked from Monday to Friday inclusively, regularly scheduled between 8:00 and 19:00;
  - 5) three (3) days per week of nine (9) hours each and one (1) day of eight (8) hours, worked from Monday to Friday inclusively, regularly scheduled between 8:00 and 20:00;
  - 6) any of the above-mentioned options to be worked alternatively (in rotation);
  - 7) an Employee may request an option other than those mentioned above providing that the days are worked from Monday to Friday, between 8:00 and 20:00.

- b) Every Employee is entitled to two hundred (200) minutes of rest for every work week of thirty-five (35) hours, each rest period not exceeding twenty-five (25) minutes.
- c) With respect to the application of the alternative work schedule, individual schedules must be approved by the supervising librarian. Distribution by choice among the various options will be done as equitably as possible, taking into consideration:
  - 1) The seniority of the Employee as applied within her/his Work Sector;
  - 2) The preference expressed by the Employee to the extent that the service requirements permit. In the event that several Employees opt for the same choice, they will be accommodated on a rotating basis.

With the permission of the supervising librarian, an Employee may change her/his option.

At the time of hire of a new Employee, or on the occasion of the Promotion or Transfer of an Employee, the Employee's work schedule will be established with the supervising librarian according to the provisions of this Article.

- d) The work schedule approved as per paragraph c) of the present Article is the normal work week of the Employee unless it is modified according to the provisions of this Article.
- e) For the purpose of applying Article 20.07 a), all provisions of the Collective Agreement apply subject to the following details:

### **Personal Leave**

Personal leave as provided in Article 25.08 is calculated and applied in hours or quarter hours.

### **Social Leaves**

When an Employee uses a day of social leave, she/he is paid as if she/he were at work. However, if the Employee was scheduled to work more than seven (7) hours, she/he must, after agreement with the supervising librarian concerned, make up the time owing.

### **Holidays**

In a week that includes one or more of the holidays listed in Article 24.01, the duration of the regular work week will be shortened by seven (7) hours for each



holiday in the week. The supervising librarian shall, in consultation with the Employee concerned, rearrange the schedule accordingly.

### **Sick Leave**

Short-term sick leave as provided in Article 38 is calculated and applied in hours or quarter hours.

### **Vacation**

The application of Article 20.07 cannot either reduce or increase the number of vacation days the Employee would be entitled to if she/he worked according to a schedule of five (5) working days.

### **Probationary and Trial Period**

The application of Article 20.07 cannot increase the length of an Employee's probationary or trial period.

- f) The implementation of alternative work schedules must take into account the service requirements of the Libraries as established by the University.
- g) Any task sharing which is a consequence of the application of alternative work schedules will not result in requests for position reclassification or additional remuneration.

## **ARTICLE 21 OVERTIME**

- 21.01 a) All work performed by an Employee outside of her/his regular workday or regular work week as defined in Article 20, is considered as overtime if approved in advance by the supervising librarian who requires the work done with her/his knowledge and without objection from her/him.
- b) All overtime is on a voluntary basis; however, if necessary, the University has the right to designate Employees for overtime duties.

The Parties agree that overtime work must be kept to a minimum.

- c) No Employee is required to perform more than twelve (12) consecutive hours of work.
- d) An Employee who works overtime is paid at the applicable overtime rate; however, she/he is entitled to a minimum remuneration equivalent to thirty (30) minutes of her/his regular rate of pay.

- e) If the University cancels scheduled overtime the Employee must be given two (2) hours' notice. Failing this, the Employee is entitled to two (2) hours pay at her/his normal rate.

21.02 Overtime work is assigned as equitably as possible, on a rotating basis in the Work Sector involved, among the Employees who normally perform the duties for which overtime is required.

21.03 All overtime work shall be paid as follows:

- a) at one and one half times (150%) the hourly wage of the Employee concerned for each hour of work performed outside her/his regular work day or her/his regular work week or performed on the first weekly day off other than a Sunday;
- b) at two times (200%) the hourly wage of the Employee concerned for each hour of work performed on a holiday (in addition to the postponement of the holiday or to the payment of the holiday pay on a Sunday, or on the second weekly day off).

21.04 The payment of overtime wages earned during any given pay period is made at the same time as the regular pay for the following pay period. For annual vacations and at the time of the Christmas break, the payment specified above is delayed one additional pay period.

21.05 An Employee may convert work performed as overtime into time off at the applicable overtime rate up to a maximum of seven (7) working days within any fiscal year. This maximum may be increased by agreement between the Employee and the supervising librarian concerned.

The time at which these days shall be taken is determined by agreement between the Employee and the supervising librarian concerned.

21.06 An Employee working overtime on a weekly day of rest or on a holiday is entitled to the rest periods and the meal break provided in this Collective Agreement.

21.07 a) An Employee who works overtime for a period of two (2) hours or more after her/his regular workday is entitled to a thirty (30) minute meal break paid at the applicable overtime rate.

However, if it is anticipated that the duration of overtime may be two (2) hours or more, the Employee is entitled to take her/his meal break before beginning her/his work.

b) For each three (3) hours of overtime worked, the Employee is entitled to a twenty (20) minute rest period paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 21.03; this rest period may be taken during the second hour of overtime.

21.08 To determine the basis upon which an Employee's overtime is calculated, the University divides the weekly salary of the Employee concerned by the number of hours contained in a regular work week during the winter.

21.09 An Employee working overtime, but not continuous with her/his regular workday or regular work week, is entitled to the established overtime rate for each consecutive hour thus worked. In such a case, she/he is entitled to a minimum remuneration equivalent to three (3) hours of work at her/his regular rate of pay. For the purposes of applying this Article, the time allocated for a meal break provided in Article 21.07 a) does not constitute an interruption of the regular workday.

## **ARTICLE 22 CALL BACK TO WORK**

22.01 An Employee who, at the request of the supervising librarian concerned, returns to work outside her/his regular hours of work, is remunerated at the applicable overtime rate for each hour thus worked. For each recall she/he is entitled to a minimum remuneration equivalent to three (3) hours of work at the applicable overtime rate.

The provisions of this Article do not apply:

- if there is continuity between the period of overtime work and the end of the Employee's regular workday;
- if there is continuity between the period of overtime work and the beginning of the Employee's regular workday provided that the Employee received at least twelve (12) hours advance notice.

For the purpose of the present Article, the time period allocated for a meal in Article 21.07a) does not constitute an interruption of the regular workday.

22.02 The provisions of Article 21 shall apply also to this Article.

22.03 In the event of recall during an Employee's annual vacation, any work carried out is remunerated at double time in addition to the salary received for the vacation period and a minimum of four (4) hours at the above-mentioned rate is guaranteed to the Employee thus recalled.

## **ARTICLE 23 PREMIUMS**

23.01 An Employee for whom half or more of the regular hours of work fall between 15:00 and 8:00 is entitled to a premium for each hour of actual work. An employee is not entitled to such a premium when she/he is being paid at the rate provided for overtime. This premium is not added to the basic rate in computing the remuneration for overtime performed. However, this paragraph does not apply to those who have chosen their schedule according to Articles 20.05 and 20.07.

The evening premium provided for in this clause is adjusted annually according to the salary increase percentage granted, as specified in section D) of Appendix B.

### 23.02 a) **Work on a Saturday**

An Employee who works on a Saturday as part of her/his regular work schedule is paid at her/his regular rate of pay increased by twenty-five percent (25%) for the regular hours worked between 0:00 and 24:00 on Saturday.

### b) **Work on a Sunday**

An Employee who works on a Sunday as part of her/his regular work schedule, is paid at her/his regular rate of pay increased by fifty per cent (50%) for the regular hours worked between 0:00 and 24:00 on a Sunday.

c) An Employee is not entitled to such a premium when she/he is being paid at the overtime rate. This premium is not added to the regular rate of pay when calculating the remuneration for overtime.

23.03 An Employee remaining on-call is notified in advance by her/his supervising librarian. She/he must be ready to be at work within the usual amount of time. An Employee on-call after her/his regular workday or her/his regular work week shall receive a premium of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each eight (8) hour period during which she/he remains on-call.

An Employee who goes in to work while she/he is on-call is paid in accordance with the provisions of Articles 21 (Overtime) and 22 (Call Back to Work) in addition to her/his on-call premium. The distribution of on-call time shall be done as equitably as possible in the Work Sector concerned, among the Employees who normally perform the work required. Remaining on-call is voluntary; however, if there is an insufficient number of volunteers, the provisions of Article 21.01 b) apply.

## **ARTICLE 24 HOLIDAYS**

24.01 a) The University recognizes as holidays the following days:

1. June 24;
2. July 1;
3. first Monday in September;
4. second Monday in October;
5. December 24;
6. December 25;
7. December 26;
8. December 31;
9. January 1;
10. January 2;
11. Friday before Easter;
12. Monday following Easter;
13. May 24<sup>th</sup> or the Monday preceding the 24<sup>th</sup> of May

The Employees also benefit from two (2) floating holidays as follows:

- The first one to be designated by the University and to be observed between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year;
  - The second one to be observed on any day chosen by the Employee prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year and agreed to between the supervising librarian and the Employee.
  - The Employee must give at least two (2) weeks notice of the day she/he has chosen.
  - If the Employee is unable to avail herself/himself of the floating holiday during the period as mentioned above, she/he shall forfeit the holiday.
- b) The University agrees to observe as paid holidays other days declared as civil holidays by the governments.
- c) Employees who belong to a faith recognized in conformity with University policy are entitled to a leave with pay for the holidays celebrated by said faith.

24.02 a) If one of the holidays in Article 24.01 coincides either with an Employee's annual vacation, or with one of her/his weekly days off other than Saturday or Sunday, the Employee affected is entitled to a postponement of the holiday to a date agreed upon between her/him and her/his supervising librarian.

- b) If one of the holidays mentioned in Article 24.01 coincides with a Saturday or with a Sunday, the holiday is moved to the preceding or to the following workday.
- c) An Employee working on one of the holidays provided for in Article 24.01 is entitled to a postponement of the holiday to a date, or if she/he wishes, several dates agreed upon between her/him and her/his supervising librarian.

#### **24.03 Holiday Pay**

- a) Pay for each of the holidays provided in Article 24.01, when the day is not worked, is equivalent to the Employee's regular daily rate of pay in effect at that time.
- b) The provisions of the preceding paragraph do not apply if an Employee is already being paid by virtue of one of the provisions of this Collective Agreement.

#### **24.04 Pay for Work on a Holiday**

An Employee working on one of the holidays provided in Article 24.01 is paid at her/his regular rate of pay in effect at that time increased by one hundred percent (100%).

Furthermore, the Employee is entitled either to the Holiday pay provided in Article 24.03 or to the postponement of the holiday as provided in Article 24.02 c).

#### **24.05 Pay for Work on a Postponed Holiday**

An Employee working on a postponed holiday as provided for in Article 24.02 is paid at the rate of one and one half times (150%) her/his regular salary. In addition to this remuneration, the Employee is entitled, at the choice of the University, to either the Holiday pay provided for in Article 24.03, or another postponement of the holiday to a date agreed upon between the Employee and the supervising librarian concerned.

#### **24.06 Pay for the Christmas Period**

- a) An Employee who does not work during the period between Christmas and New Year (exact dates to be posted by the University) continues to be paid at a rate equivalent to her/his regular daily rate of pay in effect at that time.
- b) An Employee who works during the period between Christmas and New Year is paid as follows:

- i) at her/his regular rate of pay increased by one hundred percent (100%) if she/he works on a holiday provided in Article 24.01.
- ii) at her/his regular rate of pay increased by fifty percent (50%) if she/he worked on a day other than a holiday provided in Article 24.01.

In addition to the remuneration provided in sub-paragraphs i) and ii), an Employee who works on a holiday is entitled to either the postponement of the holiday as provided in Article 24.02 or the holiday pay provided in Article 24.06 a).

24.07 Even though Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday are not statutory holidays, an Employee who works on one (1) of these two (2) days by virtue of her/his regular work week has a right to her/his regular rate of pay increased by one hundred percent (100%).

## **ARTICLE 25 SOCIAL LEAVES AND PERSONAL LEAVES**

25.01 All Employees are entitled to the following leaves without loss of pay in conformity with the provisions of the following Articles.

25.02 **In the event of the death:**

- a) **of a Spouse, of a child of the Employee, of the child of a Spouse, of a father, of a mother, of a brother, of a sister, of the father or mother of a Spouse, of the grandchildren, of a stepfather, of a stepmother:**

The Employee is entitled to five (5) consecutive working days;

- b) **of the brother of a Spouse, of the sister of a Spouse, of a stepbrother, of a stepsister, of the grand-parents, of a daughter-in-law, of a son-in-law, of an aunt, of an uncle, of a nephew, of a niece:**

The Employee is entitled to two (2) consecutive working days;

- c) In the case of paragraphs a) and b), an Employee may add to this period accumulated vacation, accumulated overtime by virtue of Article 21.05, and/or a leave without pay not exceeding fifteen (15) working days.
- d) If the funeral takes place more than one hundred and sixty (160) km from the residence of an Employee, she/he is entitled to one (1) extra working day.

25.03 **In the event of the marriage:**

- a) **of the Employee:**

she/he is entitled to five (5) working days, and she/he may add to this period her/his accumulated vacation entitlements or an equivalent leave without pay;

**b) of a son, of a daughter:**

an Employee is entitled to one (1) working day;

**c) of the father, mother, grandparents, brother, sister, grandchildren:**

an Employee is entitled to the day of the wedding.

25.04 When an Employee changes the location of her/his residence, she/he is entitled to one (1) day of leave for moving. However, she/he is not entitled to more than one (1) such day per fiscal year. Nevertheless, this restriction does not apply when an Employee must move for reasons beyond her/his control, the proof of which rests with the Employee.

25.05 a) In the event that an Employee is required for jury duty or to act as a witness in proceedings to which she/he is not a party, she/he shall not as a consequence suffer any loss of her/his regular pay during the time that she/he is required to act in such a capacity. However, the Employee must turn over to the University the equivalent of the amount received for the performance of these duties. If this amount is greater than her/his regular salary the difference shall be returned to her/him by the University.

b) The Employee called to act as a witness in a case where the University is involved, continues to receive her/his regular pay and is paid overtime for all hours required of her/him as a witness outside her/his regular workday and work week as defined in Article 20.

c) In the event an Employee must appear before a civil, administrative or penal tribunal in a case in which she/he is party, she/he is entitled to a leave without pay, or accumulated vacation, or accumulated overtime as per Article 21.05 or personal leave as per Article 25.08

25.06 a) When an Employee finds it necessary to be absent for one of the reasons specified in this Article, she/he must inform her/his supervising librarian of this as soon as possible, and on demand must present proof or confirmation of these events, except for personal leave as provided in Article 25.08.

b) Such leaves are not granted if they coincide with other leaves or holidays provided in the present Collective Agreement



25.07 Unless otherwise specified, the words "a day of leave" shall mean a full twenty-four (24) hour period.

25.08 All Permanent full-time Employees are entitled to three (3) days (or twenty-one (21) hours) of personal leave per year without loss of pay for personal reasons, by virtue of a notice to the supervising librarian at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

Permanent Part-time Employees are entitled to personal leave pro rated for hours worked.

In cases of emergency requiring the presence of the Employee, of which the burden of proof rests with the Employee, notice thereof will be given to the supervising librarian as soon as possible.

These personal leaves do not accumulate from year to year (the year being calculated from June 1).

Probationary Employees are entitled to the same leaves but without pay.

25.09 When an Employee finds it impossible to come to work because of a snowstorm or any other severe weather conditions, she/he must notify her/his immediate supervisor as soon as possible. The University shall pay her/his full remuneration to a maximum of seven (7) hours per year.

Notwithstanding the first (1st) paragraph of Article 25.08, the Employee may use her/his personal leave to return home after having notified her/his supervising librarian. Minimal service shall be maintained in accordance with the modalities provided in Article 13.19.

#### 25.10 **Emergency Leave**

a) It is the purpose of the present Article to allow the Employee to take leave if her/his presence is required by an immediate family member or any person in permanent residence with the Employee, without exceeding seventy (70) hours in one year.

From these seventy (70) hours, fourteen (14) are taken without loss of pay, and the others are without pay.

b) The Employee who takes leave provided for in the present Article must notify her/his supervising librarian as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) minutes following the start of the Employee's regular work day, stating the duration and the reason for the absence. The Employee must take all reasonable steps within her/his power to limit such leaves and their duration. The Employee fills out the absence form on her/his return to work.

- c) Except for the first fourteen (14) hours, the subsequent hours of leave can be worked, or can be taken, in whole or in part, as leave without pay or vacation.

When hours are worked, the manner and schedule in which they are worked are agreed upon promptly upon return from leave between the Employee and the immediate supervisor, and must be approved by the supervising librarian. The hours must be worked no later than the end of the agreement year following the one in which the leave was taken.

- d) The University must notify the Employee when the above-mentioned seventy (70) hours have been used.
- e) The hours worked provided for in the present Article shall not be considered to be overtime as defined in Article 21.

## **ARTICLE 26 VACATION**

26.01 All Employees are entitled to paid vacation on the basis of their seniority, in accordance with vacation entitlements determined as of June 1 of each year.

26.02 During the twelve (12) months which follow June 1 of the current year, all Employees are entitled to paid annual vacations, the duration of which is determined as follows:

- a) the Employee with less than one (1) year of seniority on June 1 of the current year is entitled to one and two-thirds (1 2/3) days for each month worked in the University from her/his date of hire to a maximum of twenty (20) working days;
- b) the Employee having one (1) year and less than ten (10) years of seniority on June 1 of the current year is entitled to twenty (20) paid working days as vacation;
- c) the Employee having ten (10) years or more of seniority on June 1 of the current year is entitled to twenty-two (22) paid working days of vacation;
- d) the Employee with twenty-one (21) or more years of seniority on June 1 of the current year is entitled to twenty-five (25) paid working days of vacation each year;

26.03 For the purpose of calculating annual vacations, Employees hired between the first and fifteenth day of the month inclusively, are considered as having one (1) complete month of service.

26.04 **Upon termination of employment:**

- a) The Employee who has not taken her/his entire vacation entitlement during the fiscal year preceding June 1 receives an indemnity which is equal to the number of vacation days to which she/he was entitled.
- b) The Employee entitled to twenty (20) days of vacation, taking into account vacation days already taken, is entitled to a vacation indemnity equal to eight percent (8%) of the wages earned between June 1st of the current year and her/his date of departure.
- c) The Employee entitled to twenty-two (22) days of vacation, taking into account vacation days already taken, is entitled to a vacation indemnity equal to eight point eight percent (8.8%) of total wages earned between June 1 of the current year and her/his date of departure.
- d) The Employee entitled to twenty-five (25) days of vacation, taking into account vacation days already taken, is entitled to a vacation indemnity equal to ten percent (10%) of total wages earned between June 1 of the current year and her/his date of departure.

26.05 An Employee who, during any one year, has been absent from work for one or other of the following reasons accumulates vacation credits as follows:

**Illness**

An Employee absent from work by virtue of the provisions of Article 39 accumulates vacation credits during the first six (6) consecutive months of absence.

**Work Accident**

An Employee absent from work by virtue of the provisions of Article 32 accumulates vacation credits during the first twelve (12) consecutive months of absence.

**Maternity and Adoption**

An Employee accumulates vacation credits during maternity and adoption leaves, as such.

**Lay-Off**

An Employee's vacation entitlement is prorated to the number of months worked.

**Leave without pay exceeding one (1) month**

An Employee's vacation entitlement is prorated to the number of months worked.

- 26.06 Before her/his departure for vacation, an Employee receives for the vacation period to which she/he is entitled, a remuneration equivalent to her/his regular rate of pay in effect at the time she/he takes her/his vacation.

If the status of an Employee has been modified during the year the necessary adjustments to the vacation pay shall be made, prorated to the number of weeks worked full-time and part-time.

An Employee receives prior to her/his departure on vacation the remuneration to which she/he is entitled, by separate cheque, provided she/he so requests at least ten (10) working days prior to her/his departure on vacation.

- 26.07 In the event of the death of an Employee, the University shall give their accumulated vacation pay to the beneficiaries or legal heirs.

- 26.08 a) An Employee unable to take her/his annual vacation at the scheduled time due to illness, accident or occupational injury occurring before the beginning of her/his vacation period may defer her/his annual vacation to a later date.

However, she/he must notify her/his supervising librarian as soon as possible prior to the date set for the beginning of her/his vacation period. Upon her/his return to work, the Employee must work out a new vacation period with her/his supervising librarian.

- b) An Employee hospitalized as a result of illness or an accident which occurs during her/his vacation, may, after agreement with her/his supervising librarian defer the balance of her/his annual vacation either to the end of her/his disability or to a later date agreed upon with her/his supervising librarian.

- c) An Employee who, on June 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year, is disabled for a period less than twelve (12) months and who has not taken all of her/his vacation entitlement from the previous year because of the disability, benefits from a deferment of the balance of her/his vacation entitlement, either to the end of the disability, or to another time after agreement with her/his supervising librarian.

- d) An Employee who, on June 1<sup>st</sup> of a given year, has been disabled for twelve (12) months or more receives a vacation indemnity equal to the number of days of vacation to which she/he is entitled.

- 26.09 The period that falls between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15 is considered as the normal period for scheduling vacation.

After agreement with her/his supervising librarian, an Employee may take her/his accumulated vacation entitlement in advance before June 1st.

- 26.10 An Employee may or may not take her/his vacation entitlement in a consecutive manner. She/he may divide it into as many calendar weeks as she/he wishes. Furthermore, she/he may divide three (3) weeks into fifteen (15) vacation days.
- 26.11 Except with the permission of the University Librarian, the annual vacation entitlements must be taken during the fiscal year in which they are due.
- 26.12 After agreement with the University as to the dates an Employee is entitled to prolong her/his vacation with a leave without pay provided that the service requirements of the sector are respected.

However, the total duration of the annual vacation taken (consecutively or not) and of the extension may not exceed nine (9) weeks within any one fiscal year.

- 26.13 a) The University determines the vacation periods of the Employees taking into consideration:
- the seniority of the Employee applied within her/his sector. For the purposes of this clause, an employee's sector is the sector where that employee regularly works the majority of her/his hours, as reflected in the employee's job description.
  - the preference expressed in writing by the Employee prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - service requirements.
- b) When vacation preferences are expressed after May 1<sup>st</sup>, they will only be taken into consideration when the Employee's preference does not affect vacations already scheduled for other Employees. Priority will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c) An Employee may change her/his vacation period with the agreement of her/his supervising librarian provided that the vacation periods of other Employees and service requirements are respected.
- d) Where, for employees working in more than one sector, difficulties subsist in granting an employee's vacation periods as requested, the University shall implement either one, or both, of the following measures in order to facilitate the scheduling of vacations as requested by employees, while meeting service needs:
- The Unit Heads concerned consult employees performing the same function to seek alternative solutions;

- The University distributes the work amongst employees who perform the same function;

26.14 An Employee must take, if she/he is so entitled, at least fifteen (15) vacation days during the current year. The Employee may defer the vacation days over and above fifteen (15) days from one year to the next and this for two (2) consecutive years. In the third year the Employee must take all the vacation days to which she/he is entitled.

## **ARTICLE 27 PARENTAL LEAVE**

### **PREAMBLE**

Unless if specifically mentioned, all leaves provided in the present Article 27 are without pay.

The present article does not grant an Employee any benefit, monetary or non-monetary, which she or he would not have had, is she/he had remained at work.

### **Section I: Maternity Leave**

- 27.01 a) A pregnant Employee is entitled to a maternity leave of eighteen (18) weeks duration, which subject to clause 27.04 must be consecutive.
- b) An Employee who becomes pregnant while benefiting from a leave provided in the present article is also entitled to maternity leave and the indemnities provided in section V of the present article 27.
- c) An Employee who gives birth to a stillborn child after the beginning of the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) week preceding the due date is also entitled to such maternity leave.
- 27.02 The distribution of the maternity leave before and after the birth is at the Employee's discretion and includes the date of delivery. However, the leave can start as soon as the beginning of the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) week preceding the date of birth and ends no later than eighteen (18) weeks after the week of birth.
- 27.03 If the birth occurs after the due date, the Employee is entitled to an extension of her maternity leave for the length of time the birth is overdue, unless she has at least two (2) weeks of maternity leave left after the birth.
- 27.04 A maternity leave can be split, interrupted or extended in accordance with the conditions provided in section V of the present article 27.

27.05 During the maternity leave and the extensions provided in clause 27.03 and in section V of the present article 27, the Employee can defer a maximum of four (4) weeks of annual vacation if she notifies the University in writing of the date of such deferral no later than two (2) weeks before the expiry of said maternity leave. If vacation is not deferred, the University must pay the vacation indemnity at the end of the fiscal year during which the vacation is due.

27.06 The maternity leave may be for a period less than eighteen (18) weeks. If the Employee returns to work within the two (2) weeks following birth, she must, at the University's request, submit a medical certificate confirming that she is sufficiently recovered to resume work.

## **Section II: Special leaves**

27.07 Provisional assignment

- a) An Employee may request a provisional assignment to another position with the same job title or a different one, in the following cases:
- 1) she is pregnant and her working conditions expose her or her unborn child to dangers;
  - 2) her working conditions involve dangers for the child whom she is breast-feeding.

The Employee must present a medical certificate to this effect as soon as possible.

The Employee so assigned retains the rights and privileges of her regular position. If the assignment is not carried out immediately, the Employee is entitled to a special leave to begin immediately. Unless a provisional reassignment arises afterward to cancel this special leave, the special leave terminates for the pregnant Employee, on the date of the birth, and for the Employee of his breast-feeding, at the end of the breast-feeding period.

During the special leave provided by the preceding paragraph, in regard to her indemnity, the Employee is subject to the provisions of the *Act respecting occupational health and safety* on preventative measures for the pregnant or breast-feeding Employees.

As soon as the University receives a request for preventive reassignment, it will immediately inform the Union and cite the name of the Employee and the reasons for the request.

Should an Employee other than the Employee requesting to be temporarily reassigned agree, his position may be exchanged for that of the pregnant

Employee or the breast-feeding Employee for the duration of the temporary relocation, subject to University's approval. This provision will apply only when both Employees meet the normal requirements of the task.

The Employee thus reassigned to another position and the Employee who agrees to take this Employee's position maintain all rights and privileges pertaining to their respective regular position.

## **b) Other Special Leaves**

An Employee is entitled to a special leave in the following circumstances:

- 1) when there is a risk of miscarriage or a danger to the health of the mother or unborn child, caused by the pregnancy and requiring a work stoppage, the Employee is entitled to a special maternity leave, the duration of which is specified on the medical certificate attesting the existing danger and due date; this leave is then considered to be the maternity leave provided in clause 27.01, as of the beginning of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) week preceding the due date.
- 2) upon presentation of a medical certificate prescribing the duration of the leave, when an interruption of pregnancy occurs before the beginning of the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) week before the due date. The leave duration is at least three (3) consecutive weeks.
- 3) for visits with a health care professional related to the pregnancy or visits related to an adoption, up to a maximum of four (4) working days that can be taken in half-days, without loss of salary.

During the special leaves granted under this section, the Employee receives the benefits provided in clause 27.25, insofar as she is normally entitled to them and also in clause 27.27. The Employee covered by clause 27.07 b) may also avail herself of the benefits from the sick leave plan or the long term disability plan, whichever the case may be.

## **Section III: Birth, adoption and paternity leaves**

### **27.08 Birth or adoption leaves**

- a) The Employee whose spouse gives birth or who adopts a child is entitled to a leave without loss of pay of a maximum duration of five (5) working days. The leave can be split in days upon request of the Employee and must be taken, depending of the case, between the delivery date or in case of adoption, between the date the child is in the Employee's care, and the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day following the child's arrival at his father or



mother's residence. However, one (1) out of those five (5) days can be deferred for the purpose of a religious celebration related to the birth or for the civil registration of the child.

When the pregnancy of an Employee's spouse is interrupted during or after the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) week of pregnancy, the Employee is also entitled to a leave of a maximum duration of five (5) working days of which two (2) days are paid. This leave can be split in days upon the Employee's request and must be taken within fifteen (15) days of the interruption of pregnancy.

- b) The Employee may defer one week's vacation if the birth or the interruption of pregnancy occurs during his annual vacation. He must inform the University in writing.

27.09 The Employee who travels outside Quebec to adopt a child is entitled, upon written request to the University if possible two (2) weeks in advance, to a leave with pay for the time necessary for such travel.

#### 27.10 **Paternity leave**

The Employee whose spouse gives birth is entitled to a paternity leave for a maximum period of five (5) consecutive weeks for the birth of his child. This leave must be taken not sooner than the week of the delivery and must end not later than fifty-two (52) weeks after the child's birth.

The Employee whose spouse dies receives the balance of her eighteen (18) weeks of maternity leave and benefits from the rights and benefits pertaining to such leave.

#### **Section IV: Parental leave**

- 27.11 a) A parental leave of a maximum duration of one-hundred and four (104) consecutive weeks is granted to the Employee following the end of the maternity leave or paternity leave, or one-hundred and four (104) weeks following the date of arrival of the child at the Employee's residence in the case of an adoption.
- b) An Employee whose projected duration of parental leave is less than one-hundred and four (104) weeks can, only once, ask the University to extend his or her parental leave up to the maximum provided in paragraph a) by submitting a written request at least thirty (30) days prior his projected return to work.
- c) During this leave, the Employee can, if he submits a request to the University at least thirty (30) days in advance, modify his full-time parental leave in a part-time parental leave or vice-versa. The Employee can prevail himself from this

provision only once.

- d) The Employee who wants to return to work before the projected date must give a written notice at least twenty-one (21) days prior to his return to work or thirty (30) days prior to his return to work if the duration of the leave is more than thirty-four (34) weeks.
- e) The Employee who does not prevail himself of the leave provided in the precedent paragraphs can benefit, after the birth or the adoption of his child, of a leave of a maximum duration of fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, that starts at the moment decided by the Employee but not later than one (1) year after the birth of the child or, in case of an adoption, one (1) year after the child is in his care.
- f) In the case of a part-time parental leave, the request must specify the schedule desired by the Employee. In case of disapproval by the University concerning the schedule, the Employee is entitled to a maximum of two (2) and a half (1/2) day per week or the equivalent. Failing agreement on the distribution of these days, the University determines the schedule.

#### **Section V: Splitting, interruption or extension of maternity, paternity or parental leave**

27.12 A maternity, paternity or parental leave can be split in weeks, upon the Employee's request, in the following circumstances:

- a) if the Employee's child is hospitalized, the Employee can, upon agreement with the University, return to work for the duration of the hospitalization;
- b) for a maximum duration of twenty-six (26) weeks if the Employee is sick or unfit to work because of an injury or organ or tissue donation for the purpose of transplantation;
- c) If the Employee must be present with his child, spouse, spouse's child, father, mother, spouse of the father or mother, brother, sister, or one of his grandparents because of a serious illness or a serious accident.
- d) The period provided for in c) above can be extended in the following cases:
  - i) up to one hundred and four (104) weeks, when the Employee must stay with his minor child who has potentially mortal illness;
  - ii) up to one hundred and four (104) weeks, when the Employee must stay with his minor child who suffered serious bodily injury during or resulting directly from a criminal offence that renders the child unable to carry on regular activities.

- e) Up to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks, if the Employee's minor child has disappeared. If the child is found within twelve (12) months of disappearing, that period shall end on the eleventh (11th) day that follows the day on which the child is found;
- f) Up to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks, if the Employee's spouse or child commits suicide;
- g) Up to a maximum of one hundred and four (104) weeks if the death of the Employee's spouse or child occurs during or results directly from a criminal offence.

The Employee resumes his maternity, paternity or parental leave when the event which gave rise to the splitting or interruption of said leave comes to an end. When the Employee resumes such leave, the University resumes the payment of the supplemental indemnity to which the Employee would have been entitled to should there has been no occurrence of such split or interruption.

27.13 When the child is hospitalized during the maternity, paternity or parental leave, an Employee who interrupted his leave may return to work, after reaching an agreement with the University

27.14 The Employee who submits a written notice to the University with a medical certificate attesting of the health of his child or, in the case of a maternity leave her own health, before the end of her/his maternity, paternity or parental leave is entitled to an extension of the leave for the duration prescribed on the medical certificate.

27.15 The provisions of this section shall not operate to extend the period of parental leave beyond one-hundred and four (104) weeks.

#### **Section VI: Supplementary allowance to the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) or the Employment Insurance Program (EI)**

27.16 The benefits provided in this section are only paid as a supplement to the benefits of the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan or, whichever the case, as benefits during a maternity leave or supplementary maternity leave for which this plan does not provide any benefit.

27.17 If the granting of the leave is restricted to only one spouse, this restriction is applicable if the other spouse is also an Employee of the public, semi-public or university sector.

27.18 Payments for deferred remuneration or severance pay will not be reduced nor increased by the payment of compensation under the present article 27.

## 27.19 Employees eligible to QPIP

- a) The Employee who, following a request for QPIP benefits, receives such benefits, is entitled to receive :
  - i) During her maternity leave:

A supplementary allowance equal to the difference between ninety-three (93%) of her weekly salary and the benefits received from QPIP, for a maximum period of eighteen (18) weeks;
  - ii) During his paternity leave:

A supplementary allowance equal to the difference between ninety-three (93%) of his weekly salary and the benefits received from QPIP, for a maximum period of five (5) weeks;
  - iii) During her or his parental leave:

A supplementary allowance equal to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her or his weekly salary and the benefits received from QPIP, for a maximum period of thirty-two (32) weeks and, in the case of an adoption, for a maximum of thirty-seven (37) weeks.
- b) The total of the amounts received by the Employee during her or his maternity, paternity or parental leave in QPIP benefits and wages cannot exceed ninety-three percent (93%) of her or his base weekly salary paid by the University and if so, by any other employer.
- c) When the QPIP benefits are interrupted for any reason provided in section V, the payment of the supplementary allowance will cease to resume when the QPIP benefits will be paid again.
- d) The Employee eligible to a maternity leave will also be eligible to an additional period of two (2) weeks of maternity leave to be taken at the end of the period covered by QPIP. During this two (2) weeks period, the Employee will receive an allowance equivalent to ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly salary. The Employees benefiting from this additional maternity leave will be eligible to those two (2) weeks in addition to the leave provided in section IV. Those two (2) weeks will not be taken into account in the calculation of the parental leave of a maximum duration of two (2) years.

#### **27.20 Maternity or parental leave-Employee not eligible for QPIP nor Employment Insurance**

The Employee not eligible to QPIP or Employment Insurance is excluded from any other compensation. However:

- a) The full-time Employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service is entitled, for ten (10) weeks, to an allowance equal to ninety-three percent (93%) of his weekly regular salary;
- b) The part-time Employee who has accumulated twenty (20) weeks of service is entitled for ten (10) weeks to an allowance equal to ninety-three percent (93%) of his weekly regular salary.

#### **27.21 Employee not eligible for QPIP but eligible to Employment Insurance**

The Employee who, because he resides outside of Quebec, is not eligible for QPIP benefits but receives maternity leave benefits or parental leave benefits employment insurance premiums, receives a supplementary allowance as follows:

- i) During a maternity leave :

For each week of the waiting period: an allowance equal to ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly salary.

For the fifteen following weeks: an allowance equal to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly regular salary and the benefits received.

- ii) During a parental or adoption leave:

an allowance equal to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly regular salary and the benefits received for a maximum of thirty-five (35) weeks.

#### **27.22 Miscellaneous**

- a) No allowance shall be paid during a paid vacation period.
- b) The first installment of the allowance is performed, to the extent possible, in the first pay period following receipt by the University of the decision notice and calculation statement from Emploi et Solidarité sociale Québec. The subsequent payments are performed each payroll period.
- c) The regular weekly salary of the permanent part-time Employee is the average of his regular weekly salary of the twenty (20) weeks preceding his leave. If,

during this period, the Employee has received benefits based on a percentage of his regular salary, it is understood that in the purpose of calculating his regular salary, it refers to regular salary from which such benefits were established.

If during this period of twenty (20) weeks, the pay scales are adjusted, the adjusted salary is considered to be the regular weekly salary. If, however, the maternity leave includes the date of the adjustment of the salary scales, the regular weekly salary is calculated from that date according to the salary scale adjustment applicable to it.

- d) Any period during which the Employee on special leave provided in clause 27.07 does not receive a Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et sécurité du travail (CNESST) allowance is excluded from the calculation of her base weekly salary.

## **Section VII: Notice**

- 27.23 The Employee who requests a maternity, paternity or parental leave notifies the University in writing at least two (2) weeks before departure. This notice shall specify the projected date of departure and return to work.

For the maternity leave, the notice must be accompanied by a medical certificate attesting the pregnancy and specifying the due date. The time limit regarding the presentation of this notice may be less if a medical certificate attest that the Employee must leave her job sooner than expected. In case of an unforeseen event, the Employee is exempted from the formality of the notice if she provides the University with a medical certificate stating that she had to leave her job without delay.

For the paternity or parental leave, the notice shall be accompanied by supporting document attesting the birth or adoption, whichever the case.

- 27.24 At least four (4) weeks before the end of the maternity or parental leave, the University must send the Employee a notice indicating the anticipated end date of said leave.

The Employee to whom the University has sent such a notice must report to work upon termination of the leave.

The Employee who does not comply with the preceding paragraph is considered as being on leave without pay for a maximum of four (4) weeks. At the end of this time, the Employee who has not reported back to work is considered having resigned.

## **Section VIII: Benefits**

27.25 During the maternity, paternity and parental leave, the Employee is entitled, provided that he is normally entitled to and that he pays his share of premiums or dues, to the following benefits:

- Concordia Health Care Insurance (including vision care, the latter becoming effective November 1, 2013);
- Short-term Disability Insurance;
- Long-term disability Insurance;
- Basic Life Insurance
- Optional Life Insurance
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance;
- Optional Dependent Life Insurance;
- Dental Care (effective November 1, 2013);
- Pension plan;
- Accumulation of seniority;
- Accumulation of experience;
- Eligibility to apply on a job posting and to obtain the position in compliance with the provisions of the collective agreement, as if he was still at work.

27.26 The University pays its share of collective insurance premiums or its share of pension plan contributions for a maximum of seventy (70) weeks. Thereafter, an Employee who wishes to continue to participate to those benefits plan, insofar as the plans allow it, must pay the totality of the premiums or contributions.

27.27 Upon his return, the Employee reintegrates his position or the position obtained by posting during his leave. In the event that the position has been abolished, or if he has been displaced due to the application of article 10, the Employee can prevail himself, upon his return to work, of all the rights and privileges provided in the collective agreement.

The Employee covered by clause 27.07 b) can also benefit from the short-term invalidity leave or from the long term disability plan, as appropriate.

27.28 a) Subject to article 37, the step increase policy will be maintained for the duration of this collective agreement for the duration of the leave provided in article 27.

b) During a leave without pay or a part-time leave without pay of more than twelve (12) weeks, an Employee retains his eligibility to the benefits provided in articles 38 and 39 if he becomes disabled or unable to return to work due to a sickness or an injury other than a work related injury, after submitting a written request to end his leave with or without pay as provided in clause 27.11d).

c) In the cases provided in paragraph b), the Employee must submit a medical certificate to the University attesting the date of onset of his disability, his

inability to come back to work and the expected date of return to work and of end of his disability. The University reserves the right to have the Employee examined by another doctor.

- 27.29 The Employee can take his deferred annual vacation immediately before his parental leave, as long as there is no discontinuity with her maternity leave or his paternity leave, whichever the case is.

For purpose of this paragraph, all leaves accumulated pursuant to article 26 before the maternity or paternity leave are added to the deferred annual vacation.

## **ARTICLE 28 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

- 28.01 In cases not provided for in this Collective Agreement, an Employee with one (1) year of service who, for a valid reason, wishes to obtain a leave without pay, must make a written request to the supervising librarian. The University shall not refuse such a leave without valid reason.

A written request for a leave without pay should be forwarded to the supervising librarian no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the leave without pay.

- 28.02 The duration of a leave without pay generally does not exceed twelve (12) months.

- 28.03 If an Employee uses a leave without pay for purposes other than those for which it was granted or if she/he fails to return to work at the end of said leave without having received authorization to prolong this leave or except in the case of an emergency situation, she/he is considered as having resigned retroactive to the date of the beginning of the leave.

- 28.04 After agreement between the parties an Employee may put an end to the leave without pay before the anticipated date of return.

- 28.05 Upon her/his return, the University reintegrates the Employee with all of her/his rights into the position she/he occupied at the beginning of the leave, or into an equivalent position if her/his position has been posted or abolished. However, positions left open as a result of leaves without pay for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months are not considered Vacant Positions.

- 28.06 Unless there is an agreement or provision to the contrary, an Employee on leave without pay does not benefit from the advantages provided in the present Collective Agreement. She/he continues to benefit from the pension and insurance plans should these plans so permit, on condition that she/he pays the entire cost.



- 28.07 Notwithstanding Articles 28.01 and 28.03, after five (5) years of continuous service, an Employee may obtain, upon demand, and this once for each five (5) year period, a leave without pay for a duration not exceeding twelve (12) consecutive months. In such a case, the Employee must give an advance notice of at least thirty (30) days to the supervising librarian.
- 28.08 a) The leaves without pay provided in Articles 28.01 and 28.07 can be part-time and this according to the same conditions. In this case, the Employee's working conditions and/or benefits will be applied on a pro-rated basis to the number of paid hours with the exception of seniority which is accumulated as if the Employee were at work full-time, and with the exception, as well, for insurance and pension plans where the Article 28.06 applies subject to the part assumed by the University.
- b) The University and the Employee agree on the arrangement of the partial leave. Should there be a disagreement as to the number of days of leave per week the Employee is entitled to a maximum of two-and-a-half (2 1/2) days per week. Should there be a disagreement as to the distribution, the University determines the distribution.
- c) The Permanent Part-time Employee is not entitled to a part-time leave without pay.

## **ARTICLE 29 PUBLIC SERVICE ABSENCES**

- 29.01 Any Permanent Employee standing for election to a municipal council, a school board, a hospital board, or a local centre for community services (CLSC), is entitled to a leave without pay not exceeding thirty-five (35) working days. The Employee may take her/his accumulated vacation entitlement within these thirty-five (35) days.
- 29.02 Any Permanent Employee who is a candidate in a municipal, provincial or federal election is subject to the *Canada Elections Act*.
- 29.03 Any Permanent Employee elected in a municipal election (full-time mandate), provincial or federal election is granted a leave without pay for the duration of her/his first term of office. The University agrees to reintegrate the Employee upon her/his return to work into a position equivalent to the one she/he held before her/his leave.
- 29.04 An Employee who wishes to participate in the organization of an electoral campaign may, after agreement with the University, use her/his accumulated vacation entitlement or a leave without pay.

29.05 An Employee elected to a school board, a municipal council, a hospital board, or a local centre for community services (CLSC) is entitled to a leave without pay for meetings or official activities of her/his function.

In such cases a written request containing the Employee's name, the nature of the absence, and the probable duration of the absence must be given to the Administrative Services Office, as a general rule at least two (2) working days prior to the date of the beginning of the leave.

29.06 Upon her/his return, the University reintegrates the Employee into the position she/he held at the time of her/his departure, or into an equivalent position if her/his position has been abolished or posted. However, positions left open as a result of public service absence for a period not exceeding six (6) months are not considered Vacant Positions.

### **ARTICLE 30 UNIVERSITY CLOSINGS**

30.01 In the event that the Rector declares the University closed for any reason or in the event that the majority of non-teaching staff is not required to work during a given period, no Employee shall suffer loss of pay. Moreover, any Employee whose presence is required, shall receive, subject to express provisions of the present Collective Agreement, in addition to her/his regular salary for time worked, the equivalent in paid leave. Furthermore, the terms of the University policy on closings shall apply.

### **ARTICLE 31 WAIVER OF TUITION**

31.01 Permanent Employees and their dependents accepted in and registered for courses at the Undergraduate or Graduate rate established for «Canadian and other students with Permanent Residence» (Landed Immigrant) status are exempt from the tuition fees for credit courses. For Permanent Part-time Employees, the exemption is prorated to hours worked.

31.02 The expression "courses given by the University" refers to all credit courses included in the regular curriculum.

31.03 For the purpose of this Article, the term "dependents" means:

- a) a Spouse as defined in Article 3;
- b) the child/children, that is to say any child of the Employee, of her/his Spouse, or of both, and who is financially dependent on the Employee.

31.04 The following persons are also entitled to a tuition waiver:

- a) the Spouse and the children of an Employee who dies while in the employ of the University, as long as the Spouse and children of that Employee are financially dependent on the proceeds of the estate of the deceased Employee;
- b) an Employee who has retired from the University;
- c) the Spouse and the financially dependent children of an Employee who has retired from the University.

31.05 Except as provided in Article 31.04, the tuition waiver applies to the Employee and her/his dependents only for the duration of her/his permanent employment at the University. This right ceases at the moment the Employee terminates her/his employment in the University, and in such an event the Employee becomes responsible as of that date for a pro-rated amount of the tuition fees that had been waived.

When an Employee is laid off, the waiver of tuition remains in effect for those courses where the tuition has already been waived.

Employees who at the time of hiring are registered for a course or courses given by the University will receive an exemption from the tuition fees pro-rated to the date of hire.

31.06 The waiver applicable to those covered includes the whole of the tuition fees. However, the waiver does not include the following costs:

- 1. laboratory or problem period charges;
- 2. course change fees;
- 3. application fees;
- 4. student services;
- 5. student association fees;
- 6. deferred payment charges or withdrawal fees.

All other charges of a similar nature are also excluded from the waiver.

31.07 All rules and regulations of the University applicable to students apply also to Employees and their dependents without exception.

Tuition waiver for an Employee is not normally applicable to non-credit courses offered by Continuing Education. However, an Employee may be admitted to such courses without paying a fee if the University Librarian certifies that this will assist her/him in carrying out her/his duties in the Libraries and if it does not pre-empt a place that would otherwise be filled by a fee paying student.

31.08 An Employee who, in order to complete a program leading to a University degree, must take the course that is not offered outside her/his regular working hours, may take the course during her/his hours of work, provided that a request is made in advance to her/his supervising librarian and that an agreement is reached with her/him concerning the redistribution of her/his hours of work.

Nothing that may be put into effect by virtue of the present Article may be interpreted or applied in such a way that the right to tuition waiver as provided for in this Article for Employees and their dependants may be eliminated, restricted, or impinged upon.

31.09 a) An Employee who works evenings and who wishes to register for courses must discuss the matter beforehand with the supervising librarian concerned.

b) Immediately following registration, the Employee must inform the supervising librarian concerned of her/his class schedule.

c) Upon completion of the registration process, if there is a conflict between the hours of classes and the Employee's work schedule, adjustments will be made to work schedules according to seniority.

31.10 a) The University recognizes that knowledge of French and English is desirable and agrees to assist Employees in receiving adequate instruction.

b) An Employee who wishes to take French or English language credit courses offered by the University during regular working hours may do so without loss of pay, provided that a request is made in advance to her/his supervising librarian. The granting of such a request will not be unreasonably withheld, taking into account:

- service needs;
- position requirements;
- the Employee's seniority applied within her/his sector and this on a rotating basis.

c) Every year the University will organize French Language courses during regular working hours, without loss of pay, subject to the condition that the Union provides the names of at least twenty-five (25) Employee participants.

d) The University agrees that any general policy related to French or English language courses offered by the University which provide superior advantages and benefits to those included herein, shall also apply to the Employees.

e) Any Employee who wishes to have a leave without pay in order to follow a French immersion course given by the University, or some other institution,

must make a request in writing to her/his supervising librarian to be forwarded to the University Librarian.

The provisions of Article 28 apply to an Employee on leave by virtue of this paragraph.

## **ARTICLE 32 OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES**

32.01 An Employee suffering an occupational injury must report the injury to her/his supervising librarian or to the Health Centre as soon as possible after the accident, and before leaving the premises, if she/he is capable of so doing, or otherwise in conformity with the provisions of the law.

32.02 When an Employee is absent from work as a result of an occupational injury as defined by law, the University will pay the Employee her/his regular weekly salary for a period of not more than fifty-two (52) weeks. The Employee turns over to the University compensation received from the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST). The terms of this paragraph will remain in effect until the CNESST establishes that: either the Employee is able to return to work or that the Employee is suffering from a permanent disability, partial or total, preventing her/him from returning to work.

When doubt exists as to whether the disability is the result of an occupational injury, the decision of the CNESST shall be binding on the parties.

If the date of a salary increase occurs during the fifty-two (52) week period provided in this Article, the Employee will benefit equally from the salary increase to which she/he is entitled.

- 32.03 a) The Employee who remains incapable of performing her/his duties as a result of an occupational injury and who becomes capable of carrying out suitable employment has the right to occupy the first suitable position that becomes available.
- b) If there is no such position available the Parties shall meet to discuss a recycling program, for the Employee concerned, in accordance with the law.
- c) The Employee who has been reintegrated into her/his position or an equivalent position is entitled to receive salary and advantages at the same rate and conditions from which she/he would have benefited if she/he had continued to carry out her/his duties during the time of her/his absence.

The Employee who occupies a suitable position is entitled to receive the salary and advantages tied to this position taking into account seniority and the continuous service she/he has accumulated.

- 32.04 Upon her/his return to work, the University reintegrates the Employee into the position she/he occupied at the moment of her/his departure, or if her/his position has been abolished or posted, into an equivalent position. However, positions left open as the result of an occupational injury for a period not exceeding twenty-four (24) months are not considered Vacant Positions.
- 32.05 When an Employee who suffered an occupational injury returns to work, the University pays her/his net salary for each day or part of a day when the Employee must be absent from work in order to receive care or undergo a medical exam related to her/his injury or to fulfill an activity within the framework of an individualized rehabilitation program.
- 32.06 As for the rest, the Parties are subject to the provisions of the *Act respecting industrial accidents and occupational diseases*.

### **ARTICLE 33 TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

#### **33.01 Technological change**

Means major changes affecting staffing, or major changes to the administrative structures or major changes brought to the organization of work by the introduction of new techniques, new software, new work procedures or new machinery replacing that which was already in place affecting the working conditions in the sense of the present Article.

The procedure described hereafter does not preclude the possibility of the University consulting the employees who will potentially be affected when it is considering a major change.

When the University intends to introduce a major change, it shall consult the Union and the employees affected in the following order:

- a) The University shall share its intentions with the Union at the Labour Relations Committee, and subsequently with the employees affected. When the University meets with the employees affected, a Union representative may be present.
- b) The University will give a written notice to the Union of its intention to introduce technological change, at least three (3) months prior to the expected date of such a change.
- c) This notice must include:
  - i. the nature and goal of the technological change;
  - ii. the expected date of implementation, or the schedule of implementation if such is the case;

- iii. the names of the Employees and, if appropriate, the positions likely to be affected by the technological change;
  - iv. the effect which the technological change is likely to have on the working conditions of the Employees who are affected.
- d) At the latest ten (10) working days following the receipt of the notice by the Union, the University agrees to submit its projects to the Labour Relations Committee for discussion (over and above the usual discussions with the staff).
- e) The University agrees to offer to Employees having employment security, affected by technological change, the necessary training, at the University's expense, to allow them to fulfill their new duties, during work hours and without any loss of rights or advantages.

#### **ARTICLE 34 NON-DISCRIMINATION**

34.01 The Union and the University agree that there shall be no discrimination against any Employee on the basis of any of the following reasons: age, health, background (mental and physical), social conditions, marital status, kinship and partner, mother tongue, nationality, marital status of parents, physical appearance, physical disabilities, political beliefs, race, religion or absence of religion, sex, sexual preference, or the exercise of any rights conferred by this Collective Agreement or the law.

34.02 Hiring practices, job postings, and personnel files used by the University will reflect this position.

#### **34.03 Discrimination**

A preference or an unjust distinction based on one or more of the reasons mentioned in Article 34.01, constitutes discrimination in the sense of the present Article.

#### **ARTICLE 35 HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

35.01 Harassment means any unilateral and unwanted behaviour that exerts undue pressure upon a person with the intent or effect of either ridiculing her/him, or humiliating her/him, or showing disrespect towards her/him, and that compromises her/his right to fair and reasonable work conditions and her/his right to dignity.

35.02 Harassment also includes the abuse of authority or the improper use of power which may undermine an Employee's job performance. It may include such acts as intimidation, threats, blackmail, or coercion.

- 35.03 Sexual harassment means any unilateral and unwanted behaviour with sexual overtones that exerts undue pressure upon a person with the intent or effect of either obtaining sexual favours or ridiculing her/his sexual characteristics, and that compromises her/his right to fair and reasonable work conditions, and her/his right to dignity.
- 35.04 The Union and the University recognize that every Employee is entitled to work in a climate that is free from harassment and sexual harassment.
- 35.05 The University shall take action to ensure that harassment or sexual harassment does not occur.
- 35.06 This Article does not restrict the authority of those charged with supervisory responsibilities.

### **ARTICLE 36 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

- 36.01 All Employees who wish to follow training sessions which are related to the duties carried out in a position within the bargaining unit must make a request forwarded to the University Librarian. The University will not refuse without valid reason.

The Employee who follows these sessions during regular work hours does not suffer any loss of pay.

For greater clarity, a training session is usually of short duration, namely thirty-five (35) hours or less.

### **ARTICLE 37 CLASSIFICATION AND WAGES**

- 37.01 Pay cheques are given to Employees on Thursday every two weeks. However, should the pay day fall on a holiday, pay cheques will be distributed no later than the preceding workday.
- 37.02 In the event of a permanent termination of employment, the University remits, at the time of departure, to the Employee who has made the request at least six (6) working days in advance, all salaries and vacation indemnities due to her/him, as well as a statement indicating all amounts owing from all other fringe benefits.
- 37.03 a) The Parties agree that the classification plan and the salary scales in Appendix A, Appendix A.1 and Appendix B of the present Collective Agreement, as well as the mechanisms provided in the present Collective Agreement, apply to all Employees.



- b) Modified salary scales must be posted within five (5) working days of their modification, and remain posted until the next modification.
- 37.04 When an Employee is transferred from one position to another within the same Job Class, she/he shall suffer no loss in salary.
- 37.05 When an Employee is promoted to a position in a higher Job Class, she/he receives, from the date of the Promotion, subject to the provisions of Article 12.05 h) as the case may be, the more advantageous of:
- 1) the minimum of the higher Job Class;
  - 2) the step which provides an increase representing at least the difference between the first two (2) steps of her/his new Job Class; if the increase places the salary between two (2) steps, it is carried to the immediately higher step.
- 37.06 When an Employee is transferred from a position in a higher Job Class to a lower Job Class, she/he receives, from the date of the Transfer, subject to the provisions of Article 12.05 h), the step which results in a reduction representing the difference between the first two (2) steps of her/his new Job Class; if the reduction places the salary between two (2) steps, it is carried to the immediately lower step.
- 37.07 a) An Employee temporarily assigned to a position in a higher Job Class, shall receive, retroactive to the first day of the temporary assignment, the salary she/he would have received had she/he been promoted to this position.
- b) The provisions in Article 37.06 apply to Employees temporarily assigned to a position in a lower Job Class.
- 37.08 An Employee assigned to a position in a lower Job Class as a result of the application of Article 32 shall not suffer any reduction of salary. However, if her/his salary is superior to the maximum of her/his new Job Class, it shall be reduced to the maximum of this Job Class after a delay of six (6) months.
- 37.09 a) Each full-time employee receives a step advance on June 1 of each year.
- b) Part-time employees receive step advances on each date on which they complete the equivalent of a full-time year of service. For the purpose of this clause, one thousand eight-hundred and twenty-seven (1827) hours paid is equivalent to one year's full-time service.

## **ARTICLE 38 GROUP INSURANCE AND PENSION PLAN**

38.01 Permanent Employees covered by this Collective Agreement are entitled to participate in the University's benefits program in accordance with the terms contained therein, including:

- a) Concordia Health Care Insurance (including vision care, the latter becoming effective November 1, 2013);
- b) Short-term Disability Insurance;
- c) Long-term disability Insurance;
- d) Basic Life Insurance;
- e) Optional Life Insurance;
- f) Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance;
- g) Optional Dependent Life Insurance;
- h) Dental Care (effective November 1, 2013);
- i) Employee Pension Plan.

38.02 Retired employees are entitled to the following benefits:

- i. Continued participation in the Concordia University Health Plan;
- ii. University Library privileges;
- iii. Tuition waiver, as provided in article 31.

## **ARTICLE 39 SICK LEAVE**

### **39.01 Purpose**

The purpose of the sick leave program is to compensate any Employee who is not able to perform the normal duties of her/his job because of sickness, or accident other than an occupational injury, for the loss of earnings.

The cost of the program is defrayed entirely by the University.

### **39.02 Sick Leave Bank**

- a) In the event of injury or illness of a short duration (i.e., five (5) days or less), an Employee is entitled to a maximum of fifteen (15) days (or 105 hours) accumulated sick leave per year, (the year being calculated from June 1) paid at the equivalent rate she/he would have received had she/he remained at

work. The annual entitlement of sick leave days is not cumulative from year to year.

Once the fifteen (15) days of sick leave are exhausted, additional days of sick leave are considered as leave without pay.

- b) The University may require an Employee to sign an absence report, as appears in Appendix E, for each absence due to injury or illness, upon her/his return to work.
- c) The University may require an acceptable medical certificate from an Employee for any absence caused by illness of four (4) working days or more.
- d) Notwithstanding the present Article, an Employee may defer, from one year to the next, a maximum of five (5) days (or thirty-five (35) hours) of unused sick leave. However, the total number of short-term sick leave days may not exceed twenty (20) (or one hundred and forty (140) hours) in a year. The deferred days must be used for sick leave of a short duration.

#### **39.03 Short-Term Sick Leave and Long-Term Disability**

- a) In the case where an Employee is sick for a period exceeding five (5) working days, she/he is covered by short-term sick leave, that is to say, she/he will not suffer any loss of pay for a period of four (4) months commencing with the first working day of the absence.

After four (4) months, the Employee shall receive salary insurance benefits (long-term disability plan) as defined in Article 38.

Salary means the salary which the Employee would have received had she/he been at work.

- b) Short-Term Sick Leave benefits are reinstated one (1) month following the return to active employment for a new incapacity, and three (3) months following the return to active employment for a recurring incapacity; otherwise they remain in effect.
- c) For any absence under short-term sick leave or long-term disability, the University reserves the right to require a medical certificate at any time during or at the end of this absence.

39.04 The payment of indemnities during sick leave provided in Articles 39.02 and 39.03 is made directly by the University.

- 39.05 a) An Employee shall inform her/his supervisor that she/he is ill as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) minutes after the beginning of her/his regular workday.
- b) If, because of the nature of the Employee's illness or injuries, the supervisor cannot be advised, the Employee suffers no prejudice.
- 39.06 Upon her/his return to work, the University reintegrates the Employee into the position she/he occupied at the moment of her/his departure, or, if her/his position has been abolished or posted, into an equivalent position. However, positions left open as the result of an absence provided in Articles 38.01, 39.02 and 39.03 for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months are not considered Vacant Positions.

#### **ARTICLE 40 STUDY LEAVE**

- 40.01 a) Study leave is intended to provide Employees with the opportunity to pursue undergraduate or graduate study, or professional training which shall increase or broaden the competence of the Employee.
- b) Employees who have completed three (3) years of permanent service with the University shall be eligible for study leave.
- c) Requests for a study leave shall be subject to the ability of the respective department to accommodate the study leave, but granting will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 40.02 a) Written application for a study leave shall be made to the University Librarian with a copy to the Office of the University Librarian, three (3) months prior to the date at which the leave is to commence.
- b) Applications for study leave shall state:
- i) the specific reason for the leave;
  - ii) proof of acceptance into an accredited program, when available;
  - iii) the desired period of leave;
  - iv) the percentage work reduction requested.
- 40.03 Generally a study leave shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months. However, a study leave may be separated into parts, coinciding with academic terms not to exceed three (3) calendar years.

40.04 Normally a study leave shall not involve continuous absence from normal duties and responsibilities in excess of fifty percent (50%).

40.05 An Employee's remuneration during a study leave shall be calculated according to the following formula:

Percentage work	Percentage salary
50%	60%
60%	67.5%
70%	75%
80%	82.5%
90%	90%

40.06 An Employee's annual base salary, while on leave, shall be computed on the basis of the Employee's standard hours of work. All relevant salary adjustments shall be applied to this base salary. The actual salary paid shall be pro rated in accordance with the above table.

40.07 Eligible Employees who participate in the University benefit plan shall continue to do so during their leave. Pension, Life Insurance and Long Term Disability benefits, as well as University and Employee contributions, shall be calculated using the Employee's base salary.

40.08 Vacation entitlement for an Employee on study leave shall be pro rated to percentage of work.

40.09 Approval or refusal of study leave shall be provided in writing by the University Librarian with a copy to Human Resources within six (6) weeks of the date the application was received. Approval letters shall include all agreed to conditions; refusal letters shall include reasons for the refusal.

40.10 The Library Administration Office will provide statistics on study leave application to the Union each year in January, April and August.

40.11 Three years (3) of permanent service after completion of an initial study leave are required before an Employee shall again be eligible for such leave.

#### **ARTICLE 41 EARLY RETIREMENT**

41.01 An Employee is eligible for her/his full University pension as of the first of the month, which coincides with her/his sixty-fifth (65<sup>th</sup>) birthday, or the month following it.

41.02 Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Article 41.01, an Employee, aged fifty-five (55) or more is eligible to take early retirement as of the first of the month, which coincides with her/his date of birth, or the month, which follows it, subject to a notice of at least three (3) months.

41.03 In addition to her/his early retirement pension, an Employee who has completed fifteen (15) years of service is eligible to receive a lump sum calculated according to her/his age at early retirement. The amount is determined in the following way:

AGE	PERCENTAGE OF ANNUAL BASE SALARY
64	20%
63	40%
62	60%
61	80%
55 to 60 inclusive	100%

41.04 The University will proceed with the applications for early retirement taking into account the applicants' seniority. Applications that are denied during one fiscal year for budgetary reasons will be dealt with in priority the following year.

#### **ARTICLE 42 DEFERRED SALARY LEAVE**

42.01 a) Deferred salary leave is intended to provide Employees with an opportunity to benefit from a leave with salary. The University views deferred salary leave as beneficial to the Employee and to the University.

b) Requests for a deferred salary leave will be subject to the ability of the respective department to accommodate the leave, however, granting will only be withheld in exceptional circumstances.

c) The deferred salary leave will be for not less than six (6) consecutive months and will not exceed twelve (12) consecutive months.

Employees who benefit from a deferred salary leave must return to work for a period equal to that of the leave.

d) An Employee may apply in writing to participate in the Deferred Salary Leave Plan (DSLPL) to the immediate supervisor with a copy to the Employee Relations Office at least three (3) months prior to the date at which the Employee wishes to commence participation in the DSLP.

e) Approval or refusal of a deferred salary leave will be provided by the immediate supervisor with a copy to the Employee Relations Office within five (5) weeks of

the date the application was received. In case of refusal, the University must provide the reasons to the Employee with a copy to the Union.

- f) Participation of an Employee in the DSLP is subject to the signing of a contract as provided for in Appendix "G".
- g) This contract must be signed by the Employee and returned to the Employee Relations Office four (4) weeks prior to the date that the deferral period is to commence.

The Employee Relations Office will forward a copy of the signed contract to the appropriate immediate supervisor.

Upon signing the contract, the Employee will become a participating Employee. Failing to sign the contract, the Employee will be deemed to have withdrawn her/his application to participate in the deferred salary leave plan.

- h) The duration of the leave and the percentage of salary to be paid while participating in the plan (contract) may be one of the following:

DURATION OF THE LEAVE	DURATION OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN (CONTRACT)			
	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
6 months	75.00%	83.33%	87.50%	90.00%
7 months	70.80%	80.56%	85.42%	88.33%
8 months	66.67%	77.78%	83.33%	86.67%
9 months		75.00%	81.25%	85.00%
10 months		72.22%	79.15%	83.33%
11 months		69.44%	77.08%	81.67%
12 months		66.67%	75.00%	80.00%

**ARTICLE 43 AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

43.01 In the event that the Parties mutually agree to amend any of the provisions of the present Collective Agreement, such amendments shall be incorporated into a letter of agreement and shall be filed in accordance with Article 72 of the Labour Code.

43.02 The University may grant privileges to one or more Employees under exceptional circumstances. Such arrangements must not be construed as being acquired rights or amendments to the Collective Agreement, or as having a general application. Such arrangements must be subject to a prior written agreement between the Union and the University unless time constraints do not permit. However, in such cases, the University must inform the Union in writing as soon as possible of such arrangements. Nevertheless, the Union retains the right in

such cases to confirm or reject the arrangements. In the latter case, the arrangements are discontinued.

#### **ARTICLE 44 APPENDICES AND LETTERS OF AGREEMENT**

44.01 All appendices and all letters of agreement form an integral part of the Collective Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 45 STRIKE AND LOCK-OUT**

45.01 It is agreed that Employees covered by this Collective Agreement shall not engage in any strike, sit-down, work stoppage, or any other concerted action designed to limit service or operations during the life of this Collective Agreement; the University will not engage in any lockout during the life of this Collective Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 46 DURATION OF THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT AND RETROACTIVITY**

46.01 The present Collective Agreement enters into and remains in effect from the signing of the Collective Agreement until May 31, 2023.

46.02 Notwithstanding Article 46.01, the present Collective Agreement remains in effect up until the signing of the new Collective Agreement in accordance with the respective rights of both Parties as provided in the Labour Code.

##### **46.03 Retroactivity**

Wage increases and adjustments are paid retroactively to Employees of the University at the date of signature of the Collective Agreement, to employees who have left the employ of the University as well as to Employees who have retired between June 1, 2021 and the date of signature of the Collective Agreement.

The retirement benefit of an Employee who has retired between June 1, 2021 and the date of signing of the Collective Agreement is recalculated according to the wage increases stipulated in the present Collective Agreement.

46.04 The retroactive amounts are determined, taking into account the changes which have taken place since June 1, 2021 (promotions, demotions), the number of hours paid between June 1, 2021 and the date of signature of the Collective Agreement, step advances since June 1, 2021, as well as the payments resulting from pay equity.



Retroactivity shall be paid within sixty (60) days of the signing of the Collective Agreement.

46.05 For purposes of the present article, the term “hours paid” means:

- 1) hours paid by the University during an absence from work because of illness;
- 2) hours paid at the regular rate;
- 3) overtime hours worked and remuneration at regular time plus fifty percent (50%);
- 4) overtime hours worked and remuneration at regular time plus one hundred percent (100%).

In witness hereof, the parties have signed in the City of Montreal on the 14 day of December 2021

For the University

  
Mr. Michael Di Grappa  
Vice-President Services and Sustainability

  
Dr. Guylaine Beaudry  
Vice-Provost, Digital Strategy and University Librarian

  
Ms. Carolina Willsher  
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For the Syndicat des Employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l'Université Concordia (CSN) – Concordia University Library Employees' Union (CSN)

  
Ryan Cooper  
Union representative

  
Ms. Jessica Reeve  
Union representative

  
Ms. Sarah Polk  
Union representative

## **APPENDIX A      JOB CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

This appendix applies to all permanent and seasonal employees who hold this status as of May 31, 2021

### **Library Assistant A**

#### **Job Class Description:**

Under direct supervision, performs routine library tasks of limited complexity, following prescribed procedures and with minimum requirement for independent judgment.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1. Secondary school matriculation (high school graduation),  
or
2. Relevant commercial or technical training or experience may be substituted, provided a minimum of Grade 10 (two years of high school) has been completed,  
or
3. All qualifications judged equivalent by the University.

#### **Position titles such as:**

Stack Attendant  
Monitor

### **Library Assistant B**

#### **Job Class Description:**

under supervision, performs library tasks of moderate complexity. Generally exercises independent judgment in the daily planning of work and in applying basic library techniques within established policies and regulations. Under the direction of an Employee in a higher Job Class or a supervising librarian, may instruct and supervise Library Assistants A and other library Employees in specific tasks. Refers difficult problems and policy matters to the supervisor, who periodically reviews overall results to ensure conformity with prescribed procedures and maintenance of standards.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1. High school diploma and one (1) year of library experience  
or
2. Equivalent experience.

**Position titles such as:**

LA-B  
Circulation Clerk  
Circulation/Stacks Clerk  
Interlibrary Loans Clerk  
Public Services Clerk

LE-B  
Stacks Clerk

**Library Assistant C**

**Job Class Description:**

under general supervision is responsible for the performance and/or supervision of complex library tasks. Consults supervisor on difficult problems or new policies only. However, generally uses independent judgment and initiative in performing duties within assigned objectives.

**Required Qualifications:**

1. Bachelor's degree,  
or
2. Diploma of Collegial Studies (Documentation Technology),  
or
3. Two (2) years of post-secondary education and two (2) years of library experience,  
or
4. High school diploma and three (3) years of library experience,

or

5. Equivalent experience or education.

**Position titles such as:**

Assistant to the Head, Vanier Library  
Acquisitions Assistant  
Binding & Receiving Assistant  
Collections Assistant  
Cataloguing Assistant  
Electronic Resources Assistant  
Interlibrary Loans Assistant  
Library Personnel Assistant  
Public Services Assistant  
Reference Assistant  
Reserves Assistant  
Serials & Payments Assistant  
Public Services Assistant, Reserves  
Public Services Assistant, Reference  
Public Services Assistant, Reference & Document Delivery

**Library Assistant D**

**Job Class Description:**

under the direction of a department head or a librarian is responsible for planning, supervising and maintaining an effective flow of work and for initiating and arranging work methods and procedures relative to that work in a section of the library. Is responsible for the training and performance of subordinate staff with frequent exercises of judgment, resourcefulness and tact in interpreting procedures and recommending new work methods. Individuals performing highly specialized tasks in a subject or language area or highly specialized library techniques may also be included in this Job Class.

**Required Qualifications:**

1. Bachelor's Degree from a college or university and suitable library experience,  
or
2. High school graduation and a minimum of four (4) years relevant library experience,

or

3. Diploma of Collegial Studies (Documentation Technology) and a minimum of two (2) years library experience,

or

4. Equivalent experience and/or education.

**Position titles such as:**

Assistant to the University Librarian  
Circulation Supervisor  
Information Services Supervisor  
Interlibrary Loans Supervisor  
Public Services Supervisor  
Senior Archival Assistant  
Senior Acquisitions & Payment Assistant  
Senior Budget & Facilities Assistant  
Senior Cataloguing Assistant  
Senior Electronic Resources Assistant  
Senior Public Services Assistant

## **APPENDIX A.1    JOB CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

This appendix applies to all employees hired on or after June 1, 2021.

### **Library Assistant A**

#### **Job Class Description:**

Under direct supervision, performs routine library tasks of limited complexity, following prescribed procedures and with minimum requirement for independent judgment.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1.    Secondary school matriculation (high school graduation),  
      or
2.    Relevant commercial or technical training or experience may be substituted, provided a minimum of Grade 10 (two years of high school) has been completed,  
      or
3.    All qualifications judged equivalent by the University.

#### **Position titles such as:**

Stack Attendant  
Monitor

### **Library Assistant B**

#### **Job Class Description:**

under supervision, performs library tasks of moderate complexity. Generally exercises independent judgment in the daily planning of work and in applying basic library techniques within established policies and regulations. Under the direction of an Employee in a higher Job Class or a supervising librarian, may instruct and supervise Library Assistants A and other library Employees in specific tasks. Refers difficult problems and policy matters to the supervisor, who periodically reviews overall results to ensure conformity with prescribed procedures and maintenance of standards.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1.    High school diploma and one (1) year of library experience  
      or

2. Equivalent experience.

**Position titles such as:**

LA-B

Circulation Clerk

Circulation/Stacks Clerk

Interlibrary Loans Clerk

Public Services Clerk

LE-B

Stacks Clerk

**Library Assistant C**

**Job Class Description:**

under general supervision is responsible for the performance and/or supervision of complex library tasks. Consults supervisor on difficult problems or new policies only. However, generally uses independent judgment and initiative in performing duties within assigned objectives.

**Required Qualifications:**

1. Diploma of Collegial Studies (three-year technical program) in a field pertinent to the primary responsibilities of the position,

**Position titles such as:**

Assistant to the Head, Vanier Library

Acquisitions Assistant

Binding & Receiving Assistant

Collections Assistant

Cataloguing Assistant

Electronic Resources Assistant

Interlibrary Loans Assistant

Library Personnel Assistant

Public Services Assistant

Reference Assistant

Reserves Assistant

Serials & Payments Assistant



Public Services Assistant, Reserves  
Public Services Assistant, Reference  
Public Services Assistant, Reference & Document Delivery

### **Library Assistant D**

#### **Job Class Description:**

under the direction of a department head or a librarian is responsible for planning, supervising and maintaining an effective flow of work and for initiating and arranging work methods and procedures relative to that work in a section of the library. Is responsible for the training and performance of subordinate staff with frequent exercises of judgment, resourcefulness and tact in interpreting procedures and recommending new work methods. Individuals performing highly specialized tasks in a subject or language area or highly specialized library techniques may also be included in this Job Class.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1. Diploma of Collegial Studies (three-year technical program) in a field pertinent to the primary responsibilities of the position and a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience,

#### **Position titles such as:**

Assistant to the University Librarian  
Circulation Supervisor  
Information Services Supervisor  
Interlibrary Loans Supervisor  
Public Services Supervisor  
Senior Archival Assistant  
Senior Acquisitions & Payment Assistant  
Senior Budget & Facilities Assistant  
Senior Cataloguing Assistant  
Senior Electronic Resources Assistant  
Senior Public Services Assistant

## **APPENDIX B SALARIES**

### **A) Annual salary increases**

Pay scales are increased as follows:

Effective June 1, 2021: salary rates and scales are increased by 2.6%.

Effective June 1, 2022: salary rates and scales are increased by 2.4%

### **B) Employees beyond the rate or beyond the scale**

The provisions of paragraph A) dealing with increase to rates and salary scale are not applicable to an Employee who, May 31<sup>st</sup> preceding the increase, has a pay rate beyond the rate or beyond the scale for her/his Job Class. This Employee benefits, however, from a guaranteed increase in her/his rate for which the percentage is the same as that applicable to the fixed rate of pay or to the maximum of the scale for her/his Job Class and this increase is paid as follows:

- i) entirely as a lump sum payment if the fixed rate of pay or the maximum of the scale for her/his Job Class does not exceed her/his rate of pay;

or

- ii) in part as an increase to her/his rate of pay and in part as a lump sum payment, if the increased fixed rate of pay or the increased maximum of the scale for her/his Job Class is greater than her/his rate of pay; in such cases, the Employee's rate of pay is increased by a percentage required to bring it to the fixed rate of pay or the maximum of the scale for her/his Job Class; the difference between, on the one hand, the percentage increase applied at the same date to the fixed rate of pay or to the maximum of the scale and, on the other hand, the percentage increase applied to her/his rate of pay is paid to the Employee as a lump sum.

The lump sums provided herein are calculated on the Employee's rate of pay before increasing and they are divided and distributed each pay, prorated to the regular paid hours for the period in question

**C) Exception applicable to LE-Bs**

The Parties agree that the current incumbent presently occupying position P1734 (Stacks Clerk, LE-B) will be paid exceptionally at the following rate

P1734	2021	2022
	28.93\$	29.62\$

It is further understood that the position P1734 is the last position under the LE-B classification. When position P1734 becomes permanently vacated, the LE-B classification is discontinued.

**D) Evening Premiums**

June 1, 2021	June 1, 2022
1.43\$	1.46\$

## E) Salary scales

GRADE/STEP	June 1, 2021	June 2, 2021	June 1, 2022
LAA1	\$ 21.93		\$ 22.46
LAA2	\$ 22.57		\$ 23.11
LAA3	\$ 23.26		\$ 23.82
LAA4	\$ 23.93		\$ 24.50
LAA5	\$ 24.60		\$ 25.19
LAA6	\$ 25.34		\$ 25.95
LEB1	\$ 24.92		\$ 25.52
LEB2	\$ 25.61		\$ 26.22
LEB3	\$ 26.27		\$ 26.90
LEB4	\$ 26.94		\$ 27.59
LEB5	\$ 27.58		\$ 28.24
LEB6	\$ 28.29		\$ 28.97
LEB7	\$ 28.93		\$ 29.62
LAB1	\$ 26.80		\$ 27.44
LAB2	\$ 27.47		\$ 28.13
LAB3	\$ 28.11		\$ 28.78
LAB4	\$ 28.79		\$ 29.48
LAB5	\$ 29.45		\$ 30.16
LAB6	\$ 30.13		\$ 30.85
LAB7	\$ 30.80		\$ 31.54
LAC1	\$ 27.71	\$ 28.12	\$ 28.79
LAC2	\$ 28.44	\$ 28.79	\$ 29.48
LAC3	\$ 29.18	\$ 29.49	\$ 30.20
LAC4	\$ 29.81	\$ 30.15	\$ 30.87
LAC5	\$ 30.54	\$ 30.89	\$ 31.63
LAC6	\$ 31.25	\$ 31.58	\$ 32.34
LAC7	\$ 31.98	\$ 32.34	\$ 33.12
LAC8	\$ 32.69	\$ 33.07	\$ 33.86
LAC9	\$ 33.39	\$ 33.84	\$ 34.65
LAD1	\$ 32.62	\$ 32.82	\$ 33.61
LAD2	\$ 33.39	\$ 33.54	\$ 34.34
LAD3	\$ 34.20	\$ 34.38	\$ 35.21
LAD4	\$ 34.99	\$ 35.17	\$ 36.01
LAD5	\$ 35.91	\$ 36.01	\$ 36.87
LAD6	\$ 36.78	\$ 36.86	\$ 37.74
LAD7	\$ 37.61	\$ 37.70	\$ 38.60
LAD8	\$ 38.50	\$ 38.56	\$ 39.49
LAD9	\$ -	\$ 39.52	\$ 40.47

## APPENDIX C SENIORITY LIST

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#### SENIORITY LIST AS OF February 15, 2021

NAME	DATE OF HIRE	POSITION	CLASS	STATUS	SENIORITY IN HOURS
LEFEBVRE, Donna	July 19/76	Serials & Receiving Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	82327.00
WOJCIECHOWICZ, John	Oct. 16/78	Binding & Receiving Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	78225.00
YEGENDORF, Susan	April 9/79	Public Services Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	77350.00
KORDAS, Barbara	Feb. 25/80	Senior Acquisitions & Cataloguing Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	75740.00
TOY, Linda	June 09/80	Information Services Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	75222.00
HILKER, Karin	Apr. 06/81	Acquisitions & Cataloguing Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	73710.00
ENG, Helen	Aug. 03/81	Electronic Resources Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	73122.00
CORBIN, Faye	Aug. 22/83	Interlibrary Loans Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	69363.00
WARZECHA, Janina	Mar. 27/84	Interlibrary Loans Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	68278.00
TETI, Stella	July 30/84	Assistant to the Head, Vanier Library	LA-C	PFT/ES	67655.00
GEORGE, Cynthia	Nov. 06/84	Cataloguing Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	67074.00
LANGVIN, Martine	Nov. 11/83	Reference Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	65848.00
BRUNETTI, Arnaldo	Oct. 21/86	Circulation Control & Reserves Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	64985.00
ANG, Boi May	Sept 24/84	Reference Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	64903.00
TAYE, Dereje	Apr. 30/84	Reference Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	63574.00
BARRETT, John	Jan 25/88	Public Services Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	61683.00
FONG, Rose	Oct. 01/88	Interlibrary Loans Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	60910.00
BRUNO, Candice	Sept 06/88	Reserves Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	60812.00
PUKTERIS, David	Aug. 17/83	Circulation/Stacks Clerk/LTD	LA-B	PFT/ES/LTD	56721.00
MACKNIAK, Shawn	Dec 10/90	Public Services Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	56028.00
MITAL, Sophie	Nov. 15/91	Reserves Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	55285.00
BAILEY, Lorri Ann	Oct. 01/90	Interlibrary Loans Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	54634.00
BRISEBOIS, Line	Jan. 10/94	Acquisitions & Serials Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	50400.00
EMRICK, Terry	Sept 12/91	Circulation/Stacks Clerk/LTD	LA-B	PFT/ES/LTD	47674.50
JAMES, Christopher	Oct 20/95	Senior Public Services Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	47159.00
MACFARLANE, Susan	Aug. 15/88	Collections Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	46720.00
SOREL, Aline	Jan. 10/96	Public Services Assistant, Reference & Document Delivery	LA-C	PFT/ES	46153.00
LEFEBVRE, Jasmine	Jan. 20/97	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	44863.00
MELO, Elizabeth	March 6/97	Interlibrary Loans Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	44632.00
MCDONALD, Elizabeth	June 23/97	Public Services Assistant, Reserves	LA-C	PFT/ES	44093.00
OTCHERE, Kwabena	Jan. 11/93	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	43092.50
LANE, Monique	Aug. 31/98	Public Services Assistant, Reference	LA-C	PFT/ES	41923.00
FEWSTER-LITINAS, Clara	Apr. 30/90	Stacks Clerk	LE-B	PFT/ES	40576.00
MARTIN, Derek	Sept. 7/99	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	39851.00
ROBIDOUX, Line	Jan. 4/99	Senior Budget & Facilities Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	39522.00
MAKULA, Monika	Jan. 4/00	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	39256.00
CLUFF, Kent	Jan. 17/00	Interlibrary Loans Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	39193.00
OUND, James	May 22/00	Circulation/Stacks Clerk (Evenings)	LA-B	PFT/ES	38563.00
MCLELLAN, Rosemary	July 23/01	Collections Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	35532.00
BYSTERVELDT, Mark	March 10/08	Circulation Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	23455.00
BEDARD, Melody	Nov. 14/08	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	20601.00
PASZKIEWICZ, Nadia	April 12/10	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	18872.00
BIRON, Sandra	Jan. 27/10	Library Personnel Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	17584.00
BIRON, Michael	Aug. 30/11	Public Services Supervisor	LA-D	PFT/ES	15587.00
BUNEA, Stefan	Jan. 7/13	Library Assessment Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	14868.00
PECORA, Nadia	June 8/15	Senior Budget & Facilities Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	10400.00
POLK, Sarah	Dec. 15/14	Senior Electronic Resources Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	9074.00
DERZAWETZ, Kimberly	Jan. 23/17	Collections Project Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	7637.00
GRESSLING, Ellen	March 6/17	Senior Archival Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	7427.00
VATSI, John	April 4/16	Reference Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	7289.00
COOPER, Ryan	Nov. 2/17	Acquisitions Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	6006.00
REEVE, Jessica	Dec 11/17	Senior Cataloguing Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	5817.00
CLANCEY, Ellen	April 3/18	Senior Acquisitions & Payments Assistant	LA-D	PFT/ES	5250.00
BASHIR, Idriss	Jan 22/18	Circulation/Stacks Clerk, Evenings	LA-B	PFT/ES	5222.00
HENDRICK, Candice	June 18/18	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	4872.00

AFONSO, Mary	Aug 13/18	Circulation/Stacks Clerk	LA-B	PFT/ES	4592.00
LALONDE, Laura	Sept. 17/18	Reference Assistant	LA-C	PFT/ES	4417.00
BATTAGLINO, Maria	Aug. 26/19	Asst. to the V-P, Digital Strategy & UL	LA-D	PFT/ES	2702.00

**SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**

LECLERC, Marie-Christine	Sept. 4/18	Public Services Clerk	LA-B	SEASONAL	3059.00
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SENIORITY LIST AS OF February 15, 2021**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF HIRE</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>SENIORITY IN HOURS</b>
POMMAINVILLE, Zoe	July 13/15	Stack Attendant	LA-A	SEASONAL	1763.00
PAPAEMMANOUIL, Iris	Sept. 17/18	Stack Attendant	LA-A	SEASONAL	1389.00
SCHNITZER, Veronica	June 10/19	Monitor	LA-A	SEASONAL	1219.00
SHEN, Jie	June 12/19	Monitor	LA-A	SEASONAL	1046.00
ROBERTSON, Margaret	June 27/19	Monitor	LA-A	SEASONAL	726.00

**STATUS:**

- PFT** Employees who status is indicated as PFT are Permanent Full-Time Employees who will have employment security after twelve months service in a permanent position.
- PFT/ES** Employees whose status is indicated as PFT/ES are Permanent Full-Time Employees with employment security.
- PFT/ES/LTD** Employees whose status is indicated as PFT/ES/LTD are permanent full-time employees with employment security - on Long Term Disability - seniority is frozen.
- PPT/ES** Employees whose status is indicated as PPT/ES are permanent part-time employees with employment security.
- PPT** Employees whose status is indicated as PPT are permanent part-time employees who will acquire employment security after completing a total of 1827 hours of work.
- PRB** Employees whose status is indicated as PRB are new-hire probationary employees who will have employment security after twelve months of service subject to successful completion of probationary period.
- TEMP-R** Employees whose status is indicated as TEMP-R are temporary replacement employees.
- TEMP-S** Employees whose status is indicated as TEMP-S are temporary supernumerary employees.

## APPENDIX D CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

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Dossiers n<sup>os</sup> : AM-1001-3596  
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### **REQUÊTE EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 39 DU CODE DU TRAVAIL VISANT À FUSIONNER DES ACCRÉDITATIONS ET À CHANGER LE NOM DU SYNDICAT**

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À l'un des commissaires de la Commission des relations du travail, le requérant expose ce qui suit :

1. Le requérant a été accrédité le 26 janvier 1987 et l'accréditation a été modifiée le 8 août 2000 pour un changement de nom du syndicat. Le requérant représente :

*« Toutes et tous les salarié(e)s non professionnel(le)s des bibliothèques au sens du code du travail. »*

À l'emploi de : Université Concordia

Établissement visé : 1455, boul. de Maisonneuve Ouest – bureau 121  
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H3G 1M8

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**AM-1001-3596**

2. Le requérant a été accrédité le 12 janvier 2000 et l'accréditation a été modifiée le 8 août 2000 pour un changement de nom du syndicat. Le requérant représente :

« Non-professional employees of the Vanier library, Loyola College. »

À l'emploi de : Université Concordia

Établissement visé : Vanier Library  
7141, rue Sherbrooke Ouest  
Montréal, Québec  
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**AM-1004-7930**

3. Réunis en assemblée générale le 13 juin 2007, les membres compris dans l'accréditation mentionnée à l'alinéa 1 ont résolu de fusionner leur accréditation avec celle mentionnée à l'alinéa 2 (proposition ci-jointe). Le nouveau libellé de l'accréditation se lirait dorénavant comme suit :

**« toutes et tous les salarié(e)s non-professionnel(le)s des bibliothèques, au sens du Code du travail »**

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5. L'intimé a pris connaissance de la présente requête et n'a aucune objection à formuler (voir consentement ci-joint).
6. Le requérant veut également modifier le nom du syndicat afin d'inclure une appellation en français.

**POUR CES MOTIFS, plaise à la Commission des relations du travail de:**

**FUSIONNER** les accréditations portant les numéros AM-1001-3596 et AM-1004-7930 en une seule dont le libellé se lirait comme suit :

**« *toutes et tous les salarié(e)s non-professionnel(le)s des bibliothèques, au sens du Code du travail* »**

À l'emploi de : Université Concordia

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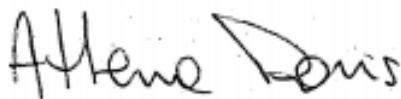
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**MODIFIER** le nom de « Concordia University Library Employees' Union – CSN » pour celui de :

**« Concordia University Library employees' Union (CSN) - Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l'Université Concordia (CSN) »**

Le tout respectueusement soumis à Montréal, le 12<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de juillet 2007.



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Athena Davis  
Mandataire pour ;  
Concordia University Library Employees' Union

## APPENDIX E ABSENCE REPORT

UNIVERSITÉ CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY BIBLIOTHÈQUES / LIBRARIES FORMULE D'ABSENCE ABSENCE REPORT	NOM DU/DE LA SALARIÉ(E) EMPLOYEE'S NAME					
	ABSENTIE(D) DU/ABSENT FROM		ABSENTIE(E) AU/ABSENT TO		SOMME / TOTAL	
	DATE	HEURE/HOUR	DATE	HEURE/HOUR	JOURS/DAYS	HEURES HOURS
Congés — maladie / Sick Leave Congés personnels / Personal Leave Déménagement / Moving Day Intempérie / Storm Leave Mariage / Marriage Congé de maternité / Maternity Leave Naissance / Birth of Child Adoption / Adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacances / Vacation <input type="checkbox"/> Congé de deuil / Bereavement Leave <input type="checkbox"/> Juré ou témoin / Jury or Witness Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Accident de travail / Occupational Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Représentation syndicale / Union Representation <input type="checkbox"/> Congé sans traitement autorisé / Approved Leave without Pay <input type="checkbox"/> Absence non-autorisée / Unauthorized Absence <input type="checkbox"/> Autre / Other _____					
Remarques/Comments			Réservé à l'usage du bureau des services administratifs For Administrative Services Office Use Only  <input type="checkbox"/> Rémunéré/Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Non-rémunéré/Unpaid			
Signature du/de la bibliothécaire Head's signature	Signature du/de la salarié(e) Employee's signature		Certificat médical reçu Medical Certificate Received		Date	
Date	Date	Retenue sur salaire Payroll Deduction		Date		

no. 610800

## **APPENDIX F AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES**

### **Authorization for the deduction of Union Dues**

JE, soussigné(e), par la présente, autorise l'Université à prélever sur mon salaire, à partir de la première période complète de paie suivant la date de mon entrée en fonction, un montant égal à la cotisation syndicale déterminée par l'assemblée générale du Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l'université Concordia (CSN), qui est accrédité pour me représenter aux fins de négociations collectives de travail avec l'Université.

J'autorise également l'Université à verser ces montants au (à la) trésorier(ière) du Syndicat qui a négocié une convention collective qui établit les conditions de mon emploi.

La présente autorisation annule toute autorisation de déduction pour fins syndicales que j'aurais pu donner antérieurement à l'Université.

**Nom** (en lettres moulées)

**Signature**

**Date**

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES**

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize the University to deduct from my pay cheque, beginning with the first complete pay period following my date of hire, an amount equal to the union dues as set by the General Assembly of the Concordia University Library Employees' Union (CSN), which is authorized to represent me in negotiations with the University.

I also authorize the University to give these amounts to the Treasurer of the Union which has negotiated a Collective Agreement which determines the conditions of my employment.

This authorization cancels any prior authorization which I may have given the University for the deduction of union dues.

**Name** (printed)

**Signature**

**Date**

**APPENDIX G DEFERRED SALARY LEAVE CONTRACT**

**CONTRACT BETWEEN:**

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

herein referred to as "the University"

**AND:**

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

herein referred to as "the Employee"

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**DURATION OF THE CONTRACT**

- A. The present contract will come into force on \_\_\_\_\_  
and expires on \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The length the leave is \_\_\_\_\_  
namely, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**SALARY**

- C. During each of the years of the contract, the Employee will receive \_\_\_\_\_% of  
her/his salary.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties signed, in Montreal, province of Quebec, on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**Concordia University**

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**Employee**

## **Letter of agreement #1**

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)

**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)

**Together:** “the Parties”

**Subject :** Publication of the collective agreement

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The University will give the Union eighty (80) copies of the Collective Agreement within a delay of one (1) month following its signing. This period of one (1) month excludes all delays outside the control of the University's representatives.

The University shall also provide new members with a hard copy of the Collective Agreement upon request.

The University shall inform all members of where to find the Collective Agreement by providing them with the electronic link.

## Letter of Agreement #2

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)  
**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)  
**Together:** “the Parties”  
**Subject:** Selection Tests

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- 1- Whereas the Parties are committed to respecting the delays set out in clause 12.05 g) of the Collective Agreement;
- 2- Whereas many factors can however impact these delays, amongst which the availability of the selection committee members, the number of tests to administer for a given position, the availability of the candidates for testing and interview purposes and the availability of the Human Resources Department to administer some of the tests;
- 3- Whereas the Human Resources Department administers a number of tests, from which, for example, those related to the *Microsoft Office Suite* (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access), and to mathematics;
- 4- Whereas the Libraries administer the tests regarding specific knowledge required for support positions within the libraries, notably the use of information resources, the catalogue, information search, classification structures and document acquisition;
- 5- Whereas the results of the tests administered by the Human Resources Department are currently kept in the Employee file for a duration of five (5) years and can only be retaken under certain conditions;

### **The parties agree to the following:**

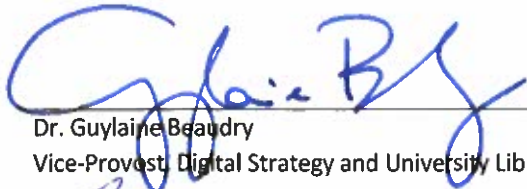
- 6- The scheduled interview dates are included in the posting;
- 7- At least once a year, namely from June 1 to May 31 of the following year, the University offers the option to take the tests mentioned in paragraph 3 to the

employees, on a voluntary basis, during work hours and in a room identified by the University;


- 8- The available tests include each level required for the different support positions within the libraries;
- 9- The University informs the Union and the Employees, at least two months in advance, of the offered tests and of the period during which the University plans to administer them;
- 10- The date and time of each test are agreed upon between the Human Resources Department, the Employee and the Library;
- 11- The test results remain in the Employee's file in accordance with current practice;
- 12- However, and in the case an Employee should fail a test, the employee can retake the test or tests when a position covered by this collective agreement is posted, or during a period of voluntary testing, as provided for in paragraph 7 above;
- 13- The Parties agree on the transitional nature of this agreement, which will come to an end on May 31, 2024.

**In witness hereof, the parties have signed in the City of Montreal on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021.**

For the University

  
Dr. Guylaine Beaudry  
Vice-Provost, Digital Strategy and University Librarian

  
Ms. Lina Guerra  
Manager, Office of the University Librarian

  
Ms. Andrée-Anne Bouchard  
Manager, Employee and Labour Relation and Head Negotiator

For the Union

  
Mr. Kent Cluff  
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Ms. Jessica Reeve  
Union representative

  
Ms. Sarah Polk  
Union representative



**Letter of Agreement #3**

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)

**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)

**Together:** “the Parties”

**Subject:** Bank of hours of leave for union activity as per clause 7.08 a)

Considering the reorganization of the Libraries;

Considering article 7.08 of the Collective Agreement;

Considering the discussions between the Parties during the renewal of the Collective Agreement.

**The parties agree to the following:**

1 – As of June 1, 2020, the annual bank of leave for union activities provided for in Article 7.08 of the Collective Agreement is reduced to sixty (60) days or four hundred twenty (420) hours.

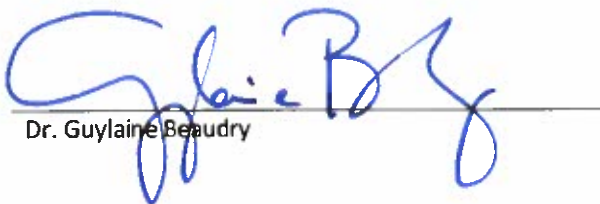
2 – As of June 1, 2021, the annual bank of leave for union activities provided for in Article 7.08 of the Collective Agreement is reduced to fifty-five (55) days or three hundred eighty-five (385) hours.

3 – Should the number of employees increase, the ratio of the number of days of leave for union activity to the number of employees is adjusted so that it never gets inferior to 0.7.

4 – This Letter of Agreement forms an integral part of the Collective Agreement and modifies it accordingly. It cannot be modified before the complete fulfilment of its effects.

**In witness hereof, the parties have signed in the City of Montreal on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021.**

For the University

  
Dr. Guylaine Beaudry

For the Union

  
Mr. Kent Cluff

Vice-Provost, Digital Strategy and University Librarian



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Ms. Andrée-Anne Bouchar  
Manager, Employee and Labour Relation and Head  
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Ms. Sarah Polk  
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## LETTER OF AGREEMENT #4

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)

**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)

**Together:** “the Parties”

**SUBJECT :** Union leaves for Negotiation preparation

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**WHEREAS** article 7.02 b) of the collective agreement provides for a bank of union time-off, without loss of pay, for the purposes of preparing the collective agreement project;

**WHEREAS** for the present round of negotiations, the aforementioned bank was not expended prior to the start of bargaining;

**WHEREAS** for each negotiation meeting with the University, the Negotiation Committee is granted leave without loss of pay to attend said meetings;

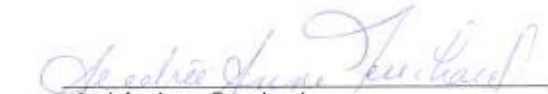
**WHEREAS** the collective agreement is silent on how union time-off should be computed for preparation work in-between negotiation meetings once bargaining has begun;

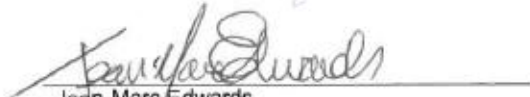
The Parties have agreed, without prejudice or precedent and without any admission whatsoever, to the following:

1. The preamble forms an integral part of the present letter of agreement;
2. For the duration of the present round of bargaining, the hours of preparation time in-between negotiation meetings shall first be deducted from the remaining bank provided for in article 7.02 b);
3. Should said bank be expended before the collective agreement is settled, the University shall grant the Negotiations Committee leave without loss of pay at the rate of one half day per full day of negotiation meetings for the remainder of the current round of bargaining;
4. It is further understood that the discussions regarding union time-off for negotiation preparation be resumed at the beginning of the next round of collective bargaining between the University and the Union.


In witness thereof, the Parties have signed in Montreal, on November 5, 2018

**For the University**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrée-Anne Bouchard  
Manager, Employee and Labour Relations

  
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Jean-Marc Edwards  
Associate University Librarian, Information  
Systems and Technology

  
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Lina Guerra  
Manager, Office of the University Librarian

  
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Stephanie Rowe  
Advisor, Employee and Labour Relations

**For the Union**

  
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Kent Cluff  
President

  
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Kwabena Otchere  
Negotiations Committee

  
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Line Brisebois  
Negotiations Committee

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## LETTER OF AGREEMENT #5

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)

**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)

**Together:** “the Parties”

**SUBJECT :** Workshops offered by the Human Resources Department

**WHEREAS** the revision to clause 12.04 of the collective agreement;

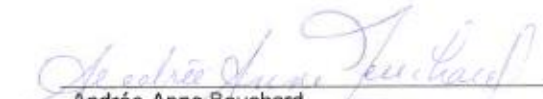
**WHEREAS** the discussions held during the renewal of the 2017-2021 collective agreement;

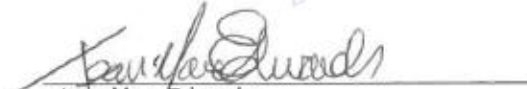
### **The Parties have agreed to the following:**

1. The Human Resources department shall offer, during the life of the current collective agreement, one or more workshops on curriculum vitae and cover letter writing.
2. The Human Resources department shall inform the Library of the date(s) selected for the workshop(s).
3. The employee who wishes to participate in these workshops must first submit a request to her/his immediate supervisor.
4. The employee who participates in a workshop shall suffer no loss of pay.


**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties have signed in Montreal (Quebec) on November 5, 2018.

**For the University**

  
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Andrée-Anne Bouchard  
Manager, Employee and Labour Relations

  
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Jean-Marc Edwards  
Associate University Librarian, Information  
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**For the Union**

  
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Negotiations Committee

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## LETTER OF AGREEMENT #6

**Between :** Concordia University (hereinafter the “University”)

**And :** Concordia University Library Employees’ Union (CSN) – Syndicat des employé(e)s des bibliothèques de l’université Concordia (CSN) (hereinafter the “Union”)

**Together:** “the Parties”

**SUBJECT :** Education Plan for Permanent and Seasonal Employees

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**Whereas** the willingness of the parties to improve training, learning and educational opportunities for permanent and seasonal employees;

**Whereas** the Library’s desire to facilitate the obtention of a Diploma of Collegial Studies relevant to the work carried out in the library for permanent and seasonal employees;

**Whereas** the introduction of Annex A.1 as of June 1, 2021.

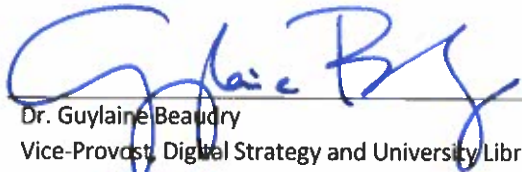
### **The Parties have agreed to the following:**

1. This Education Plan is offered to all permanent and seasonal employees who have a minimum of one (1) year of service for the Library or, in the case of seasonal employees, one thousand eight hundred twenty seven (1827) hours worked;
2. Supernumeraries employees are excluded of the application of this letter of agreement;
3. The employee submits his/her education (course) plan to their Unit Head a minimum three (3) months before the start date of the course(s). This plan includes, but is not limited to, the name of the diploma, the chosen CEGEP or public College, the expected absences and their duration.
4. The Unit Head and the Employee discuss the plan and agree on the terms applicable during the Employee’s training. These terms will relate to the list of the courses chosen and the time allocated during normal working hours to attend. The Union is notified of the terms of the agreement;
5. In the case that the courses are given online, the Employee will be able to attend his/her courses during normal working hours and in a location chosen for this purpose in the workplace. These terms must be part of the plan mentioned in paragraph 4;
6. The Unit Head cannot refuse a request to participate in the Education Plan without a reasonable cause. However, it is understood that the acceptance of such a request depends of the service needs. Requests that are denied based on service needs or due to multiple demands within one Work Sector will be prioritized the following year;


7. In addition to allowing paid time off to attend these courses, the University will pay for tuition fees and books upon successful completion of the courses;
8. It is understood that employees benefiting from the Education plan are actively engaged in their learning and commit to being present for all their classes, except for circumstances beyond their control. Per the University's request, the Employee submits a copy of their transcript at the end of each semester;
9. For employees governed by Annex A.1, i.e. all permanent and seasonal employees hired on or after June 1, 2021, once an employee successfully completes ten (10) courses as agreed with his/her Unit Head, he/she is deemed to meet the educational requirement for any LA-C and LA-D positions;
10. The University reserves the right to end the agreement with the employee following course failures and/or course withdrawals exceeding fifteen percent (15 %) of the course program;
11. This letter of agreement is effective until May 31, 2027. However, the parties undertake to discuss the application of this letter of agreement during the next negotiation of the collective agreement.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties have signed in Montreal, Quebec, on this first day of May 2021.


For the University


  
 Dr. Guylaine Beaudry  
 Vice-Provost, Digital Strategy and University Librarian


  
 Ms. Lina Guerra  
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