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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

The Mount Royal Faculty Association

and

The Board of Governors of Mount Royal University

1 July, 2024 – 30 June, 2028

This AGREEMENT made this 23rd day of May, 2025

between

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

of the First Part

and

THE MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION

of the Second Part

Mount Royal University is situated on an ancient and storied land steeped in ceremony and history that, until recently, was occupied exclusively by people indigenous to this place. With gratitude and reciprocity, Mount Royal acknowledges the relationships to the land and all beings, and the songs, stories and teachings of the Siksika Nation, the Piikani Nation, the Kainai Nation, the Îethka Stoney Nakoda Nation (consisting of the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney Nations), the people of the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Métis.

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Article 1 – Definitions

The following definitions will be applicable to the interpretation of the Collective Agreement:

- 1.1 Academic Director:** Full-time Employee whose regular workload includes administrative duties in support of an Institute, School or Centre, and who reports to a Dean. Wherever the term Chair is used, the same shall mean and include the Academic Director of the Academic Development Centre as the context may require.
- 1.2 Academic Leaders:** the University President, the University Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Vice-Provost, the University Associate Vice-President Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement, all Vice-Deans, and all Deans.
- 1.3 Academic Unit:** Employees included under the terms of the Agreement in departments, programs, the Library, Student Counselling Services or the Academic Development Centre.
- 1.4 Academic Year:** July 1 to June 30.
- 1.5 Agreement:** current Collective Agreement between the Board and the Association, unless otherwise specified.
- 1.6 Assistant to the Chair:** An Employee of the Academic Unit who is assigned specific duties of the Chair by consultation among the Chair, the Assistant to the Chair and Employees of the Academic Unit, following consultation with the Dean.
- 1.7 Associate Dean:** Tenured Employee whose regular workload includes administrative duties in support of the Dean of a Faculty, and who reports to a Dean.
- 1.8 Association:** the Mount Royal Faculty Association.
- 1.9 Board:** the Board of Governors of Mount Royal University or designate.
- 1.10 Chair:** a tenured Employee whose regular workload includes administrative duties, to whom all Employees in an Academic Unit report, and who reports to a Dean.
- 1.11 Conditional Tenurable Employee:** an Employee whose employment is conditional pursuant to Article 4.2.4.
- 1.12 Contract Employee:** an Employee employed by the Board pursuant to Article 4.7, 4.8, 4.10 or 4.11.
- 1.13 Counsellor:** an Employee performing the duties of a professional counsellor.
- 1.14 Course Registrant:** a student registered in a section as of the add/drop deadline.
- 1.15 Cross-appointed Employee:** an Employee who is appointed in two different Academic Units, referred to as the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.

- 1.16 Day:** days excluding Saturdays, Sundays, days designated as holidays under Article 15.6 and all days otherwise designated as University holidays by the Board.
- 1.17 Dean:** the dean or equivalent administrator.
- 1.18 Dependent Child(ren):** child(ren) and/or Spouse's child(ren) who is not married or in any other formal union recognized by law, and is under age 21; or is under the age of 26, a full-time student attending a recognized educational institution and who is entirely financially dependent.
- 1.19 Educational Developer:** an Employee performing the professional duties related to Employee development regarding the enhancement of teaching, the design of curriculum, and the integration of learning technologies.
- 1.20 Employee:** all Association members including: full-time Employees, limited-term Employees, Contract Employees teaching credit courses; chairs; counsellors; educational developers; librarians; laboratory instructors; and those persons from time to time designated "academic staff members" by the Board.
- 1.21 Employee with Academic Rank:** an Employee appointed as assistant professor, associate professor or professor pursuant to Article 4.2.
- 1.22 Faculty:** a collection of Academic Units administered by a Dean.
- 1.23 Full-time Employee:** a Tenured, Tenurable, or Conditional Tenurable Employee, a permanent Laboratory Instructor with a probationary period employed by the Board on an annual basis, or a Senior Lecturer with a probationary period.
- 1.24 Half-time Tenured Employee:** an Employee who has been granted special half-time employment status pursuant to Article 7.
- 1.25 Illness:** an inability by the Employee to perform work responsibilities in whole or in part due to the Employee's sickness, disability, injury, medical affliction or medical condition. Illness may be physical or mental, chronic or episodic.
- 1.26 Instructor:** an Employee teaching credit courses and performing related duties.
- 1.27 Intersessional Period:** that period of the calendar year not ordinarily devoted to student contact and exclusive of vacation periods.
- 1.28 Laboratory Instructor:** an Employee teaching credit laboratories and performing related duties.
- 1.29 Lecturer:** a Contract Employee who teaches credit lectures, tutorials, practica, studios, field work or work terms.
- 1.30 Librarian:** an Employee performing the duties of a professional librarian.
- 1.31 Limited-term Employee:** an Employee hired under Article 4.4 or for a limited-term under Article 6.
- 1.32 Postdoctoral Fellow:** an individual holding an employment contract as a postdoctoral fellow at the University.

- 1.33 Scheduled Instructional Course Hour (SICH):** any officially scheduled 50-minute class requiring the Employee to be present and teaching, without assistance, a group of students. Credit for other forms of teaching, including but not limited to practica, open laboratories, studios, directed study, computer- assisted instruction, team teaching, rehearsals and productions shall be assigned by the Chair in consultation with the members of the Academic Unit, and is subject to the approval of the Dean.
- 1.34 Scholarship:** activities related to one or more of research, scholarly or artistic work which occurs through discovery, integration, teaching and learning, or application of knowledge and is disseminated through peer-reviewed processes.
- 1.35 Seconded Employee:** an Employee who has been appointed to work outside of the Employee's home Academic Unit and who has a restricted role inside the home Academic Unit.
- 1.36 Senior Lecturer:** a full-time Employee who teaches credit lectures, tutorials, practica, studios, field work, or work terms, and who also undertakes specified service obligations.
- 1.37 Service:** activities in support of academic processes at the Academic Unit, Faculty and University level, and activities in support of community or discipline advancement.
- 1.38 Sessional Appointment:** a contract appointment under Article 4.7 or 4.8 that is neither a continuing nor a Fixed-term appointment.
- 1.39 Spouse:** an individual to whom the Employee is married or with whom the Employee has been cohabitating for a period of not less than three (3) years if there are no children of that union or for a period of not less than one (1) year if there are children of that union.
- 1.40 Teaching:** all activities directed towards student learning for which students are able to earn academic credit.
- 1.41 Tenurable Employee:** an Employee eligible for tenure pursuant to Article 10.
- 1.42 Tenured Employee:** an Employee who has achieved tenure pursuant to Article 10.
- 1.43 University:** Mount Royal University.

Note: Whenever the singular is used, the same shall mean and include the plural as the context may require. The terms and conditions of this Agreement apply only to a member of the Mount Royal Faculty Association.

Article 2 – Association Membership and Management Rights

2.1 Association Recognition

2.1.1 Pursuant to the Post-Secondary Learning Act, the Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for all Employees as identified in Article 2.2, with the exception of persons excluded under Article 2.1.2.

2.1.2 This Agreement shall be applicable to all Employees.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Provosts, Associate Vice-President Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement, Deans, and others employed in a managerial capacity or in a confidential capacity in matters relating to labour relations may teach but shall be excluded from the Agreement.

2.2 Association Membership

2.2.1 All employees shall, as a condition of their continued employment, become and remain members of the Association. Such membership shall begin upon the date of commencement of appointment.

2.2.2 The Association agrees to respect the confidentiality of and protect the private information provided to it by the Board.

2.2.3 Employees shall sign and deliver to the Board an assignment authorizing the Board to deduct Association dues. All such assignments shall remain in effect from year to year unless employment by the Board is discontinued.

2.2.4 The Board shall deduct on a bi-weekly basis from all Employees dues as established by the Association. Dues shall be remitted to the Association by the last banking day of each month.

2.2.5 By 15 September, 15 January, and 15 May the Board shall provide the Association a report of the following information for each Employee:

- Name
- MRU ID
- MRU email address
- Home address
- Faculty
- Academic Unit
- Employment category
- Work pattern (if applicable)
- Contract category (if applicable)
- Hire date
- Leave status

2.3 Management Rights

- 2.3.1** The Board retains all rights, powers, privileges, obligation and authority vested in it by law, excepting those that are lawfully, clearly, and specially relinquished or restricted in this Agreement.
- 2.3.2** All management rights relating to the Agreement shall be exercised by the Board in a fair and reasonable manner.

2.4 Joint Committee for the Review and Interpretation of the Agreement (JCRIA)

- 2.4.1** The Joint Committee for the Review and Interpretation of the Agreement, hereafter referred to as the JCRIA, is established to interpret the Agreement cooperatively and with an interest focused approach.
- 2.4.2** The Sponsors of the JCRIA shall be the Association and the Board, represented respectively by the President of the Association and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 2.4.3** The JCRIA shall be composed of three appointees each from the Association and the Board.
 - 2.4.3.1** To the extent possible, the membership shall include one member from each Party's last negotiating committee.
- 2.4.4** The JCRIA shall be co-chaired by a member from each Party.
- 2.4.5** Quorum for meetings shall be four (4) members, provided that at least two (2) representatives of each Party are present including the co-chairs.
 - 2.4.5.1** Decisions by the JCRIA will be made by consensus. In a case where consensus cannot be reached, the JCRIA shall inform the Sponsors.
- 2.4.6** The JCRIA will meet at the call of either co-chair, upon seven (7) Days written notice to the other members of the Committee. Written agendas and minutes will be circulated to all members of the Committee.
 - 2.4.6.1** The JCRIA shall report its activities to the Sponsors on an as-needed basis.
- 2.4.7** The JCRIA:
 - 2.4.7.1** Shall advise the Board and/or the Association regarding interpretation of the Agreement.
 - 2.4.7.2** May authoritatively interpret the Agreement when a question of interpretation is jointly referred to it by the President of the Association and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
 - 2.4.7.3** Does not have the power to amend the Agreement, although it may make recommendations to the Parties.

- 2.4.7.4** Shall not consider disputes that are the subject of appeal or grievance or that have been submitted to arbitration.
- 2.4.7.5** Shall not preclude informal meetings between representatives of the Board and the Association.
- 2.4.7.6** May review University policies for impact on the Agreement when referred by either of the Sponsors.
- 2.4.7.7** May be requested jointly by the negotiating committees to address a particular project for consideration through an Agreement MOU.
- 2.4.8** Administrative support for the JCRIA will be provided by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

Article 3 – Term of Agreement

- 3.1** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until 30 June 2028 and thereafter shall continue in full force and effect from year to year unless amended or terminated by either Party as hereinafter provided.

Article 4 – Appointments

4.1 Categories of Appointment

- 4.1.1** Employees are appointed by the Board in one of the following categories:
- 4.1.1.1** Tenured appointment;
 - 4.1.1.2** Tenurable appointment;
 - 4.1.1.3** Conditional Tenurable appointment;
 - 4.1.1.4** Senior Lecturer appointment;
 - 4.1.1.5** Permanent Laboratory Instructor appointment;
 - 4.1.1.6** Limited-term appointment;
 - 4.1.1.7** Contract appointment, including sessional, continuing, or Fixed-term appointment.
- 4.1.2** Conditional Tenurable, Senior Lecturer, Laboratory Instructor, Limited-term, and Contract appointments are not tenurable appointments.
- 4.1.3** The Board, at its discretion and expense, may require an applicant to undergo a medical examination prior to appointment.
- 4.1.4** All appointments of Employees are subject to the approval of the Board.
- 4.1.5** At the time of initial appointment, it shall be the responsibility of an Employee to furnish valid evidence, in writing, of experience and qualifications.
- 4.1.6** All Employees shall be evaluated according to the existing policies and procedures in place for each category of appointment. Where such policies do not exist, the Employee shall be evaluated as for Tenured Employees.
- 4.1.7** Where Indigenous lived experience and community connection is a requirement for appointment of a Full-time Indigenous Employee, the Chair shall ensure representation on the selection committee reflects Indigenous lived experience and community connection. Where this representation is not included as part of the normal selection committee structure as defined in this Agreement, the additional representative shall have full voting rights provided they are an Employee.

4.2 - 4.6: Appointments with Academic Rank

4.2 Appointment to Academic Rank

4.2.1 All appointments, excluding Senior Lecturer, Laboratory Instructor and contract appointments, shall be made to one of the following ranks: Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor.

4.2.2 Tenurable appointments shall normally be offered at the rank of Assistant Professor. Tenured appointments shall normally be offered at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor.

If a candidate for a tenurable appointment has previously been granted tenure and attained the rank of Associate Professor or Professor at a Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution, then, after consultation with the relevant department Tenure Committee or faculty Promotion Committee, respectively the selection committee may recommend appointment with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

4.2.3 Required Academic Credential

4.2.3.1 The required academic credential or its equivalent is the credential required for the granting of tenure.

4.2.3.2 The minimum required academic credentials or equivalents for each program/discipline/area are those approved by General Faculties Council and the Board of Governors.

4.2.3.3 The required academic credential or its equivalent shall be determined for each position as stipulated in Article 4.3.2. The required academic credential for a position may be higher than the minimum for the program/discipline/area.

4.2.4 Conditional Tenurable appointments shall be offered at the rank of Assistant Professor for a maximum of three years in cases where the successful candidate does not possess the required academic credential or its equivalent.

4.2.4.1 Annual evaluations of Conditional Tenurable Employees shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Article 10.4.

4.2.4.2 A Conditional Tenurable appointment shall be automatically converted to a Tenurable appointment upon attainment of the required academic credential or its equivalent. The conversion shall take effect not later than one month following presentation of valid documentation to the Dean. The Employee shall enter into a probationary period as outlined in Article 10.3. If the required academic credential or its equivalent was attained by 31 December, the probationary period shall commence on the preceding 1 July. If the required academic credential or its equivalent was attained after 31 December, the probationary period shall commence on the following 1 July.

4.2.4.3 Upon attainment of the required academic credential or its equivalent, the Employee may apply to have up to two years of Conditional Tenurable appointment credited towards the probationary period, as outlined in Article 10.3.7.

4.2.4.4 Under exceptional circumstances, and where the initial appointment was for two years or less, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic may extend the Conditional Tenurable appointment by one year.

4.2.5 Limited-term appointments shall normally be at the rank of Assistant Professor.

4.3 Full-time Appointment Procedures

4.3.1 Academic Units shall follow the *Guidelines for Hiring Faculty*, in addition to the procedures outlined in this Agreement.

4.3.2 All positions shall be posted.

4.3.3 Prior to posting a position and after consultation with the Dean and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall strike a selection committee. The selection committee shall normally be comprised of:

4.3.3.1 the Chair of the Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the selection committee. When the Chair of the Academic Unit is unable to chair the selection committee, the Dean shall designate a chair for the committee;

4.3.3.2 two (2) Tenured or Tenurable Employees, at least one (1) of whom shall be tenured, from the Academic Unit where the vacancy occurs, elected by the Tenured and Tenurable Employees of the Academic Unit. In small Academic Units or disciplines, where necessary, tenured or Tenurable Employees from a cognate department in the same Faculty or School may be elected;

4.3.3.3 the Dean or designate; and

4.3.3.4 an Employee from outside the Academic Unit, normally tenured, appointed by the Dean.

4.3.4 Prior to posting a position, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall schedule a meeting involving the selection committee and Tenured and Tenurable Employees of the Academic Unit or discipline to discuss fully the qualifications, areas of expertise, teaching responsibilities, work pattern, anticipated rank and tenure of the appointment, and the required academic credential or its equivalent for the position in accordance with Article 4.2.3.

4.3.5 All applications shall be forwarded to the chair of the selection committee immediately following the close of the competition. The chair, in turn, shall make available to committee members all applications and supporting documents within seven (7) Days after the close of the competition.

4.3.6 The selection committee shall use the criteria listed in the position posting as a guide to evaluate applicants and develop a list of candidates to be interviewed.

- 4.3.7** The selection committee shall set the interview criteria, conduct the necessary interviews, arrange for candidates to meet, when possible, with Employees of the Academic Unit, and provide an opportunity for submissions of opinion from Employees of the Academic Unit on candidates they have met prior to formulating its recommendations.
- 4.3.8** Where possible, the committee's decision shall be reached by consensus and, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.
- 4.3.9** The selection committee may recommend up to two years of credit towards the probationary period on the basis of previous employment at Mount Royal University or another Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution. Such recommendation shall consider evidence such as annual evaluations of teaching, service, and, where applicable, scholarship.
- 4.3.9.1** Senior Lecturer, Limited-term, or Conditional Tenurable Employees of Mount Royal University subsequently appointed as Tenurable Employees may have up to two years of Senior Lecturer, Limited-term, or Conditional Tenurable appointment at Mount Royal credited towards the probationary period.
- 4.3.9.2** A candidate who has two or more years' service in a tenure track position or a full-time academic staff appointment at a Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution may have up to two years credited towards the probationary period at Mount Royal University.
- 4.3.10** The chair of the selection committee shall prepare a written report describing the procedures and criteria used by the committee in its assessment of the applicants. The committee shall make specific recommendations on the following:
- preferred candidate(s);
 - category of appointment;
 - rank;
 - tenure;
 - work pattern;
 - attainment of required academic credential or its equivalent for the position;
 - years credited towards the probationary period pursuant to 4.3.9;
 - placement on the salary schedule.
- The report along with the position profile shall be submitted to the Dean who shall comment and forward it to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 4.3.11** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall review the selection committee's report prior to making an employment offer. In the case of appointment with tenure, prior to making an employment offer, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall forward the hiring committee's recommendation to the President, who shall make a decision on the granting of tenure. Where years credited towards the probationary period are part of the recommendation, the candidate shall be informed of their option to withdraw all or a portion of such credit prior to a letter of appointment being issued.

- 4.3.12** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall prepare a letter of appointment. The letter of appointment shall outline the nature and scope of the Employee's duties and responsibilities, and shall specify the category of appointment, rank, confirmation of the required academic credential, where applicable, work pattern, years credited towards the probationary period, and placement on the salary schedule, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13. Copies of the Agreement between the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Board of Governors and of the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook* in effect on the date of commencement of appointment shall be included.

4.4 Limited-term Appointment

- 4.4.1** Limited-term Employees shall be hired by the appointment procedures outlined in Article 4.3 and appointed to an academic rank as specified in Article 4.2.5.
- 4.4.2** Where possible, the appointment shall become effective two weeks prior to commencement of an academic term.
- 4.4.3** Limited-term Employees shall carry a full-time workload as determined in Article 14.
- 4.4.4** The appointment of Limited-term Employees shall be made only under one of the following categories, and that category shall be stipulated in the letter of appointment:
- 4.4.4.1** to replace Tenured, Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable or Limited-term Employees who are on professional leave or sabbatical, leave of absence, illness leave, mental or physical illness leave, administrative assignment, or to replace Employees who are on other continuous employment by the Board; whenever practicable, Limited-term Employees shall be hired to replace Employees who are on secondment and shall have an appointment equal to the probationary term of the secondee followed by an appointment equal to the remaining term of the secondment;
 - 4.4.4.2** for positions on conditional funding or for special projects with conditional funding provided by agencies external to the Board, or by the Board;
 - 4.4.4.3** for other limited-term appointments by the Board, the total number of which shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of full-time equivalent Tenured and Tenurable positions. This category of Limited-term appointments shall not be used for the appointment of Chairs.
- 4.4.5** A Limited-term Employee subsequently appointed as a Tenurable Employee may apply to have up to two years of Limited-term appointment credited towards the probationary period, as outlined in Article 10.3.7. Annual evaluations of Limited-term Employees shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Article 10.4. If a Limited-term Employee requires evaluative feedback prior to the deadlines specified in Article 10.4 (for example, to support an application by the Employee for an appointment at Mount Royal University or elsewhere), then the Employee may request that the Academic Unit Chair provide a summary annual evaluation according to a mutually agreed upon timeline.

4.5 Cross-Appointments of Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable and Limited-term Employees

- 4.5.1** Employees may be hired into a cross-appointed position.
- 4.5.2** One of the Academic Units shall be formally designated as the home Academic Unit.
- 4.5.3** The Dean(s) and Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units shall agree to the distribution of workload between the two Academic Units.
- 4.5.4** Employees hired into a cross-appointed position shall meet the required academic credential or its equivalent as determined by both Academic Units for the position in accordance with Article 4.2.3.
- 4.5.5** Selection Process

The provisions of Article 4.3, Full-time Appointment Procedures, shall apply with the following modifications:

- 4.5.5.1** Prior to posting the position and after consultation with the Dean and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Chair of each Academic Unit shall meet with the Tenured and Tenurable Employees of the Academic Unit or discipline to discuss fully the qualifications, areas of expertise, teaching responsibilities, work pattern, anticipated rank and tenure of the appointment, and required academic credential or its equivalent. Following this, the two Chairs shall meet to finalize the requirements.
- 4.5.5.2** The home Academic Unit shall post the cross-appointed position.
- 4.5.5.3** A selection committee shall be struck and normally shall be composed of:
 - 4.5.5.3.1** The Chair of the home Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the selection committee. When the Chair of the home Academic Unit is unable to chair the selection committee, the Dean of the home Academic Unit shall designate a chair for the committee.
 - 4.5.5.3.2** One Tenured Employee elected from the home Academic Unit and one Tenured Employee elected from the cross Academic Unit. In small Academic Units or disciplines, where necessary, a Tenured Employee from a cognate Academic Unit in the same Faculty or School may be elected.
 - 4.5.5.3.3** The Dean of the home Academic Unit, or designate.
 - 4.5.5.3.4** An Employee, normally tenured, appointed by the Dean of the cross Academic Unit.

4.5.5.4 The letter of appointment, in addition to the items stipulated in Article 4.3.12 shall designate the home and the cross Academic Units to which the Employee is appointed and shall include the distribution of workload between the home and cross Academic Units outlined in Article 4.5.3

4.5.6 The detailed workload plan specified in Article 5.5.3 shall be determined by consultation between the Chairs and the Employee, following consultation with the Dean(s). The detailed workload plan shall be completed by 15 September of the year of appointment and a copy shall be provided to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Dean(s), the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units, and the Employee.

4.6 Cross-Appointments of Tenured Employees

4.6.1 A Tenured Employee may apply for cross-appointment.

4.6.2 Application shall be made in writing to the Chair no later than the eighth (8th) week of the Fall semester of the year prior to the Academic Year in which the proposed cross-appointment is to commence.

4.6.3 If approved, the Employee's Academic Unit at the time of application shall be the home Academic Unit.

4.6.4 The Chair of the cross Academic Unit shall consult with the cross Academic Unit about the application. The Chairs and Dean(s) of the home and cross Academic Units shall meet to determine whether to recommend the cross-appointment to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. A recommendation for cross-appointment must be unanimous.

4.6.5 If the application for cross-appointment is recommended, the detailed workload plan specified in Article 5.5.3 shall be determined by consultation between the Chairs and the Employee, following consultation with the Dean(s).

4.6.6 The recommendation for cross-appointment and the detailed workload plan shall be submitted to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who shall make a decision no later than 15 January of the Academic Year in which the application was made.

4.6.6.1 In the event that the cross-appointment is not approved, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall write a letter to the Employee providing the reasons for the decision by 30 January of the Academic Year in which the application was made. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Dean(s) and the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units.

4.6.7 If the application for cross-appointment is approved by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the cross-appointment shall commence on 1 July of the Academic Year after the year in which the application was made.

4.7 - 4.11: Contract Appointments

4.7 Initial Sessional Appointments

4.7.1 Initial Sessional Appointment refers to a Contract Employee's first allocation of workload in an Academic Unit or allocation of workload to a Contract Employee who has not worked in the Academic Unit for more than 18 months.

4.7.1.1 Initial Sessional Appointments are initiated after the following reappointments and workload allocation has occurred.

- Full-time Tenured, Tenurable and Conditional Tenurable;
- Senior Lecturers and Laboratory Instructors;
- Limited-term;
- Fixed-term;
- Continuing term;
- Sessional reappointments; and
- Postdoctoral Fellows.

4.7.2 A standing committee for Sessional Appointments shall be struck and normally shall be composed of:

4.7.2.1 the Chair of the Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the standing committee. When the Chair of the Academic Unit is unable to chair the standing committee, the Dean shall designate a chair for the committee;

4.7.2.2 whenever possible, at least two Tenured or Tenurable Employees elected by the Academic Unit or discipline. One Senior Lecturer or one Laboratory Instructor may also be elected to serve on the committee. In small Academic Units, where necessary, Tenured or Tenurable Employees from a cognate department in the same Faculty may be elected. Subject area experts from the Academic Unit may be consulted as necessary at the discretion of the Chair.

4.7.3 Subject to an applicant's availability, the criteria (unranked) for Initial Sessional Appointments are as follows:

- required and desired academic credential(s) and professional certification(s);
- appropriate subject and professional expertise;
- record of successful teaching performance, or clear potential for becoming a successful teacher;
- any applicable professional performance standards; and
- other bona fide department and program needs and priorities approved by the Dean and included in the posting, per Article 4.7.4. Bona fide department and program needs and priorities not included in the posting, per Article 4.7.4, shall not be considered.

4.7.4 All available initial appointments, along with the criteria outlined in Article 4.7.3, shall be posted.

- 4.7.5** The standing committee shall be provided with all applications and supporting documents, including the selection criteria outlined in Article 4.7.3.
- 4.7.6** When, due to unforeseen circumstances, a course/section must be assigned expeditiously, the Chair may make initial appointments and shall report any such appointments to the standing committee at the earliest opportunity.
- 4.7.7** The standing committee shall review all applications, conduct interviews if necessary, and develop a short list of candidates in order of priority according to the selection criteria outlined in Article 4.7.3.
- 4.7.7.1** The committee's decision shall be reached by consensus or, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.
- 4.7.8** For each available position, the chair of the standing committee shall submit in writing the committee's recommended appointee, to the Dean for approval, along with:
- the candidate's academic credentials;
 - a brief report describing how the standing committee applied the selection criteria in 4.7.3.
- 4.7.9** In the event that a recommendation of the standing committee is not accepted, the Dean shall send a letter to the chair of the standing committee providing the reasons for the decision.

4.8 Sessional Reappointment and Workload Allocation

- 4.8.1** The following individuals are eligible to apply for available sessional contracts subject to the projected availability of courses for the period under consideration:
- 4.8.1.1** All current Contract Employees in the Academic Unit;
- 4.8.1.2** Contract Employees who have held contracts in the Academic Unit within the eighteen (18) months prior to the March 1 posting of the available courses projected for the upcoming Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter semesters; and
- 4.8.1.3** Employees who do not currently hold, but who have held a Limited-term appointment in the Academic Unit within the eighteen (18) months prior to the March 1 posting of the available courses projected for the upcoming Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.
- 4.8.2** Sessional reappointments are initiated after the following reappointment and workload allocation has occurred.
- Full-time Tenured, Tenurable, and Conditional Tenurable;
 - Senior Lecturers and Laboratory Instructors;
 - Limited-term;
 - Fixed-term; and
 - Continuing term.

4.8.3 Deadlines

- 4.8.3.1** Normally, the reappointment of Contract Employees for the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter semesters shall be done simultaneously according to the deadline described in 4.8.3.2.
- 4.8.3.2** No later than March 1 the Chair shall post the available courses projected for the upcoming Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter semesters along with the criteria outlined in Article 4.8.4.2 and 4.8.5.2, and invite eligible contract Employees in the Academic Unit to submit their requested teaching load in terms of courses and number of sections.
- 4.8.3.3** In the event that any Winter semester courses must be allocated after the main allocation period described in 4.8.3.2, the Chair shall post these projected Winter semester courses no later than November 15 along with the reappointment criteria, and invite eligible contract Employees in the Academic Unit to submit their requested teaching load in terms of courses and number of sections.
- 4.8.3.4** Eligible Contract Employees shall notify the Chair in writing of their requested teaching load within seven (7) Days of the courses being posted, and their application for reappointment shall be considered by the standing committee. While requested teaching allocations shall be considered, there is no guarantee that they will be accommodated.
- 4.8.3.5** The standing committee shall be provided with all applications and supporting documents, including the criteria outlined in Article 4.8.4.2 and 4.8.5.2, performance evaluations to which applicants have had the opportunity to respond, any current documented disciplinary issues to which applicants have had the opportunity to respond, and any responses that applicants provided during the course of evaluation or disciplinary proceedings.

4.8.4 Eligibility for Reappointment

- 4.8.4.1** The standing committee shall review all applications and determine if the applicants are:
- eligible for reappointment;
 - eligible for reappointment with conditions;
 - ineligible for reappointment.
- 4.8.4.2** The criteria for determining an applicant's eligibility for reappointment are as follows:
- Performance of duties in a responsible and professional manner; and
 - Teaching performance as assessed by Chair/tenured designate evaluations (including evaluation of course materials as applicable) and student evaluations of instruction.
- 4.8.4.3** The committee's decision shall be reached by consensus or, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.

4.8.4.4 A Contract Employee who is eligible for reappointment with conditions shall be advised in writing of the reasons for the conditions, the nature of the conditions and how long the conditions shall remain in effect. The notice of eligibility for reappointment with conditions shall be signed by the Employee to indicate receipt. Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of eligibility for reappointment with conditions, the Employee may respond to the committee in writing.

4.8.4.5 A Contract Employee who is ineligible for reappointment shall be advised in writing of the reasons for ineligibility. Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of ineligibility, the Employee may respond to the committee in writing.

4.8.5 Course Allocation

4.8.5.1 The standing committee shall review the applications and supporting documents for all eligible applicants and determine recommended course allocations based on the criteria outlined in Article 4.8.5.2, the use of seniority as outlined in Article 4.8.5.3, and the instructional loads as outlined in Article 14.14. The committee's decision shall be reached by consensus or, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.

4.8.5.2 Subject to an applicant's availability, the criteria for determining recommended course allocations are as follows:

- Required and, with valid justification, desired academic credential(s) and professional certification(s);
- Appropriate subject and professional expertise;
- Any applicable professional performance standards;
- Other bona fide department and program needs and priorities approved by the Dean and included in the posting, per Article 4.8.3.2. Bona fide department and program needs and priorities not included in the posting, per Article 4.8.3.2, shall not be considered.

4.8.5.3 Where the criteria in Article 4.8.5.2 are, as between or amongst applicants, deemed relatively equal by the committee, then the applicant with higher seniority shall be allocated the course.

4.8.5.3.1 For the purpose of Article 4.8.5.3, seniority shall be defined as the total SICH taught, taking into account the conversions in Article 13.3.4.

4.8.5.3.2 No later than 1 March, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall make available an updated seniority report, inclusive of SICH taught during the Winter semester, that shall be used as the basis for seniority determinations within the Academic Unit for the subsequent Spring, Summer, Fall and/or Winter semesters.

4.8.6 When, due to unforeseen circumstances, a course/section must be allocated expeditiously, the Chair may make such allocations subject to Article 4.8.5.1 and shall report any such allocations to the standing committee at the earliest opportunity.

- 4.8.7** The chair of the standing committee shall submit a written list of the committee's recommended allocations, to the Dean for approval, along with:
- the Employees' academic credentials;
 - a brief report describing how the standing committee applied the selection criteria in 4.8.5.2 and the seniority provisions in Article 4.8.5.3. Upon request, eligible applicants in the Academic Unit shall be permitted to view this report within ten (10) Days of the announcement of the allocations.
- 4.8.8** In the event that a recommendation of the standing committee is not accepted, the Dean shall send a letter to the chair of the standing committee providing the reasons for the decision.
- 4.8.9** Normally, eligible applicants who have applied for courses shall be informed of the results of their application:
- no later than April 1 for Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter semester allocations;
 - no later than December 1 for extraordinary Winter semester allocations not made in the main allocation period.
- 4.8.10** Within ten (10) Days following the notification of workload allocation to the Employee, the Employee shall notify the Chair of any accommodations relating to a disability required for the delivery of the allocated workload. Accommodations will follow the process outlined in Article 22.2.

4.9 Teaching Opportunities for Postdoctoral Fellows

Mount Royal University Postdoctoral Fellows may be provided with sessional appointments up to 96 SICH per Academic Year. These appointments are initiated following workload allocation for Fixed-term and continuing contract Employees and sessional reappointment, but before initial sessional appointments are allocated.

Such sessional appointments need not be posted.

Postdoctoral Fellows are not Employees defined under this Agreement when performing Postdoctoral Fellow duties, but are Employees under this Agreement when teaching in a sessional appointment.

Postdoctoral Fellows are not eligible for reappointment under Article 4.8. At the conclusion of the Postdoctoral Fellow appointment, a Postdoctoral Fellow shall be eligible for appointment under Article 4.7.

Postdoctoral Fellows are not eligible for funding from Faculty Development Committees under Article 18.1 or funding for contract faculty service under Article 14.15.

4.10 Continuing Appointment

4.10.1 Continuing Appointment

4.10.1.1 A sessional Employee who has completed four (4) semesters of employment with at least ninety-six (96) SICH per semester within the last thirty-six (36) months shall be eligible for a continuing appointment.

4.10.1.1.1 The Board shall notify those sessional Employees eligible to request a Continuing Appointment by 15 January.

4.10.1.1.2 An eligible sessional Employee who wishes to apply for a Continuing Appointment shall make a request in writing to the Dean by 1 February.

4.10.1.1.3 The Dean shall consult with the Chair to make decisions regarding the establishment of Continuing Appointments.

4.10.1.2 Initial continuing appointments and reappointments shall be subject to:

4.10.1.2.1 projected availability of courses for the period under consideration;

4.10.1.2.2 qualifications as specified in the selection criteria outlined in Article 4.8.5.2;

4.10.1.2.3 consistent satisfactory performance based on Chair/tenured designate evaluations and student evaluations of instruction;

4.10.1.2.4 the period of appointment/reappointment shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months and shall commence in the Fall semester.

4.10.1.3 Minimum number of hours per Continuing Appointment:

4.10.1.3.1 A continuing lecturer appointment shall be for no less than two hundred and forty (240) SICH in an Academic Year, at least ninety-six (96) of which must be in the Fall semester;

4.10.1.3.2 When a Librarian is employed in a continuing appointment, then this appointment shall apply for no less than twenty-five (25) hours per week in each semester;

4.10.1.3.3 When a Counsellor is employed in a continuing appointment, then this appointment shall apply for no less than ninety-five (95) hours per semester;

4.10.1.3.4 When a continuing appointment consists of laboratory based instruction, then the appointment shall apply for no less than four hundred and eighty (480) laboratory scheduled instructional course hours in an Academic Year.

- 4.10.1.3.5** When an Employee employed as a Lecturer does not have sufficient scheduled instructional course hours, then they may combine scheduled instructional course hours with laboratory scheduled instructional course hours as outlined in Article 6.1.3.2.

4.10.2 Continuing Clinical Appointment

- 4.10.2.1** A sessional Employee who has completed four (4) semesters of clinical instruction employment with at least ninety-six (96) clinical hours per semester within the last thirty-six (36) months shall be eligible for a continuing clinical appointment.
 - 4.10.2.1.1** The Board shall notify those sessional Employees eligible to request a Continuing Clinical Appointment by 15 January.
 - 4.10.2.1.2** An eligible sessional Employee who wishes to apply for a Continuing Clinical Appointment shall make a request in writing to the Dean by 1 February.
 - 4.10.2.1.3** The Dean shall consult with the Chair to make decisions regarding the establishment of Continuing Clinical Appointments.
- 4.10.2.2** Initial continuing clinical appointments and reappointments shall be subject to:
 - 4.10.2.2.1** projected availability of clinical courses for the period under consideration;
 - 4.10.2.2.2** qualifications as specified in the selection criteria outlined in Article 4.8.5.2;
 - 4.10.2.2.3** consistent satisfactory clinical Instructor performance including an evaluation by a Full-time Employee at least once each year for the first two (2) years of the first continuing clinical appointment and every two (2) years thereafter while in a continuing clinical appointment;
 - 4.10.2.2.4** continuing clinical appointments shall be for a maximum of two (2) years with the opportunity for reappointment. The Director, School of Nursing and Midwifery shall consult with the Chair, Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery to make decisions regarding the establishment of continuing clinical appointments;
 - 4.10.2.2.5** continuing clinical appointments or reappointments may commence in the Fall, Winter or Spring semester.
- 4.10.2.3** Minimum number of hours per continuing clinical appointment:
 - 4.10.2.3.1** A continuing clinical appointment shall be for no less than two hundred and forty (240) clinical hours in an Academic Year.

- 4.10.3** Eligibility for benefits as per Article 16.8.3 shall begin immediately upon commencement of the continuing appointment.

- 4.10.3.1** Employees with a continuing appointment must be insured under the University's basic life insurance, extended health care and dental plans. Such Employees may opt out of extended health care and dental care if they have coverage for these benefits under another group plan.
 - 4.10.3.2** The total cost of benefits premiums for benefits identified in Article 16.8.3 shall be shared between the Board and Employees with a continuing appointment as stated in Article 16.8.5.1.
- 4.10.4** Compensation for continuing contracts shall be prorated over twelve (12) months according to a submitted work plan that conforms to the terms of Article 4.10.1.3, and shall be paid in accordance with Article 13.4.2.
 - 4.10.4.1** In the absence of a work plan, the default plan will be paid out ninety-six (96) SICH in the Fall semester, one hundred and forty-four (144) SICH in the Winter semester.
- 4.10.5** Employees with a continuing appointment may accept additional sessional contracts, subject to the maximum instructional load in accordance with Article 14.14. These contracts shall be treated as separate sessional contracts for the purposes of compensation.
- 4.10.6** A continuing appointment can be terminated under any one of the following conditions:
 - 4.10.6.1** by the Board or the Employee providing eight (8) weeks' notice in writing with reasons;
 - 4.10.6.2** by mutual agreement at any time.

4.11 Fixed-term Appointment

- 4.11.1** The Board shall make available and make every effort to fill a total of 25 Fixed-term appointments across the University. Fixed-term appointments shall be collectively allocated by Deans in consideration of discipline/department needs and abilities to sustain them.

These appointments shall be for contract Employees who normally teach 384 or more SICH across the University annually (including the Spring semester), 144 or more of which are in the Fall semester.
- 4.11.2** A contract Employee who has satisfied all of the following criteria shall be eligible to be considered for a Fixed-term appointment with the opportunity for reappointment:
 - i. has completed four (4) semesters of contract employment within the last thirty-six (36) months;
 - ii. has normally taught 384 or more SICH in previous Academic Years (including the Spring semester);
 - iii. is projected to teach 144 or more SICH in the Fall semester;
 - iv. is at Step 4 or higher of the hourly rate schedule for contract appointments in Article 13.
- 4.11.3** Former Employees who have retired from the University and are rehired into a contract appointment shall not be eligible for this appointment.

- 4.11.4** Initial appointment to Fixed-term appointments shall be subject to:
- 4.11.4.1** Qualifications as specified in the selection criteria outlined in Article 4.8.5.2;
 - 4.11.4.2** Consistent satisfactory performance based on Chair/tenured designate evaluations and student evaluations of instruction;
 - 4.11.4.3** The period of appointment shall not exceed thirty six (36) months, shall indicate a start and an end date, and shall commence in the Fall semester.
- 4.11.5** Number of hours per contract:
- 4.11.5.1** A Fixed-term appointment shall be for an annual workload ranging from 384 to 480 SICH as assigned by the Chair for the entirety of the Fixed-term appointment, at least 144 of which must be in the Fall semester;
 - 4.11.5.2** When a Librarian is employed in a Fixed-term appointment, then the contract shall apply for employment of no less than twenty-five (25) hours per week in each semester;
 - 4.11.5.3** When a Counsellor is employed in a Fixed-term appointment, then the contract shall apply for employment of no less than one hundred and ninety (190) hours per semester.
- 4.11.6** Where the teaching workload crosses Academic Units, a detailed workload plan shall be determined each year by consultation between the Chair(s) and Employee following consultation with the Dean(s).
- 4.11.7** Removed
- 4.11.8** Eligibility for benefits as per Article 16.8.3, in addition to pension, shall begin immediately upon commencement of the Fixed-term appointment.
- 4.11.8.1** Participation in the Local Authorities Pension Plan in accordance with LAPP regulations is optional.
 - 4.11.8.2** Employees shall be insured under the University's basic life insurance, extended health care and dental plans. Such Employees may opt out of extended health care and dental care if they have coverage for these benefits under another group plan.
 - 4.11.8.3** The total cost of benefits premiums for the benefits identified in Article 16.8.3 shall be shared between the Board and the Employee as stated in Article 16.8.5.1.
- 4.11.9** Compensation for Employees on Fixed-term appointments shall be prorated over twelve (12) months and shall be paid in accordance with Article 13.4.2.
- 4.11.10** Employees appointed to Fixed-term appointments shall receive \$1,300 each year of the contract pre-allocated from the Contract Professional Development Fund as outlined in Article 18.5. Unused funds can accumulate for up to four years.

4.11.11 Employees appointed to Fixed-term appointments shall have the annual workload of 384 to 480 SICH normally distributed across the Fall and Winter semesters.

4.11.11.1 There shall be a written workload plan distributing the 384 to 480 SICH across the Academic Year, normally across the Fall and Winter semesters. Workload plans that fall outside of these parameters shall be arranged and agreed to between the Chair and Employee with approval of the Dean. Should an agreed to workload plan include the Spring semester, any additional contract workload in the Fall or Winter semester shall first be applied towards the Employee's Fixed-term contract. The workload plan shall be amended to reflect this change.

4.11.11.2 Fixed-term appointed Employees may accept sessional contracts in addition to the Fixed-term contract subject to Article 14.14. Such contracts shall be allocated in accordance with the process and criteria outlined in 4.8.

4.11.11.3 In all cases, contracts above the Employee's Fixed-term contract shall be treated as separate sessional contracts for the purposes of compensation and shall not be pension eligible.

4.11.12 Once the initial appointment expires, incumbents shall have rights of first refusal for consideration of re-appointment. Eligible incumbents shall normally be re-appointed for a term of up to three (3) years. To be eligible for re-appointment, evaluations as outlined in Article 28 carried out during the previous term must have been consistently satisfactory.

As with initial Fixed-term appointments, Fixed-term reappointments shall be subject to projected workload availability and discipline/department needs. If there are multiple eligible incumbents within one Academic Unit and not all incumbents can be reappointed, then reappointment decisions shall be based on the criteria outlined in Article 4.8.5.2.

Reappointment decisions shall usually be made by April 1 of the last year of the previous term of appointment and will commence on August 15.

4.11.13 A Fixed-term appointment can be terminated under any one of the following conditions:

4.11.13.1 Either the Board or an Employee may terminate the Employee's appointment by written notice of termination specifying the reasons in full.

4.11.13.2 In the case of termination by the Board, Articles 4.12.2 through 4.12.5 and 4.12.7 shall apply.

4.11.13.3 Pursuant to Article 4.11.13.1, an Employee may terminate employment by giving notice to the Board no later than 15 March.

4.11.13.4 A Fixed-term appointment may be terminated by mutual consent at any time.

4.12 Termination of Tenurable and Conditional Tenurable Employees

4.12.1 Either the Board or an Employee may terminate the Employee's tenurable or conditional tenurable appointment by written notice of termination specifying the reasons in full.

- 4.12.2** The Dean, in consultation with the Chair, shall recommend the termination of the Employee's appointment to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 4.12.3** Notice of termination to an Employee in the first year after the initial appointment shall be given no later than five (5) Days after the last day of final examinations in either the Fall or Winter semester and the Employee shall receive one (1) month's notice or one (1) month's annual salary and accrued vacation pay (as specified in Article 15.4) in lieu of notice.
- 4.12.4** Notice of termination to an Employee in the second year after the initial appointment shall be given no later than five (5) Days after the last day of final examinations in either the Fall or Winter semester and the Employee shall receive two (2) months' notice or two (2) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay (as specified in Article 15.4) in lieu of notice.
- 4.12.5** Notice of termination to an Employee in the third year after the initial appointment shall be given no later than five (5) Days after the last day of final examinations in either the Fall or Winter semester and the Employee shall receive three (3) months' notice or three (3) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay (as specified in Article 15.4) in lieu of notice.
- 4.12.6** Notice of termination to an Employee in the fourth or subsequent year after the initial appointment shall be given no later than 31 December. The Employee shall receive four (4) months' notice or four (4) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay (as specified in Article 15.4) in lieu of notice.
- 4.12.7** If an Employee is not notified of the termination of employment as specified in Articles 4.12.1 and 4.12.3 or 4.12.4 or 4.12.5 or 4.12.6, that Employee shall be considered to be appointed for the subsequent semester.
- 4.12.8** Pursuant to Article 4.12.1, an Employee may terminate employment by giving notice to the Board no later than 15 March.
- 4.12.9** A probationary appointment may be terminated by mutual consent at any time.

4.13 Termination of Tenured or Permanent Employees

The appointment of Employees who have been granted tenure or permanency shall continue until termination for one of the following reasons:

- 4.13.1** At any time by mutual consent;
- 4.13.2** By the Employee giving notice of resignation in writing not later than 1 March in any year to be effective on:
- 14 August of that year if the Employee's appointment commenced 15 August or 1 January;
 - 30 June of that year if the Employee's appointment commenced 1 July.
- 4.13.3** Upon the Employee being declared redundant pursuant to Article 4.14.1;
- 4.13.4** Dismissal for just cause pursuant to Article 12.7 or Article 25.

4.14 Termination of Tenured or Permanent Appointments for Reasons of Redundancy

- 4.14.1** An Employee may be declared redundant due to changes in curriculum, courses or programs, technological change, reduction in the Academic Unit, reorganization of work, insufficient enrolment, or upon an order or directive of the appropriate ministry that it is necessary to cancel courses of instruction.
- 4.14.2** An Employee to be terminated due to redundancy shall be provided written notice of the reasons.
- 4.14.3** Before commencing termination of an Employee declared redundant, the Board shall make reasonable efforts to redeploy the Employee to a faculty position elsewhere in the University for which they are qualified. Any redeployment to another Academic Unit shall require the written consent of the Employee. If such redeployment occurs, the Employee shall retain their rank and placement on the salary grid.
- 4.14.4** An Employee declared redundant shall receive notice to that effect and shall receive four (4) months' notice of termination of employment or four (4) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay (as specified in Article 15.4) in lieu of notice.
- 4.14.5** An Employee declared redundant shall be compensated within sixty (60) Days of the last day of service in the following manner:
- 4.14.5.1** an Employee who has five (5) or fewer years of service at Mount Royal University shall receive an amount equivalent to ten (10) months of pay. This pay shall be based upon the Employee's grid placement as of 1 July of that year.
 - 4.14.5.2** an Employee who has more than five (5) years of service at Mount Royal University shall receive the amount specified in Article 4.14.5.1 and the sum equivalent to 0.7 months of pay for every year or portion thereof of service beyond five (5) years. The maximum compensation under Article 4.14.5 may not exceed twenty-five (25) months.
- 4.14.6** If within a three (3) year period after which the Employee's appointment was terminated pursuant to Article 4.14.1, enrolment increases and justifies the hiring of additional staff in the discipline of the terminated Employee, the Employee shall have first option for that position. Any severance pay, paid to an Employee who is subsequently rehired, shall be repaid to the Board proportionately. The amount to be repaid shall be based on the difference between the number of months of compensation received and the number of months the Employee was absent from the University.
- 4.14.7** An Employee declared redundant shall have the right to grieve such redundancy according to Article 20 of the Agreement.

4.15 Termination of Other Appointments for Reasons of Redundancy

- 4.15.1** Whereas Employees with limited-term appointments of one year or less or with sessional appointments are not subject to termination for reasons of redundancy, they are subject to not being reappointed. No termination provisions shall be available to such Employees.
- 4.15.2** Other Employees with non-tenured or non-permanent appointments may be terminated for reasons of redundancy as per the following termination provisions included in this Agreement:
- i. Continuing appointments: Article 4.10.6
 - ii. Fixed-term appointments: Article 4.11.13
 - iii. Limited-term appointments of duration greater than one year: Article 4.12.2 through 4.12.6
 - iv. Probationary Laboratory Instructor appointments: Article 6.7
 - v. Probationary Senior Lecturer appointments: Article 6.20
 - vi. Tenurable and conditional tenurable appointments: Article 4.12

4.16 Order of Terminations for Reasons of Redundancy

- 4.16.1** Termination for reasons of redundancy will not be considered if more than 20% of the annual SICH offered by an Academic Unit is delivered by Employees with sessional appointments.
- 4.16.2** Terminations for reasons of redundancy within an Academic Unit shall occur in the following order:
- i. Continuing appointments
 - ii. Fixed-term appointments
 - iii. Limited-term appointments of duration greater than one year
 - iv. Probationary, conditional and tenurable appointments
 - v. Permanent and tenured appointments
- 4.16.3** Exceptions to 4.16.1 or to the order specified in 4.16.2 may occur when Employees possess expertise, skills and/or abilities required for the successful delivery of an academic program or service. Such exceptional cases with rationale shall be communicated in writing by the Board to the Association prior to the notification of any affected Employees.
- 4.16.4** In determining which Employees will be terminated within each order level in an Academic Unit, the Board shall consider each Employee's combination of qualifications, experience, and competence as relevant to the successful delivery of the unit's academic programs or services. The Employee determined to rank lowest overall in terms of the aforementioned criteria shall be the first Employee terminated within each order level. When the aforementioned criteria are considered by the Board to be relatively equal among two or more Employees, the decision as to which Employee is to be terminated shall be governed by each Employee's relative length of continuous service with the Board, including any authorized leaves or years of limited-term service. Termination decisions with rationale shall be communicated in writing by the Board to the Association prior to the notification of any affected Employees.

4.17 Financial Emergencies

4.17.1 In the event that the University finds itself in a financial emergency that requires extraordinary steps including the termination of permanent and tenured positions, both parties agree that it is a mutual interest to establish a clear, transparent and consultative process to address such an emergency.

4.17.2 Therefore the Parties agree to the following principles:

4.17.2.1 That the Board has a right to manage budgets and staffing.

4.17.2.2 That the academic mission of the University must remain at the center of any decisions about addressing a financial emergency.

4.17.2.3 That whenever a demonstrable financial emergency arises (e.g. due to significant unexpected reductions in government operating grants or significant declines in tuition) such that the termination of permanent and tenured positions might be contemplated, a clear, transparent, collaborative, and consultative process will be in place to manage any such cuts.

4.17.2.4 That during a financial emergency there shall be ongoing consultation with the Association about the Board's plan to deal with the financial emergency, including clear rationales and the appropriate financial data provided at each step before the positions are terminated.

4.17.2.5 The Parties further agree to the following process for dealing with financial emergencies

4.17.2.5.1 When the termination of permanent and full-time positions is contemplated to deal with a financial emergency, the University President shall notify the Association forthwith to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Association.

4.17.2.5.2 The President and/or designates will meet with the Association representatives to explain the nature of the financial emergency along with the appropriate financial information and to outline the number of positions and/or the programs/Academic Units under consideration for termination, along with the rationales and appropriate financial information.

4.17.2.5.3 There shall be a timeline outlining the steps the University proposes to take to deal with the financial emergency, including the timelines for the termination of any permanent or Full-time positions.

4.17.2.5.4 The Association will have the opportunity to respond formally to the presentation, including providing other options to those presented by the University.

4.17.2.5.5 Subsequent meetings will be scheduled to ensure on-going consultation and information sharing, as outlined in the principles above, occurs between the University and the Association.

4.17.2.5.6 Both parties agree that any affected Employees terminated in a financial emergency will be considered redundant and subject to the provisions of Article 4.14.2 (and following) as well as the sequence referenced in 4.16.2.

4.18 Appointments with Academic Rank for Academic Leaders

4.18.1 Only as provided for in Article 4.18, an Academic Leader may hold a position with Academic Rank. During the term of their Academic Leader appointment, their terms and conditions of employment are not covered by the Agreement.

4.18.2 With the exception of the position of President, at least fifty percent (50%) of the members of the selection committee for an Academic Leader position shall be Employees.

4.18.3 If a candidate for an Academic Leader position does not already hold an appointment with academic rank at the University, but has previously been granted tenure and attained the rank of Associate Professor or Professor at a Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution, then, after consultation with the relevant department Tenure Committee or Faculty Promotion Committee respectively, the selection committee may recommend to the Board that the candidate be offered an appointment with tenure at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor as part of the offer for appointment to the Academic Leader position.

4.18.3.1 If the Board approves an appointment with academic rank, the Academic Leader shall be given a position in the appropriate Academic Unit, or Academic Units in the case of a cross-appointment, and be immediately seconded out of the position and into the Academic Leader position. The appointment with academic rank shall be in addition to all current and planned positions in the Academic Unit(s).

4.18.4 When an existing Employee with Academic Rank is hired into an Academic Leader position, the Academic Leader appointment shall be considered a secondment and the individual shall retain their academic rank and tenure status.

4.18.4.1 The position vacated by the secondment shall normally be filled by a Limited-term Employee, as per Article 4.4.4.1.

4.18.4.2 If, at the end of the seconded's initial term, the seconded does not return to their position, either because they will continue in an Academic Leader position, or because they have left the University, a position, normally in the Academic Unit from which the Academic Leader was seconded, shall be posted as a tenurable position as per Article 4.3. This position shall be in addition to all current and planned positions in the Academic Unit in which it is posted.

4.18.5 At the time of hiring, an Academic Leader hired pursuant to 4.18.3 shall be placed on the appropriate step of the salary schedule in Article 13.1.1, as per Article 13.1.5.

- 4.18.6** Academic Leaders shall move to the next higher step on the salary grid annually, as per Article 13.1.7, during their term as an Academic Leader.
- 4.18.7** At the end of the appointment as an Academic Leader, either because the term of appointment has expired or because the appointment has been terminated, the individual shall immediately return to the position with academic rank from which they were seconded and the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall apply.
- 4.18.7.1** During the term as an Academic Leader, the appointment with academic rank may only be terminated according to the provisions of the Agreement.
- 4.18.8** Members serving on an appointment committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

Article 5 – Cross-Appointments

- 5.1** A Cross-appointed Employee shall be appointed in accordance with Article 4.5, Article 4.6, Article 6.15, or Article 6.19 to two Academic Units, referred to as the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.
- 5.2** For a Cross-appointed Employee, all references to Chair and Dean in this Agreement shall be to the Chair and Dean of the home Academic Unit, except as modified in this Article.
- 5.3** Where the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit are in the same Faculty, all references to Deans in this Article shall be to a single Dean.
- 5.4** The home Academic Unit shall be responsible for the principal office space. The cross Academic Unit shall provide the working conditions required by the Cross-appointed Employee to fulfill their workload responsibilities in the cross Academic Unit. This may include shared office space for office hours and access to support staff services, equipment and supplies.
- 5.5 Workload**
- 5.5.1** The workload of a Cross-appointed Employee shall be equivalent to the workload of an Employee who is not cross-appointed.
- 5.5.2** Workload shall be assigned by consultation between the Chairs and the members of the home and cross Academic Units, following consultation with the Deans.
- 5.5.3** A detailed workload plan outlining the instructional, or equivalent, workload and the service responsibilities in the home Academic Unit and in the cross Academic Unit shall be signed by the Employee, the Chairs and the Deans.
- 5.5.3.1** The initial workload plan, agreed to in accordance with Article 4.5.6, Article 4.6.5, Article 6.15.6, or Article 6.19.5, shall be revised annually, where necessary, no later than 15 November for the following Academic Year. A revised workload plan shall be signed by the Employee, the Chairs and the Deans.
- 5.5.4** A Cross-appointed Employee may apply for reassigned time, as described in Article 14.9, to the Dean of the home Academic Unit and/or to the Dean of the cross Academic Unit. An application shall be copied to the other Dean.
- 5.5.4.1** If applications are made to both Deans, the Deans shall collaborate in making the decisions regarding reassigned time.
- 5.5.5** A Cross-appointed Employee shall be a full participating member of both the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.
- 5.5.5.1** A Tenured Cross-appointed Employee shall be eligible to stand for election to UTPC or SLC to represent only the home Academic Unit, unless otherwise agreed. All other Cross-appointed Employees shall be ineligible.

5.6 Changing Work Patterns

- 5.6.1** When a Tenured Cross-appointed Employee wishes to change work patterns pursuant to Article 14.8, a written request shall be submitted to both Deans.

5.7 Faculty Development Committee Applications

- 5.7.1** A Cross-appointed Employee shall be eligible to apply to the Faculty Development Committee of both the home and the cross Academic Units for professional development funding.

5.8 Leave Applications

- 5.8.1** Leave applications shall be submitted to the Chair of the home Academic Unit, with a copy to the Chair of the cross Academic Unit.

5.9 Evaluations

- 5.9.1** Student evaluations of instruction shall be conducted in courses offered by both the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.
- 5.9.2** Where a Cross-appointed Employee is engaged in scholarship, the home and cross Academic Units shall ensure that relevant criteria and standards are clearly articulated, especially when the criteria and standards applied in the two Academic Units differ.
- 5.9.3** Tenure Evaluations and Recommendations
- 5.9.3.1** The Chair and Dean of the home Academic Unit shall lead the evaluation process for Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable and Limited-term Cross-appointed Employees.
 - 5.9.3.2** The Chair of the home Academic Unit shall consult with the Chair of the cross Academic Unit to ensure that peer evaluations are conducted by Tenured Employees from, and in courses offered by, both the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.
 - 5.9.3.3** The detailed work plan, as specified in Article 5.5.3, for the current Academic Year shall be attached to the Faculty Activity Report and included in the tenure dossier.
 - 5.9.3.4** A joint Tenure Committee (joint TC), representing both the home and cross Academic Units shall be established. Normally the committee will be co-chaired by the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Unit TCs. The joint TC shall forward the materials specified in Articles 10.4, 10.5 and 10.7 to both Deans. The joint TC shall be constituted in accordance with Article 9.1, subject to Articles 5.9.3.4.1 through 5.9.3.4.3.

- 5.9.3.4.1** The Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units, in consultation with the Tenured Employees of the Academic Units, shall, in consultation with the Deans, structure the joint TC membership such that both Academic Units are adequately represented on the joint TC. The joint TC composition shall otherwise be established as in Article 9.1.4.3
- 5.9.3.4.2** The joint TC shall normally be an elected TC and committee members and alternates from each Academic Unit shall be elected by secret ballot by the Employees of that Academic Unit in accordance with Article 9.1.4.3. There shall be one (1) alternate elected from each Academic Unit.
- 5.9.3.4.3** If an Academic Unit Chair is unable to participate on the joint TC, the Dean for that unit shall appoint a Tenured Employee of the same Academic Unit to co-chair the joint TC in accordance with Article 9.1.6.
- 5.9.3.4.4** In the case of a tie vote among the Employees of the joint TC who are not co-chairs, only the chair of the home Academic Unit shall vote to break the tie. Although the co-chair of the cross Academic Unit never votes, they are a contributing member of the joint TC in all other ways.
- 5.9.3.4.5** Further to Article 9.1.8, the quorum for all meetings shall include both co-chairs.
- 5.9.3.5** The Deans shall respond jointly to a recommendation from the joint TC to meet with the Employee as outlined in Article 10.4.12. The Deans shall write a joint mid-term tenure evaluation and a joint final tenure review and recommendation to the UTPC.

5.9.4 Permanency Evaluations and Recommendations

- 5.9.4.1** The Chair and Dean of the home Academic Unit shall lead the evaluation process for Probationary Cross-appointed Senior Lecturers.
- 5.9.4.2** The Chair of the home Academic Unit shall consult with the Chair of the cross Academic Unit to ensure that peer evaluations are conducted by Tenured Employees from, and in courses offered by, both the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit.
- 5.9.4.3** The detailed work plan, as specified in Article 5.5.3, for the current Academic Year shall be attached to the Faculty Activity Report.
- 5.9.4.4** A joint TC shall be formed in accordance with Article 5.9.3.4.
- 5.9.4.5** The TC shall provide the Senior Lecturer with a written evaluation report in accordance with Article 6.18.3.

5.9.5 Performance Review of Tenured and Permanent Employees

- 5.9.5.1** The detailed work plan, as specified in Article 5.5.3, for the current Academic Year shall be attached to the Faculty Activity Report.

- 5.9.5.2** The Faculty Activity Report shall be submitted to both Deans, with a copy to both Chairs.
- 5.9.5.3** The Deans shall respond jointly to the Faculty Activity Report, in accordance with the terms of Article 12.4.3.
- 5.9.5.4** If either or both Deans deem the Employee's performance to be unsatisfactory, the Deans, in consultation with the Chairs and the Employee, may develop a performance plan as outlined in Article 12.5. The performance plan shall be communicated to the Employee in person and in writing, with a copy to both Chairs. A copy of the final performance plan along with any written response from the Employee shall be placed on the Employee's Personnel File in both Deans' offices by 31 January.
- 5.9.5.5** Should a performance plan be deemed appropriate and if either or both Deans determine in the review per Article 12.5.2.5 that the performance is unsatisfactory, then a joint Faculty Review Committee, consisting of three members from each of the home and the cross Faculty Review Committees and chaired by the Chair of the home Faculty Review Committee, shall be convened.
- 5.9.5.6** In applying all other provisions of Article 12.4-12.6, references to Dean shall be to both Deans and references to Chair shall be to both Chairs.

5.10 Promotion

- 5.10.1** If the home Academic Unit and the cross Academic Unit are in different Faculties, a joint Promotion Committee (joint PC), as defined in Article 9.2, representing both the home and cross Faculties shall be established. The joint PC shall make recommendations on applications for promotion to the rank of Professor. Normally the committee will be co-chaired by the Deans of the home and cross Faculties.

5.11 Change of Home Academic Unit

- 5.11.1** A Cross-appointed Employee may request to have the cross Academic Unit designated as the home Academic Unit after the initial appointment.
- 5.11.2** The request shall be made in writing, setting out the reasons, to both Chairs no later than the eighth (8th) week of the Fall semester of the year prior to the Academic Year in which the requested change is to take effect.
- 5.11.3** The Chairs and Deans of the home and cross Academic Units shall meet to determine whether to recommend the change of home Academic Unit to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. A recommendation for change of home Academic Unit must be unanimous.
 - 5.11.3.1** In the event that the change of home Academic Unit is not recommended, the Dean of the home Academic Unit shall write a letter to the Employee providing the reasons for the decision by 15 December of the Academic Year in which the request was made.

- 5.11.4** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall convey a decision, in writing, to the Employee by 15 January of the Academic Year in which the request was made. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Deans and the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units.
- 5.11.5** If the request for change of home Academic Unit is approved, the Employee shall become an Employee of the new home Academic Unit effective 1 July of the Academic Year after the year in which the request was made.

5.12 Opting Out of Cross-Appointment

- 5.12.1** A Tenurable or Probationary Employee hired into a cross-appointed position shall normally remain in the cross-appointment for the duration of the probationary period.
- 5.12.2** A Conditional Tenurable or Limited-term Employee hired into a cross-appointed position shall normally remain in the cross-appointment for the duration of the appointment.
- 5.12.3** Any cross-appointed Employee may request to opt out of the cross-appointment. Approval shall not normally be withheld.
- 5.12.3.1** A request to opt out of a cross-appointment shall be made in writing, setting out the reasons, to both Chairs no later than the eighth (8th) week of the Fall semester of the year prior to the Academic Year in which the requested change is to take effect.
- 5.12.3.2** The Chairs and Deans of the home and cross Academic Units shall meet to discuss the request to opt out and shall forward the Employee's request, along with their recommendation, to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic by 15 December of the Academic Year in which the request was made.
- 5.12.3.3** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall convey a decision, in writing, to the Employee by 15 January of the Academic Year in which the request was made. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Deans and the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units.
- 5.12.3.4** If the request to opt out of the cross-appointment is approved, the Employee shall become a Full-time Employee of the home Academic Unit effective 1 July of the Academic Year after the year in which the request was made.

5.13 Continuation of Cross-Appointment

- 5.13.1** A Tenurable or Probationary Employee hired into a cross-appointed position shall normally continue in the cross-appointment after being granted tenure or permanency, respectively. If the Employee wishes to opt out of the cross-appointment after being granted tenure or permanency, then the provisions of Article 5.12 apply.

5.14 Termination of Cross-Appointment

- 5.14.1** Should the need for a cross-appointment end, the Employee shall become a Full-time Employee of either the home Academic Unit or the cross Academic Unit.

Article 6 – Laboratory Instructors and Senior Lecturers

LABORATORY INSTRUCTORS

Laboratory Instructors support the work of an Academic Unit through laboratory instruction and related duties.

6.1 Categories of Appointment

6.1.1 Laboratory Instructors are appointed by the Board in one of the following categories:

6.1.1.1 Permanent appointment with probationary period;

6.1.1.2 Limited-term appointment;

6.1.1.3 Contract appointment.

6.1.2 Full-time and Limited-term appointments are based on the duties and responsibilities outlined in Article 6.4.

6.1.3 Contract laboratory instruction is governed by the contract appointment provisions of this Agreement.

6.1.3.1 The instructional load for a contract Employee teaching only laboratories shall not exceed four hundred and eighty (480) laboratory scheduled instructional course hours (lab SICH) per semester. Exceptions require the approval of the Dean, following consultation with the Chair of the Academic Unit.

6.1.3.2 If the workload includes a combination of laboratory and lecture/tutorial instruction, the following table will be used to determine the maximal instructional load of the Employee per semester, based on a 0.5 conversion factor between lab SICH and SICH:

<u>SICH</u>	<u>lab SICH</u>
0	480
48	384
96	288
144	192
192	96
240	0

6.1.3.3 The table in 6.1.3.2 shall be used for the sole purpose of calculating how SICH and lab SICH can be combined to determine maximal workload per semester.

6.2 Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee

An Academic Unit shall establish a Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee for the appointment and evaluation of Laboratory Instructors pursuant to 6.1.2. The standing committee shall be composed of:

- 6.2.1** the Chair of the Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the standing committee. When the Chair of the Academic Unit is unable to chair the standing committee, the Dean shall designate a chair for the committee;
- 6.2.2** where possible, at least two Tenured Employees from the Academic Unit, elected annually by Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit;
- 6.2.3** where necessary, as determined by the Dean in consultation with the Chair, one Tenured Employee from a cognate Academic Unit, appointed annually;
- 6.2.4** where possible, a permanent Laboratory Instructor elected annually by the Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit.
- 6.2.5** Members serving on a Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

6.3 Appointment Procedures for Laboratory Instructors

- 6.3.1** Appointment of Laboratory Instructors shall be either permanent (with an initial probationary period of two years) or shall be for a limited-term.
- 6.3.2** For the probationary period of permanent appointments:
 - 6.3.2.1** Previous contract appointment hours will not count toward the probationary period.
 - 6.3.2.2** One year of limited term appointment may be credited towards the probationary period. A recommendation for credit towards the probationary period shall be made by the standing committee as part of the written report in 6.3.8.
- 6.3.3** Limited-term appointments shall be for a term of up to two years and shall normally be made only to replace a permanent Laboratory Instructor, because funding for the position is conditional, or to pilot a Laboratory Instructor position in a new discipline.
- 6.3.4** Prior to posting a position, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall meet with all Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit or discipline to develop the duties and responsibilities of the position and develop the selection criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - academic credential or professional certification;
 - appropriate subject and professional expertise;
 - any applicable professional and teaching performance standards.

The recommended duties and responsibilities, the appointment category, and the selection criteria, shall be forwarded to the Dean for approval.

- 6.3.5** The position shall be posted, along with the duties and responsibilities, the appointment category, and the selection criteria.
- 6.3.6** The Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee shall serve as the selection committee. All applications shall be forwarded to the chair of the selection committee immediately following the close of the competition. The chair, in turn, shall make available to committee members all applications and supporting documents, including the duties and responsibilities, the appointment category, and the selection criteria developed by the Academic Unit and approved by the Dean, pursuant to Article 6.3.4.
- 6.3.7** The standing committee shall use the selection criteria as a guide to evaluate applicants and develop a list of applicants to be interviewed, conduct the interviews, and formulate its recommendations. Where possible, the committee's decisions shall be reached by consensus and, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.
- 6.3.8** The chair of the standing committee shall prepare a written report describing the procedures and criteria used by the committee in its assessment of applicants. The committee shall make specific recommendations on the following:
- preferred candidate(s);
 - appointment category;
 - years credited towards the probationary period pursuant to 6.3.2;
 - term, if a limited-term appointment;
 - placement on the salary schedule, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.2.
- The report shall also contain a description of the duties and responsibilities of the position. The report shall be submitted to the Dean who shall comment and forward it to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 6.3.9** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall review the standing committee's report and recommendations, and the comment of the Dean, for completeness of process and for conformity with grid placement guidelines, prior to making an employment offer.
- 6.3.10** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall prepare a letter of appointment. The letter of appointment shall outline the nature and scope of the Employee's duties and responsibilities, and shall specify the category and term of appointment, and placement on the salary schedule, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13. A copy of the Agreement between the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Board of Governors shall be included.

6.4 Workload for Laboratory Instructors

- 6.4.1** The distribution of duties may vary among disciplines and individuals.
- 6.4.2** The duties of a Laboratory Instructor include, but are not limited to, the following:
- laboratory instruction, including preparation and marking;
 - contributing to the development of laboratory experiments, exercises and manuals by consulting with lecture instructors on the design of experiments, testing experiments, and proposing revisions based on the results of testing;

- investigating teaching methods and equipment for use in laboratories;
- mentoring and contributing to peer evaluation of contract faculty teaching laboratory courses;
- assisting course coordinators with lab coordination;
- acting as a liaison between Laboratory Instructors and course coordinators to help maintain consistent course standards in terms of instruction and grading;
- service to the Academic Unit.

6.4.3 Laboratory Instructors shall normally teach between 576 and 672 (12-14 sections, based on a three-hour per week laboratory course) scheduled instructional course hours of laboratory instruction annually. Teaching during the Spring semester may be required to complete the annual workload.

6.4.3.1 Exceptions for instructional workload outside of these ranges shall require the prior approval of the Dean.

6.4.4 Workload shall be assigned by the Chair, following consultation with the members of the Academic Unit and the Dean. Instructional assignments shall be made by 15 February for the following Academic Year.

6.4.5 The workload assignment shall be appealable pursuant to Article 14.12.

6.4.6 Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible for reassigned time as provided for by Article 14.9.

6.4.7 Under exceptional circumstances, Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible to accept an overload contract. Overload occurs when a Laboratory Instructor teaches in excess of their assigned annual instructional load. Overload is subject to approval by the Dean, following consultation with the Chair of the Academic Unit. Overload shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.3 Contract Appointments, and shall not include compensation for any vacation pay.

6.5 Evaluation of Probationary and Limited-term Laboratory Instructors

6.5.1 Probationary and Limited-term Laboratory Instructors shall submit a Faculty Activity Report to the Dean with a copy to the Chair no later than the first Tuesday in September.

6.5.2 Probationary Laboratory Instructors shall be subject to an annual evaluation. This evaluation shall be completed by the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee in the second year of the appointment, and shall be based on:

- An evaluation of teaching, informed by the provisions and requirements of Article 28;
- The Laboratory Instructor's Faculty Activity Report;
- Where applicable, progress towards meeting the criteria for permanency in Article 6.6.3

6.5.3 No later than 15 October, the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee shall provide the Laboratory Instructor with a written evaluation report. The standing committee may recommend that the Dean meet with the Laboratory Instructor to discuss concerns related to the Laboratory Instructor's overall progress.

- 6.5.4** Limited-term Laboratory Instructors with appointments of duration greater than one year shall be subject to an annual evaluation in accordance with 6.5.2.

6.6 Permanent Appointments

- 6.6.1** A probationary Laboratory Instructor shall be eligible to apply for a permanent appointment at the end of the final year of probation.

- 6.6.2** By 15 May of the final probationary year, a Laboratory Instructor eligible for a permanent appointment shall submit to the standing committee a dossier which includes:

- An outline of how expectations have been met for each of the components of the Laboratory Instructor's assigned duties, and the criteria in 6.6.3;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- Student and peer evaluations, conducted in accordance with Article 28.

- 6.6.3** Recommendations and decisions shall be based on the following criteria:

- i. evidence of effective performance of assigned duties, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;
- ii. evidence of maintaining currency in the discipline with respect to laboratory instruction;
- iii. evidence of service to the Academic Unit.
- iv. the annual evaluation pursuant to 6.5.2.

- 6.6.4** By 1 June of the final probationary year, the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee shall review the evidence presented by the candidate pursuant to 6.6.2 and shall, in accordance with the criteria in 6.6.3, recommend to the Dean that the Employee:

6.6.4.1 be granted a permanent appointment; or

6.6.4.2 be released; or

6.6.4.3 be granted one additional probationary year.

A recommendation pursuant to 6.6.4.2 or 6.6.4.3 shall include a rationale that references the criteria listed in Article 6.6.3.

- 6.6.5** By 7 June of the final probationary year, the Dean shall forward the recommendation of the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, along with the Dean's recommendation.

- 6.6.6** By 21 June of the year of application, the Laboratory Instructor shall be advised in writing, with reasons, of the recommendation of the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee as set forth in Article 6.6.4, the recommendation of the Dean, and the decision of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

- 6.6.7** A Laboratory Instructor who has been granted an additional probationary year as specified in Article 6.6.4.3 may apply again for a permanent appointment the following year. Article 6.6.4.3 shall not apply for the second application.

6.6.8 If the Provost and Vice-President, Academic decides to release a Laboratory Instructor as set forth in Article 6.6.4.2, such termination shall be effective no later than 1 August of the year of application for permanent appointment.

6.6.8.1 Upon such termination, a Laboratory Instructor shall receive the sum of two (2) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay as specified in Article 15.4.

6.6.8.2 Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of such termination, a Laboratory Instructor may file an appeal of denial of permanency in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.9.4.

6.7 Termination of Laboratory Instructors

6.7.1 Either the Board or a Laboratory Instructor may terminate the Employee's appointment during the probationary period by written notice of termination specifying the reasons in full.

6.7.1.1 In the case of termination by the Board, Articles 4.12.2 through 4.12.5 and 4.12.7 shall apply.

6.7.1.2 Pursuant to Article 6.8.1, a Laboratory Instructor may terminate employment by giving notice to the Board no later than 15 March.

6.7.1.3 A probationary appointment may be terminated by mutual consent at any time.

6.7.2 Termination of a Laboratory Instructor who has been granted a permanent appointment pursuant to Article 6.6 may only be by retirement, resignation, mutual consent, redundancy, or dismissal for just cause, as stipulated in Article 4.13 and 4.14.

6.8 Performance Review of Permanent Laboratory Instructors

6.8.1 Permanent Laboratory Instructors shall submit a Faculty Activity Report to the Dean with a copy to the Chair no later than the first Tuesday in September. The performance review of Permanent Laboratory Instructors shall be in accordance with Article 12.4.

6.9 Vacation for Laboratory Instructors

6.9.1 Full-time Laboratory Instructors shall have two months of vacation, normally 22 June to 14 August plus one (1) week at a time determined by consultation between the Laboratory Instructor and the Chair. The dates of the vacation period may be altered by mutual consent between the Laboratory Instructor and the Chair, subject to approval of the Dean.

6.9.2 Limited-term Laboratory Instructors hired for a term of one (1) year or two (2) years are entitled to the vacation period specified in Article 6.9.1.

6.9.3 Limited-term Laboratory Instructors hired for less than twelve (12) months are not entitled to any vacation, but shall be paid not less than 8% of their gross salary as vacation pay. This provision shall also apply to the period of a term over one (1) year but less than two (2) years.

6.10 Benefits and Insurance for Laboratory Instructors

- 6.10.1** Full-time Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible for all benefits provided to Full-time Employees in Articles 16.1 to 16.7.
- 6.10.2** Limited-term Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible for all benefits provided to Limited-term Employees in Articles 16.1 to 16.6.

6.11 Leaves for Laboratory Instructors

- 6.11.1** Full-time Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible for Maternity and Parental Leave (Article 17.1), full-time Illness Leave (Article 17.2), Bereavement and Compassionate Leave (Article 17.3), Attendance at Legal Proceedings (Article 17.6), Political Participation Leave (Article 17.7) and Leave of Absence With or Without Pay (Article 17.8).
- 6.11.2** Limited-term Laboratory Instructors shall be eligible for full-time Illness Leave (Article 17.2), Bereavement and Compassionate Leave (Article 17.3), Attendance at Legal Proceedings (Article 17.6), Political Participation Leave (Article 17.7) and Leave of Absence With or Without Pay (Article 17.8).

6.12 Professional Development for Laboratory Instructors

- 6.12.1** The provisions of Articles 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 18.4, 18.6, and 18.7 shall apply to full-time and limited-term Laboratory Instructors.

SENIOR LECTURERS

Senior Lecturers support the work of an Academic Unit through instruction and related duties.

6.13 Categories of Appointment

- 6.13.1** Senior Lecturers are appointed by the Board in one of the following categories:
 - 6.13.1.1** Permanent appointment with a probationary period;
 - 6.13.1.2** Limited-term appointment.
- 6.13.2** Full-time and limited-term appointments are based on the duties and responsibilities outlined in Article 6.16.
- 6.13.3** Limited-term appointments shall be for a term of up to two years and shall normally be made only to replace a Full-time Employee, because funding for the position is conditional, or to pilot a Senior Lecturer position in a new discipline.
- 6.13.4** Senior Lecturers may be hired into a Cross-appointed position in accordance with Article 6.15. Permanent Senior Lecturers may apply for Cross-appointment in accordance with Article 6.18. Cross-appointed Senior Lecturers shall be governed by the provisions of Article 5.

- 6.13.5** The number of Senior Lecturer positions shall not exceed 10 (ten) percent of the total complement of full-time positions. Total complement shall include all Conditional Tenurable, Tenurable, Tenured, probationary, and permanent positions, including Senior Lecturer positions.

6.14 Appointment Procedures for Senior Lecturers

- 6.14.1** Appointment of Senior Lecturers shall be either permanent (with an initial probationary period of two years) or shall be for a limited-term.

- 6.14.2** The selection committee may recommend up to one year of credit toward the probationary period on the basis of previous employment at Mount Royal University or another Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution.

- 6.14.3** Prior to posting a position and after consultation with the Dean and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall strike a selection committee. The selection committee shall normally be comprised of:

6.14.3.1 the Chair of the Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the selection committee. When the Chair of the Academic Unit is unable to chair the selection committee, the Dean shall designate a chair for the committee;

6.14.3.2 two (2) Tenured, Tenurable or permanent Senior Lecturer Employees, at least one (1) of whom shall be tenured, from the Academic Unit where the vacancy occurs elected by the Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit. In small Academic Units or disciplines, where necessary, Full-time Employees from a cognate department in the same Faculty or School may be elected;

6.14.3.3 the Dean or designate; and

6.14.3.4 an Employee from outside the Academic Unit, normally tenured, appointed by the Dean.

6.14.3.5 Members serving on a Senior Lecturer selection committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

- 6.14.4** Prior to posting a position, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall schedule a meeting involving the selection committee and Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit or discipline to develop the duties and responsibilities of the position, and develop the selection criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:

- academic credential or professional certification;
- appropriate subject and professional expertise;
- any applicable professional and teaching performance standards.

The minimum academic credential for Senior Lecturer appointments shall be a Master's degree. The recommended duties and responsibilities, and the selection criteria, shall be forwarded to the Dean for approval.

6.14.5 The selection committee shall use the selection criteria as a guide to evaluate applicants and develop a list of applicants to be interviewed, conduct the interviews, and formulate its recommendations. Where possible, the committee's decisions shall be reached by consensus and, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.

6.14.6 The chair of the selection committee shall prepare a written report describing the procedures and criteria used by the committee in its assessment of applicants. The committee shall make specific recommendations on the following:

- Preferred candidate(s);
- Years credited towards the probationary period pursuant to 6.14.2;
- Term, if a limited-term appointment;
- Placement on the salary schedule, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.2.

The report shall also contain a description of the duties and responsibilities of the position. The report shall be submitted to the Dean who shall comment and forward it to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

6.14.7 The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall review the selection committee's report and recommendations, and the comment of the Dean, for completeness of process and for conformity with grid placement guidelines, prior to making an employment offer.

6.14.8 The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall prepare a letter of appointment. The letter of appointment shall outline the nature and scope of the Employee's duties and responsibilities, and shall specify the category and term of appointment, and placement on the salary schedule, in accordance with the provisions of Article 13. A copy of the Agreement between the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Board of Governors shall be included.

6.15 Appointment Procedures for Cross-appointment of Senior Lecturers

6.15.1 Unless otherwise modified by the clauses in Article 6.15, the provisions of Article 6.14 shall apply.

6.15.2 One of the Academic Units shall be formally designated as the home Academic Unit.

6.15.3 The Dean(s) and Chairs of the home and cross Academic Unit shall agree to the distribution of workload between the two Academic Units.

6.15.4 Prior to posting a position and after consultation with the Dean and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Chair of the home Academic Unit shall strike a selection committee. The selection committee shall normally be comprised of:

- 6.15.4.1** the Chair of the home Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the selection committee. When the Chair of the home Academic Unit is unable to chair the selection committee, the Dean of the home Academic Unit shall designate a chair for the committee;

- 6.15.4.2** One (1) Tenured, Tenurable, or permanent Senior Lecturer Employee elected from the home Academic Unit and one (1) Tenured, Tenurable, or permanent Senior Lecturer Employee elected from the cross Academic Unit. At least one Employee shall be a Tenured Employee. In small Academic Units or disciplines, where necessary, a Tenured Employee from a cognate Academic Unit in the same Faculty may be elected;
- 6.15.4.3** the Dean of the home Academic Unit or designate; and
- 6.15.4.4** an Employee, normally tenured, appointed by the Dean of the cross Academic Unit.
- 6.15.5** The letter of appointment, in addition to the items stipulated in Article 6.14.8, shall designate the home and the cross Academic Units to which the Employee is appointed and shall include the distribution of workload between the home and cross Academic Units as determined by Article 6.15.3.
- 6.15.6** The detailed workload plan specified in Article 5.5.3 shall be determined by consultation between the Chairs and the Employee, following consultation with the Dean(s). The detailed workload plan shall be completed by 15 September of the year of appointment and a copy shall be provided to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Dean(s), the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units, and the Employee.
- 6.16 Workload for Senior Lecturers**
 - 6.16.1** The workload of Senior Lecturers includes instruction and limited service. The distribution of duties may vary among disciplines and individuals.
 - 6.16.2** Workload shall be assigned by the Chair, following consultation with the members of the Academic Unit and the Dean and detailed in a written work plan. Instructional assignments shall be made by 15 February for the following Academic Year. The workload assignment shall be appealable pursuant to Article 14.12.
 - 6.16.3** Senior Lecturers shall normally teach 432 scheduled instructional course hours annually. These Employees shall teach not fewer than 384 scheduled instructional course hours annually, or not more than 480 scheduled instructional course hours annually, subject to Articles 6.16.3.1 and 6.16.3.2.
 - 6.16.3.1** Exceptions for instructional load above 432 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Employee and the Chair.
 - 6.16.3.2** Exceptions for instructional load below 336 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Dean.
 - 6.16.4** Senior Lecturers shall engage in service which shall be focused at the Faculty and Academic Unit level including, but not limited to, attendance at Academic Unit meetings and serving on Academic Unit Committees, participating on Faculty Council and its standing committees, serving on contract faculty hiring committees.
 - 6.16.5** Senior Lecturers shall be eligible for reassigned time as provided for by Article 14.9.

6.16.6 Under exceptional circumstances, Senior Lecturers shall be eligible to accept an overload contract. Overload occurs when a Senior Lecturer teaches in excess of their assigned annual instructional load per the work plan specified in 6.16.2. Overload is subject to approval by the Dean, following consultation with the Chair of the Academic Unit. Overload shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.3 Contract Appointments, and shall not include compensation for any vacation pay.

6.17 Evaluation of Probationary and Limited-term Senior Lecturers

6.17.1 Probationary and Limited-term Senior Lecturers shall submit a Faculty Activity Report to the Dean with a copy to the Chair no later than the first Tuesday in September.

6.17.2 Probationary Senior Lecturers shall be subject to an annual evaluation. This evaluation shall be completed by the Tenure Committee in the second year of the appointment, and shall be based on:

- An evaluation of teaching, informed by the provisions and requirements of Article 28;
- The Senior Lecturer's Faculty Activity Report;
- Where applicable, progress towards meeting the criteria for permanency in Article 6.18.3

6.17.3 For the purposes of conducting the evaluation in 6.17.2, the Chair may appoint a permanent Senior Lecturer from the Academic Unit to the Tenure Committee, following consultation with the Tenure Committee and the Dean.

6.17.4 No later than October 15, the Tenure Committee shall provide the Senior Lecturer with a written evaluation report. The Tenure Committee may recommend that the Dean meet with the Senior Lecturer to discuss concerns related to the Senior Lecturer's overall progress.

6.17.5 Limited-term Senior Lecturers with appointments of duration greater than one year shall be subject to an annual evaluation in accordance with 6.17.2.

6.18 Permanent Appointments

6.18.1 A probationary Senior Lecturer shall be eligible to apply for a permanent appointment at the end of the final year of probation.

6.18.2 By 15 May of the final probationary year, a Senior Lecturer eligible for a permanent appointment shall submit to the Tenure Committee a dossier which includes:

- An outline of how expectations have been met for each of the components of the Senior Lecturer's assigned duties, and the criteria in 6.18.3;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- Student and peer evaluations, conducted in accordance with Article 28.

6.18.3 Recommendations and decisions shall be based on the following criteria:

- i. evidence of proficient and scholarly teaching, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;

- ii. evidence of effective service consistent with 6.16.4, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;
- iii. evidence of maintaining currency in the discipline and engagement in professional development with demonstrable outcomes;
- iv. the annual evaluation pursuant to 6.17.2.

6.18.4 By 1 June of the final probationary year, the Tenure Committee shall review the evidence presented by the candidate pursuant to 6.18.2 and shall, in accordance with the criteria in 6.18.3, recommend to the Dean that the Employee:

6.18.4.1 be granted a permanent appointment; or

6.18.4.2 be released; or

6.18.4.3 be granted one additional probationary year.

A recommendation pursuant to 6.18.4.2 or 6.18.4.3 shall include a rationale that references the criteria listed in Article 6.18.3.

6.18.5 For the purposes of conducting the review in 6.17.2, the Chair may appoint a permanent Senior Lecturer from the Academic Unit to the Tenure Committee, following consultation with the Tenure Committee and the Dean.

6.18.6 By 7 June of the final probationary year, the Dean shall forward the recommendation of the Tenure Committee to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, along with the Dean's recommendation.

6.18.7 By 21 June of the year of application, the Senior Lecturer shall be advised in writing, with reasons, of the recommendation of the Tenure Committee as set forth in Article 6.18.4, the recommendation of the Dean, and the decision of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

6.18.8 A Senior Lecturer who has been granted an additional probationary year as specified in Article 6.18.4.3 may apply again for a permanent appointment the following year. Article 6.18.4.3 shall not apply for the second application.

6.18.9 If the Provost and Vice-President, Academic decides to release a Senior Lecturer as set forth in Article 6.18.4.2, such termination shall be effective no later than 1 August of the year of application for permanent appointment.

6.18.9.1 Upon such termination, a Senior Lecturer shall receive the sum of two (2) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay as specified in Article 15.4.

6.18.9.2 Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of such termination, a Senior Lecturer may file an appeal of denial of permanency in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.9.4.

6.19 Cross-appointment of Permanent Senior Lecturers

6.19.1 A permanent Senior Lecture may apply for cross-appointment.

- 6.19.2** Application shall be made in writing to the Chair no later than the eighth (8th) week of the Fall semester of the year prior to the Academic Year in which the proposed Cross-appointment is to commence.
- 6.19.3** If approved, the Employee's Academic Unit at the time of application shall be the home Academic Unit.
- 6.19.4** The Chair of the home Academic Unit shall consult with the cross Academic Unit about the application. The Chairs and Dean(s) of the home and cross Academic Units shall meet to determine whether to recommend the Cross-appointment to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. A recommendation for Cross-appointment must be unanimous.
- 6.19.5** If the application for Cross-appointment is recommended, the detailed workload plan specified in Article 5.5.3 shall be determined by consultation between the Chairs and the Employee, following consultation with the Dean(s).
- 6.19.6** The recommendation for Cross-appointment and the detailed workload plan shall be submitted to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who shall make a decision no later than 15 January of the Academic Year in which the application was made.
- 6.19.6.1** In the event that the cross-appointment is not approved, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall write a letter to the Employee providing the reasons for the decision by 30 January of the Academic Year in which the application was made. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Dean(s) and the Chairs of the home and cross Academic Units.
- 6.19.7** If the application for Cross-appointment is approved by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Cross-appointment shall commence on 1 July of the Academic Year after the year in which the application was made.

6.20 Termination of Senior Lecturers

- 6.20.1** Either the Board or a Senior Lecturer may terminate the Employee's appointment during the probationary period by written notice of termination specifying the reasons in full.
- 6.20.1.1** In the case of termination by the Board, Articles 4.12.2 through 4.12.5 and 4.12.7 shall apply.
- 6.20.1.2** Pursuant to Article 6.20.1, a Senior Lecturer may terminate employment by giving notice to the Board no later than 15 March.
- 6.20.1.3** A probationary appointment may be terminated by mutual consent at any time.
- 6.20.2** Termination of a Senior Lecturer who has been granted a permanent appointment pursuant to Article 6.18 may only be by retirement, resignation, mutual consent, redundancy, or dismissal for just cause, as stipulated in Article 4.13 and 4.14.

6.21 Performance Review of Senior Lecturers

- 6.21.1** Senior Lecturers shall submit a Faculty Activity Report to the Dean with a copy to the Chair no later than the first Tuesday in September. The performance review of Permanent Senior Lecturers shall be in accordance with Article 12.4.

6.22 Vacation for Senior Lecturers

- 6.22.1** Full-time Senior Lecturers shall have two months of vacation, normally 22 June to 14 August plus one (1) week at a time determined by consultation between the Senior Lecturer and the Chair. The dates of the vacation period may be altered by mutual consent between the Senior Lecturer and the Chair, subject to approval of the Dean.
- 6.22.2** Limited-term Senior Lecturers hired for a term of one (1) year or two (2) years are entitled to the vacation period specified in Article 6.22.1.
- 6.22.3** Limited-term Senior Lecturers hired for less than twelve (12) months are not entitled to any vacation, but shall be paid not less than 8% of their gross salary as vacation pay. This provision shall also apply to the period of a term over one (1) year but less than two (2) years.

6.23 Benefits and Insurance for Senior Lecturers

- 6.23.1** Full-time Senior Lecturers shall be eligible for all benefits provided to Full-time Employees in Articles 16.1 to 16.7.
- 6.23.2** Limited-term Senior Lecturers shall be eligible for all benefits provided to Limited-term Employees in Articles 16.1 to 16.6.

6.24 Leaves for Senior Lecturers

- 6.24.1** Full-time Senior Lecturers shall be eligible for Maternity and Parental Leave (Article 17.1), full-time Illness Leave (Article 17.2), Bereavement and Compassionate Leave (Article 17.3), Attendance at Legal Proceedings (Article 17.6), Political Participation Leave (Article 17.7) and Leave of Absence With or Without Pay (Article 17.8).
- 6.24.2** Limited-term Senior Lecturers shall be eligible for full-time Illness Leave (Article 17.2), Bereavement and Compassionate Leave (Article 17.3), Attendance at Legal Proceedings (Article 17.6), Political Participation Leave (Article 17.7) and Leave of Absence With or Without Pay (Article 17.8).

6.25 Professional Development for Senior Lecturers

- 6.25.1** The provisions of Articles 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 18.4, 18.6, and 18.7 shall apply to Full-time and Limited-term Senior Lecturers.

Article 7 – Half-Time Tenured Employment

7.1 A Full-time Tenured Employee may be granted special half-time employment status in accordance with the terms and conditions below and shall hereafter be referred to as a half-time Tenured Employee.

7.2 Unless otherwise stated in this Article or elsewhere, all terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to half-time Tenured Employees on a pro rata basis. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing and for greater certainty, the application of certain articles of this Agreement to half-time Tenured Employees is as set out below.

7.3 Application Procedure and Term of Appointment

7.3.1 Application for half-time tenured employment shall be forwarded to the Chair at least six (6) months in advance of the intended date of change in employment status.

7.3.1.1 After consultation between the Chair and Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit, the Chair shall forward a recommendation to the Dean, at least four (4) months in advance of the intended date of change in employment status, who shall then forward a recommendation to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

7.3.2 Appointment as a half-time Tenured Employee shall be for a term of one (1) to five (5) Academic Years, and may be renewable in one (1) to five (5) Academic Year increments as per the above application procedure.

7.3.3 Half-time Tenured Employees may not return to full-time tenured status in advance of the term approved for status as a half-time Tenured Employee.

7.3.3.1 In exceptional circumstances, an Employee may apply to the Dean to return to full-time status prior to the expiration of a second or subsequent term of appointment. Normally the request will be approved, subject to budgetary considerations.

7.4 Workload

7.4.1 The workload of a half-time Tenured Employee shall be assigned as per Pattern A or Pattern B and shall include:

7.4.1.1 Pattern A - a full-time workload, inclusive of twenty-two (22) Days of vacation during not less than six (6) months of the Academic Year, to normally include at least one (1) of the Fall or Winter semesters.

7.4.1.2 Pattern B - a workload which, as much as possible, is half the normal workload prescribed in Article 14 throughout the Academic Year.

7.4.2 The workload of half-time Tenured Employees shall be assigned by consultation between the Chair and the Full-time Employees of each Academic Unit, following consultation with the Dean.

7.4.3 Teaching-Service Pattern

- 7.4.3.1** A half-time Tenured Employee in the Teaching-Service Pattern shall normally teach 192 scheduled instructional course hours or equivalent for Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians (half the normal full-time instructional teaching load under Article 14.4.1) per year of the appointment and will provide service pro-rata pursuant to the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

7.4.4 Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern

- 7.4.4.1** A half-time Tenured Employee in the Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern shall normally teach 144 scheduled instructional course hours or equivalent for Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians (half the normal full-time instructional teaching load under Article 14.5.1) per year of the appointment and will provide pro-rata scholarship and service, pursuant to the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

7.5 Salary

- 7.5.1** A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern A shall be paid at that Employee's full-time annual rate for the period of appointment.
- 7.5.2** A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern B shall be paid one half of that Employee's full-time annual rate for the period of appointment.
- 7.5.3** Promotion to the next succeeding step on the salary schedule shall only occur after the equivalent of a full-time workload has been worked (i.e., after two (2) years).
- 7.5.4** A half-time Tenured Employee shall receive any negotiated changes to the salary schedule grid step on which that Employee's salary is based.

7.6 Benefits and Insurance

- 7.6.1** A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern A shall be eligible to have full coverage for Extended Health Care and Dental Care:
- 7.6.1.1** during the term of appointment with the cost sharing for premiums as stated in Article 16, and
- 7.6.1.2** during the period of the Academic Year outside the term of appointment provided the Employee pays 100% of the premium costs (as per Article 17.6.3 re leave without pay).
- 7.6.2** A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern B shall be eligible to have full coverage for Extended Health Care and Dental Care during the entire Academic Year provided that the premium costs to the Board are 50% of those stated in Article 16.

7.6.3 A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with either Pattern A or B shall be eligible to have pro-rated coverage (based on 50% of that Employee's full-time annual salary) for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, and long-term disability for the entire Academic Year. This pro-rated coverage is contingent upon the Employee paying 50% of the premium costs for life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and 100% of the premium costs for long term disability insurance.

7.6.4 Pensionable service shall accrue in accordance with the regulations of the Local Authorities Pension Plan. The period of time not worked will be reported by the University as approved leave without pay.

7.7 Vacation and Holidays

7.7.1 A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern A:

7.7.1.1 shall receive twenty-two (22) days vacation within the term of appointment, and such days shall be taken on dates agreed to between the Employee and the Chair, subject to the approval of the Dean;

7.7.1.2 shall be entitled to those holidays described in Article 15 which fall within the period of appointment. Holidays falling outside the period of appointment shall not be paid holidays.

7.7.2 A half-time Tenured Employee working in accordance with Pattern B shall be entitled to the vacation and holidays described in Article 15 and shall receive one half of that Employee's salary on those days.

7.8 Leaves from the University

7.8.1 Entitlement to Maternity and Parental leave (Article 17.1) shall continue during the term of appointment, except that the Board's obligation in Article 17.1.4.8 shall be reduced to 25% of regular salary for a maximum of three (3) months.

An Employee working in accordance with Pattern A and who becomes ill outside the term of appointment shall not be eligible for illness leave until the first day of work scheduled for the next term of appointment. Eligibility for illness leave and long term disability insurance occurs only during the term of appointment.

7.8.2 Half-time Tenured Employees may apply for a sabbatical leave as per Article 17.5.

7.8.3 Half-time Tenured Employees shall be eligible for Attendance at Legal Proceedings (Article 17.6) and Political Participation Leave (Article 17.7).

Article 8 – Phased Retirement

8.1 Eligibility

- 8.1.1 Tenured Employees who have reached their LAPP “85 factor” (i.e. age plus years of service total 85 or greater) or are 60 years of age with at least fifteen (15) years accumulated service at this University are eligible to apply for phased retirement.

Note: LAPP rules on reduced pension may apply should an Employee choose to apply for phased retirement prior to reaching their LAPP “85 factor”.

In any Academic Unit, the maximum number of Employees allowed to participate in phased retirement shall be governed by the following ratio according to Academic Unit size:

Full-time Employees	Number of participants
0 – 20	2
21 or more	4

- 8.1.2 An Employee approved for phased retirement shall not begin employment under the terms of that appointment sooner than one work Day or later than eighteen months after their retirement from regular service from the University.

8.2 Application

- 8.2.1 A Tenured Employee shall apply through the Chair by February 1 of the calendar year in which the Employee intends to retire.
- 8.2.2 After consultation between the Chair and Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit, the Chair shall forward recommendations to the Dean who shall forward the completed application to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic for final decision.
- 8.2.3 The Employee shall be notified by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic no later than 15 March regarding their application.
- 8.2.4 If approved, the Employee shall write an irrevocable letter of resignation from their tenured position by 31 May which will take effect no later than 14 August of the year in which the Employee will be commencing phased retirement.
- 8.2.5 The Employee, after resignation, will return to the University on a half-time appointment following either pattern A or B as specified in Article 7.4. The appointment shall be for a non-renewable term of one to three Academic Years.
- 8.2.6 Employees may continue to participate on committees and assume roles consistent with those of Tenured Employees.
- 8.2.7 Normally, only at the end of the appointment is the Employee eligible to accept sessional employment under the provisions of Article 4.7 at the hourly rate schedule for contract appointments specified in Article 13. Exceptions to this require approval of the Dean.

8.3 Work Patterns

8.3.1 An Employee participating in phased retirement shall remain in the same work pattern as at the time of application.

8.3.2 Workload shall be assigned as per Pattern A or Pattern B as specified in Article 7.4.

8.3.3 Workload shall be assigned by consultation between the Chair and the Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit, following consultation with the Dean.

8.3.4 Teaching-Service Pattern

8.3.4.1 An Employee on phased retirement in the Teaching-Service Pattern shall normally teach 192 scheduled instructional course hours or equivalent for Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians (half the normal full-time instructional teaching load under Article 14.4.1) per year of the appointment and will provide service pro-rata pursuant to the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

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8.4 Salary

8.4.1 The Employee shall be paid salary in accordance with either Pattern A or Pattern B as specified in Article 7.5.1 or 7.5.2.

8.4.2 The Employee's salary shall be based on their placement on the salary schedule in Article 13.1.1 at the time of resignation. The Employee shall not be eligible for movement on the salary schedule after the date of resignation. The Employee shall receive any negotiated increases to his/her salary step.

An Employee who is receiving a Long Service Increment in accordance with Article 13.1.8 on the date of resignation will continue to receive such increment during his/her phased retirement. An Employee shall not become eligible for a Long Service Increment during his/her phased retirement.

8.5 Benefits and Leaves

8.5.1 The Employee shall be eligible to draw pension benefits under the Local Authorities Pension Plan, subject to LAPP regulations.

- 8.5.2** The Employee shall be eligible for benefits as specified in Article 16.8.3 and shall not have to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Article 16.8.1.
- 8.5.3** The Employee shall be eligible for List A as outlined in Article 14.9 and an amount equal to the prorated individual allotment of professional development funds.
- 8.5.4** The Employee will not be eligible for sabbaticals.
- 8.5.5** Re-employment rules are governed by LAPP and as such any changes made to them by LAPP must be adhered to.

8.6 Vacation and Holidays

- 8.6.1** The Employee shall be eligible for vacation and holidays as outlined in Article 7.7.

Article 9 – Tenure and Promotion Systems

9.1 Academic Unit Tenure Committee (TC)

- 9.1.1 There shall be a Tenure Committee, hereafter referred to as the TC, in each Academic Unit.
- 9.1.2 The TC shall conduct annual and mid-term tenure evaluations of Tenurable Employees in the Academic Unit and shall make recommendations on applications for tenure in accordance with the processes outlined in this Collective Agreement.
- 9.1.3 Where there are more than nine (9) Tenured Employees in an Academic Unit, exclusive of the Chair and Tenured Employees on leave, the TC shall be elected as outlined in Article 9.1.4.3.
- 9.1.4 Where there are nine (9) or fewer Tenured Employees in an Academic Unit, exclusive of the Chair and Tenured Employees on leave, the unit is eligible to decide whether its TC shall be composed of the Chair and the Tenured Employees not on leave or shall be elected as outlined in Article 9.1.4.3.
 - 9.1.4.1 Each eligible Academic Unit shall decide no later than 31 August by secret ballot whether or not to elect its TC. All Tenured Employees are eligible to vote. If a majority votes against an elected TC, the TC shall be composed of the Chair and the Tenured Employees not on leave.
 - 9.1.4.1.1 After an initial vote not to elect the TC, any Tenured Employee of the Academic Unit may request in a subsequent year that a ballot on whether or not to elect the TC be held.
 - 9.1.4.2 An elected TC shall be established for a minimum of three (3) years.
 - 9.1.4.2.1 After the initial three-year period, any Tenured Employee of the Academic Unit may request that a ballot be held as outlined in Article 9.1.4.1.
 - 9.1.4.3 An elected TC shall be composed of the Chair of the Academic Unit and a minimum of four (4) tenured members, with one (1) tenured alternate, elected by secret ballot no later than the first Friday in September.
 - 9.1.4.3.1 The Chair, in consultation with the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit and the Dean, may increase the number of elected tenured members to six (6) or eight (8).
 - 9.1.4.3.2 The Chair, following consultation with the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit, may, in consultation with the Dean, structure an election so that all disciplines or programs in the Academic Unit are adequately represented on the committee.

- 9.1.4.3.3** In the first year of an elected TC, the terms of elected members and the number required for quorum for committees with four (4), six (6) or eight (8) elected members shall be as follows:

Size of committee, including Chair	5	7	9
Number of elected committee members	4	6	8
Number elected for a three-year term	2	2	3
Number elected for a two-year term	1	2	3
Number elected for a one-year term	1	2	2
Number of alternates elected for a three-year term	1	1	1
Number required for quorum	4	5	6

- 9.1.4.3.4** In the second and subsequent years of an elected TC, members or the alternate who have completed their term shall be replaced for three-year terms and members or the alternate who have resigned shall be replaced for the remainder of their terms.

- 9.1.4.3.5** The Chair, in consultation with the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit and the Dean, shall establish a method to assign terms to members and to determine the alternate.

- 9.1.5** Where there are three (3) or fewer Tenured Employees in an Academic Unit, exclusive of the Chair and Tenured Employees on leave, the Dean in consultation with the Chair shall appoint tenured members of cognate disciplines to bring the total TC membership to five (5).
- 9.1.6** The Chair of the Academic Unit shall chair the TC unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing the Chair of the Academic Unit from doing so (for example, the Chair is a candidate for tenure). In such circumstances, the Dean shall appoint a Tenured Employee of the Academic Unit to chair the TC.
- 9.1.7** The committee chair shall only vote to break a tie.
- 9.1.8** The quorum for all meetings shall be two-thirds of the membership, including the committee chair.
- 9.1.9** Members and alternates serving in their first year on a Tenure Committee shall attend one of the tenure and promotion workshops conducted jointly by the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate during September and October. Workshop topics shall include responsibilities of committee members, the general criteria for tenure and promotion specified in this Agreement and the detailed criteria approved by General Faculties Council, congruence of scholarship expectations with the teaching loads and resources available for research at an undergraduate university, the need for flexibility in assessing and weighting a candidate's performance, and the principles of due process and natural justice.

A new member or alternate who does not attend one of these workshops normally shall not be eligible to sit on the committee until the following year. Exceptions, based on a reasonable explanation presented by a member, may be approved by the committee chair.

- 9.1.10** Members and alternates serving on a Tenure Committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

9.2 Faculty Promotion Committee (PC)

- 9.2.1** There shall be a Promotion Committee, hereafter referred to as the PC, in each Faculty.

- 9.2.2** The PC shall make recommendations on all applications for promotion from candidates in the Faculty in accordance with the processes outlined in this Collective Agreement.

9.2.3 Committee Composition

- 9.2.3.1** Unless otherwise stated below, each Faculty PC shall be composed of the Dean of the Faculty and one (1) Tenured Employee, plus one (1) tenured alternate, from each Academic Unit in the Faculty, elected by secret ballot no later than 14 June each year. The tenured members of each Academic Unit shall elect their own representatives.

- 9.2.3.2** For the library (as a single-department Faculty), the PC shall be composed of:

- 9.2.3.2.1** the Dean;

- 9.2.3.2.2** two (2) Tenured Employees, plus two (2) tenured alternates, from the Library, elected by secret ballot no later than 14 June each year. The Tenured Employees of the Library shall elect their own representatives;

- 9.2.3.2.3** two (2) Tenured Employees, plus two tenured alternates, from Faculties other than the Library, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Chairs of the relevant Academic Units; and

- 9.2.3.2.4** up to one (1) additional Tenured Employee from a cognate discipline, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Chair of the Library.

- 9.2.3.3** For the Academic Development Centre and the Department of General Education collectively (administered by the same Dean), the PC shall be composed of:

- 9.2.3.3.1** the Dean;

- 9.2.3.3.2** one (1) Tenured Employee, plus one (1) tenured alternate, from each of the Academic Development Centre and the Department of General Education, elected by secret ballot no later than 14 June each year. The Tenured Employees of each Academic Unit shall elect their own representatives;

- 9.2.3.3.3** two (2) Tenured Employees, plus two (2) tenured alternates, from other Faculties, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Chairs of the relevant Academic Units; and

9.2.3.3.4 up to one (1) additional Tenured Employee from a cognate discipline, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Director of the Academic Development Centre and the Chair of the Department of General Education.

9.2.3.4 Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors shall not normally be eligible for election to Faculty-wide Promotion Committees.

9.2.4 In the first year of a Faculty-wide PC, the terms of elected members and alternates shall vary from one (1) to three (3) years.

9.2.5 In the second and subsequent years, members or the alternate who have completed their term shall be replaced for three-year terms and members or the alternate who have resigned shall be replaced for the remainder of their terms.

9.2.6 The Dean, in consultation with the Chairs of the Academic Units, shall establish a method to assign terms to members and to determine the alternates.

9.2.7 The Dean shall chair the committee.

9.2.8 The committee chair shall only vote to break a tie.

9.2.9 The quorum for all meetings shall be two-thirds of the membership, including the Dean.

9.2.10 The Chair of the Academic Unit of a candidate up for review shall attend the committee meeting to discuss the candidate's application, but shall not be present for any vote or final decision of the committee regarding the candidate.

9.2.11 Members and alternates serving in their first year on a Promotion Committee shall attend one of the tenure and promotion workshops conducted jointly by the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate during September and October. Workshop topics shall include responsibilities of committee members, the general criteria for tenure and promotion specified in this Agreement and the detailed criteria approved by General Faculties Council, congruence of scholarship expectations with the teaching loads and resources available for research at an undergraduate university, the need for flexibility in assessing and weighting a candidate's performance, and the principles of due process and natural justice.

9.2.12 A new member or alternate who does not attend one of these workshops normally shall not be eligible to sit on the committee until the following year. Exceptions, based on a reasonable explanation presented by a member, may be approved by the committee chair.

9.2.13 Members and alternates serving on a Promotion Committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

9.3 University Tenure and Promotion Committee (UTPC)

9.3.1 The University Tenure and Promotion Committee, hereafter referred to as the UTPC, shall receive recommendations on applications for tenure and promotion from Tenure Committees, Promotion Committees and Deans, and shall make recommendations to the President in accordance with the processes outlined in this Collective Agreement.

9.3.2 The UTPC shall be composed of:

9.3.2.1 the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who shall chair the committee;

9.3.2.2 one (1) representative and one (1) alternate, both of whom shall be tenured, from each Faculty, or Academic Unit represented by a Faculty Council, elected for overlapping three-year terms. The alternate shall serve as a replacement at any meeting which the representative is unable to attend for good reason.

Elections shall be jointly administered by the University and the Association as follows:

9.3.2.2.1 The call for nominations shall be made jointly by the President and the President of the Mount Royal Faculty Association.

9.3.2.2.2 The election shall be by secret ballot held at the same time as the annual election of councillors to the General Faculties Council and using the same list of eligible voters.

9.3.2.3 one (1) Tenured Employee and one (1) tenured alternate elected for a three-year term by the Association.

9.3.3 The quorum for all meetings shall be two-thirds of the membership, including the chair.

9.3.4 The chair shall only vote to break a tie.

9.3.5 Members and alternates serving in their first year on the UTPC shall attend one of the tenure and promotion workshops conducted jointly by the Mount Royal Faculty Association and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate during September and October. Workshop topics shall include responsibilities of committee members, the general criteria for tenure and promotion specified in this Agreement and the detailed criteria approved by General Faculties Council, congruence of scholarship expectations with the teaching loads and resources available for research at an undergraduate university, the need for flexibility in assessing and weighting a candidate's performance, and the principles of due process and natural justice.

A new member or alternate who does not attend one of these workshops normally shall not be eligible to sit on the committee until the following year. Exceptions, based on a reasonable explanation presented by a member, may be approved by the committee chair.

9.3.6 Members and alternates serving on the UTPC shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

9.4 Principles Governing Tenure and Promotion Committees

9.4.1 In formulating a committee's recommendation on an application for tenure or promotion, members shall rate the candidate's performance as "meets the standard" or "does not meet the standard" in each of the areas of teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship.

9.4.2 All committee deliberations shall be strictly confidential. Candidates shall communicate with a committee only through the committee chair. Committee members shall not discuss an application with any persons outside the committee.

9.4.3 For the purposes of this Article, conflict of interest means that it may be difficult for a committee member to render an unbiased judgment on the candidate's application. This conflict may arise as a result of a professional or personal relationship and/or competing loyalties between the committee member and the candidate. Apprehension of bias means that a reasonable and informed person, with knowledge of all the relevant circumstances, viewing the matter realistically and practically, would conclude that a conflict of interest might exist between a committee member and the candidate. Circumstances that can result in actual or perceived conflict of interest include, but are not limited to, those in which the committee member:

- is a relative or close friend, or has a close personal relationship with the applicant;
- is in a position to gain or lose financially/materially from the promotion of the applicant;
- is currently affiliated with the applicant's companies;
- has in the last five years collaborated, co-authored, or shared funding with the applicant, or has plans to do so in the immediate future;
- has been a supervisor or a trainee of the applicant;
- has had long-standing academic or personal differences with the applicant;
- feels for any reason unable to provide an impartial review of the applicant.

An actual or perceived conflict of interest does not necessarily preclude participation by the member in the deliberations and recommendation on the candidate's application, but it does require formal disclosure in writing and a decision on the member's participation. The decision shall be made by the Dean in the case of an Academic Unit's Tenure Committee or a Faculty-wide Promotion Committee and by the President in the case of the Dean or the University Tenure and Promotion Committee.

9.4.3.1 Conflict of interest is not limited to tenure and promotion recommendations and applies to all work of a committee. An actual or perceived conflict of interest must be disclosed and a decision made on the member's participation prior to the committee commencing consideration of an application.

9.4.3.2 A member of a committee may declare a conflict of interest and withdraw from consideration of an application. Where possible, the member shall be replaced by an alternate for the consideration of this application.

9.4.3.3 The candidate may request in writing to the Dean or the President, as appropriate, that a committee member or the Dean be removed for conflict of interest.

- 9.4.3.4** Any member of a committee may raise an apprehension of bias concerning either themselves or another member of the committee. After discussion by the entire committee, the committee chair may present the case in writing to the Dean or the President, as appropriate, for a decision.
- 9.4.3.5** The decision of the Dean or President, as appropriate, on whether a conflict of interest exists shall be final.
- 9.4.3.5.1** If the Dean or President determines that a conflict of interest exists for a committee member in the consideration of an application, then the Dean or President shall remove the member from the committee for consideration of this application. Where possible, the member shall be replaced by an alternate.
- 9.4.3.5.2** If the President determines that a conflict of interest exists for the Dean, then the President shall replace the Dean with another Dean for the consideration of this application.

Article 10 – Tenure

10.1 The Meaning of Tenure

Tenure refers to a permanent appointment. Tenure represents a major commitment between the institution and the Employee. Tenure carries with it a significant responsibility for the Employee, including the obligation to continue to perform at a high level of professionalism. Pursuant to Article 4.13, termination of a tenured appointment may only be by retirement, resignation, mutual consent, redundancy, or dismissal for just cause.

10.2 Criteria for Tenure

10.2.1 Tenure recommendations and decisions shall be made on the basis of meeting the established standards during the probationary period and any years credited towards the probationary period and of clear promise of continuing intellectual and professional development as demonstrated by the following general criteria:

- i. evidence of proficient and scholarly teaching, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;
- ii. evidence of scholarship, where applicable, congruent with the teaching loads and resources available for scholarship at an undergraduate university, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner; and
- iii. evidence of significant contributions in service, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner.

The standards shall be met in all applicable categories. Exceeding the standards in one category shall not lower the performance expectations in the other categories.

10.2.2 Tenure recommendations and decisions shall be based solely on the general criteria in this Article, the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service, and the detailed criteria recommended by General Faculties Council and approved by the Board of Governors in effect on the date of commencement of appointment.

10.2.3 The responsibility for maintaining a cumulative tenure dossier rests with the Employee. Each year the Employee shall assemble an updated tenure dossier containing evidence of achievements in teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship. The contents of and format for the tenure dossier are available in the current *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook*.

10.3 Probationary Period

10.3.1 Initial tenurable appointments shall normally be for a probationary period of five (5) years commencing 1 July. If the tenurable appointment commenced prior to 1 July, the probationary period shall be extended by the period between the commencement date and 1 July.

10.3.2 During the probationary period, a Tenurable Employee's performance shall be evaluated using the criteria outlined in Article 10.2.

- 10.3.3** Annual evaluations of Tenurable Employees shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Article 10.4.
- 10.3.4** A Tenurable Employee shall normally have a mid-term tenure evaluation in the third probationary year conducted as outlined in Article 10.5.
- 10.3.5** A Tenurable Employee shall normally be a candidate for tenure in the fifth probationary year.
- 10.3.6** During the probationary period, the Employee shall remain in the same work pattern identified in the letter of appointment.
- 10.3.7 Years credited towards the Probationary Period**
- 10.3.7.1** Tenurable Employees who did not receive credit at the point of hire, per Article 4.3.9, and who have two or more years' service in a tenure track position or a full-time academic staff appointment at a Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution may apply by 15 November of their first probationary year to have two years credited towards their probationary period at Mount Royal University. The application shall be submitted to the TC of the Employee's Academic Unit and shall include annual evaluations of teaching, service, and, where applicable, scholarship.
- 10.3.7.2** Senior Lecturer, limited-term, previous term-certain, or Conditional Tenurable Employees of Mount Royal University subsequently appointed as Tenurable Employees who did not receive credit at the point of hire per Article 4.3.9 may apply to have one or two years of senior lecturer, limited-term, previous term-certain or Conditional Tenurable appointment at Mount Royal.
- 10.3.7.3** An application for credit towards the probationary period made in accordance with 10.3.7.1 or 10.3.7.2 shall be assessed by the TC and its recommendation, including the reasons for supporting or rejecting the application, shall be conveyed in writing to the Dean no later than 15 January of the first probationary year. The Dean shall forward the TC recommendation, along with their own written recommendation, to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic no later than 31 January of the first probationary year. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall render a decision in writing on the granting of credit towards the probationary period no later than 1 March. The decision of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic with respect to granting of credit towards the probationary period shall be final.
- 10.3.7.4** When one year of credit has been granted towards the probationary period per Article 4.3.9 or Article 10.3.7.3 there shall be an annual tenure evaluation covering the first year and a mid-term tenure evaluation covering the second year of the remaining probationary period of four (4) years.
- 10.3.7.5** When two years of credit have been granted towards the probationary period per Article 4.3.9 or Article 10.3.7.3 there shall be a mid-term tenure evaluation as per Article 10.5 covering the first year of the remaining probationary period of three (3) years.

- 10.3.8** Unless otherwise stated in a letter of leave approval, periods of six (6) months or longer on any of the leaves listed below will not be credited towards the probationary period. Leaves totalling six (6) months to eighteen (18) months shall extend the probationary period by one (1) year. Leaves totalling eighteen (18) to thirty (30) months shall extend the probationary period by two (2) years. For leaves totalling less than six (6) months, the probationary period will not be extended if a Tenurable Employee is able to have any required missing documentation completed either during the semester they are on leave or in the following semester. Should this not be the case, the probationary period shall be extended by one year.

This provision applies to the following leaves:

- Parental leave;
- Maternity leave;
- Illness leave;
- Compassionate leave;
- Leave of absence with or without pay.

- 10.3.9** After receipt of the mid-term tenure evaluation report described in Article 10.5, a Tenurable Employee may elect to extend the probationary period for one year, subject to the following provisions:

10.3.9.1 The Employee has not previously elected to extend the probationary period.

10.3.9.2 The Employee has not been granted an additional probationary year as provided for in Article 10.8.2.3.

10.3.9.3 The Employee shall remain in the same work pattern identified in the letter of appointment.

10.3.9.4 The Employee shall notify the Chair of the Academic Unit and the President of the Mount Royal Faculty Association, after receipt of the mid-term tenure evaluation report and no later than 15 January of the fourth probationary year that they are electing to extend the probationary period for one year.

10.3.9.5 All Tenurable Employees who elect to extend the probationary period for one year shall be candidates for tenure on 15 January of the sixth probationary year. Application for tenure shall be as outlined in Articles 10.6.2 and 10.6.3, with the exception that the tenure dossier will normally contain all the required documents covering eleven (11) semesters.

10.4 Annual Tenure Evaluation

- 10.4.1** An annual tenure evaluation shall be conducted in the first and second probationary years by the TC.

- 10.4.2** The evaluation shall be an assessment of the Employee's overall progress towards fulfilling the criteria for the granting of tenure.

- 10.4.3** The Employee shall submit the complete tenure dossier to the chair of the TC no later than the first Tuesday in September.
- 10.4.4** All tenured members of the Academic Unit who are not members of the TC may provide feedback, in writing, on the performance of the Employee with respect to the tenure criteria. The chair of the TC shall make the dossier available to the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit for review no later than the first Tuesday in September. Written feedback must be submitted to the TC within five (5) Days.
- 10.4.5** The Chair and/or Dean shall comment on the extent to which duties with respect to teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner.
- 10.4.6** The TC shall meet to consider the tenure dossier, the comments from the Chair and/or Dean, and the written feedback from other Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit. The TC shall evaluate the Employee's performance using the criteria outlined in Article 10.2 and shall prepare a draft annual evaluation report. A summary of the comments from the Chair and/or Dean and of the written feedback from Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit shall be incorporated into the draft annual evaluation report.
- 10.4.7** The TC shall provide the Employee with the draft annual evaluation report no later than the end of September. The report shall be provided no less than three (3) Days prior to the meeting with the Employee.
- 10.4.8** The TC shall meet with the Employee to discuss the draft annual evaluation report. The Employee shall have the right to submit additional written information to address any issues or concerns raised by the TC. Such additional material shall not include the documents required in 10.4.3. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 10.4.9** The TC shall then prepare the final annual evaluation report. Any dissenting opinions from committee members shall be attached to the report.
- 10.4.10** No later than three (3) Days before 15 October, the chair of the TC shall provide the Employee with the final annual evaluation report. The Employee shall have the right to respond in writing to the chair of the TC. Such response shall not include the documents required in 10.4.3. Any response shall be added to the tenure dossier by the Employee along with the annual evaluation report no later than 15 October.
- 10.4.11** Copies of the current year's Faculty Activity Report, the annual evaluation report and any response from the Employee shall be forwarded to the Dean by the chair of the TC no later than 15 October.
- 10.4.12** The TC may recommend that the Dean meet with the Employee to discuss concerns related to the Employee's overall progress towards fulfilling the criteria for the granting of tenure. When such a recommendation is made:
- 10.4.12.1** No later than 15 October, the chair of the TC shall forward the Employee's complete tenure dossier to the Dean.

- 10.4.12.2** The Dean shall meet with the Employee no later than 31 October, in order to address the concerns raised by the TC. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 10.4.12.3** No later than 15 November, the Dean shall prepare a written report of the meeting, outlining the concerns raised and the remedial measures, if any, to be taken to address them. Any remedial measures shall be developed in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Unit. The report shall be placed in the tenure dossier. The Employee shall have the right to respond to the report, in writing, within three (3) Days of 15 November and any response shall be included in the tenure dossier.
- 10.4.12.4** No later than 30 November, the Dean shall meet with the Employee and the Chair to discuss the report. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.

10.5 Mid-Term Tenure Evaluation

- 10.5.1** The TC and the Dean shall conduct a comprehensive mid-term evaluation of the Tenurable Employee's progress towards fulfilling the criteria for the granting of tenure after the completion of the Winter semester of the third probationary year. The evaluation shall be based on the materials in the Employee's tenure dossier, with a focus on the documents produced in the third probationary year and on the annual evaluation reports for the first and second probationary years.
- 10.5.2** The Tenurable Employee shall submit the complete tenure dossier to the chair of the TC no later than the first Tuesday in September.
- 10.5.3** All Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit who are not members of the TC may provide feedback, in writing, on the performance of the Employee with respect to the tenure criteria. The chair of the TC shall make the dossier available to the tenured members of the Academic Unit for review no later than the first Tuesday in September. Written feedback must be submitted to the TC within five (5) Days.
- 10.5.4** The Chair and/or Dean shall comment on the extent to which duties with respect to teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner.
- 10.5.5** The TC shall meet to consider the tenure dossier, the comments from the Chair and/or Dean, and the written feedback from other Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit. The TC shall evaluate the Employee's performance using the criteria outlined in Article 10.2 and shall prepare a draft mid-term evaluation report. A summary of the comments from the Chair and/or Dean and of the written feedback from tenured members of the Academic Unit shall be incorporated into the draft mid-term evaluation report.
- 10.5.6** No later than 7 October, the TC shall provide the Tenurable Employee with the draft mid-term evaluation report. The report shall be provided no less than three (3) Days prior to the meeting with the Employee.

- 10.5.7** The TC shall meet with the Tenurable Employee to discuss the draft mid-term evaluation report. The Employee shall have the right to submit additional written information to address any issues or concerns raised by the TC. Such additional material shall not include the documents required in 10.5.1. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 10.5.8** The TC shall then prepare the final mid-term evaluation report. Any dissenting opinions from committee members shall be attached to the report.
- 10.5.9** No later than three (3) Days before 21 October, the chair of the TC shall provide the Tenurable Employee with the final mid-term evaluation report. The Employee shall have the right to respond in writing to the chair of the TC. Such response shall not include the documents required in 10.5.1. Any response shall be added to the tenure dossier by the Employee along with the mid-term evaluation report no later than 21 October.
- 10.5.10** No later than 21 October, the chair of the TC shall forward to the Dean the tenure dossier, containing the TC's mid-term evaluation report and any response from the Tenurable Employee.
- 10.5.10.1** The Dean shall meet with the Tenurable Employee no later than 7 November in order to discuss the Employee's progress towards fulfilling the criteria for the granting of tenure. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 10.5.10.2** No later than 21 November, the Dean shall advise the Tenurable Employee, in writing, whether or not his/her progress towards tenure is satisfactory. If the progress towards tenure is deemed unsatisfactory, the Dean, where appropriate, shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Unit, recommend remedial measures and include such measures in the written evaluation. The Dean's evaluation shall be placed in the tenure dossier. The Employee shall have the right to respond to the report, in writing, within three (3) Days of 21 November and any response shall be included in the tenure dossier.
- 10.5.11** The mid-term tenure evaluation ends once the Dean's review has been completed.

10.6 Application for Tenure

- 10.6.1** Subject to the provisions of Article 10.3.9, all Tenurable Employees shall be candidates for tenure on 15 January of the fifth probationary year.
- 10.6.2** By 15 January, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall submit the names of all Employees in the Academic Unit who are candidates for tenure to the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 10.6.3** By 1 February, the candidate, with the assistance of the Chair of the Academic Unit, shall submit the tenure dossier containing all the required documents normally covering nine (9) semesters to the chair of the TC, and shall advise the President of the Mount Royal Faculty Association of the application for tenure.

10.7 Final Tenure Review and Recommendation from the TC and the Dean to the UPTC

- 10.7.1** By 15 February of the final probationary year, the TC shall meet with the candidate to discuss the tenure dossier and the candidate's progress towards fulfilling the criteria for the granting of tenure.
- 10.7.2** The TC shall prepare a draft tenure review and recommendation to the UPTC, based on the materials in the candidate's dossier and using the criteria outlined in Article 10.2.
- 10.7.3** All tenured members of the Academic Unit who are not members of the TC may provide feedback, in writing, on the performance of the Employee with respect to the tenure criteria and on the draft tenure review and recommendation. The chair of the TC shall make the tenure dossier and the draft tenure review and recommendation available to the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit for review no later than 1 March. Written feedback must be submitted to the TC within five (5) Days.
- 10.7.4** The Chair and/or Dean shall comment on the extent to which duties with respect to teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner.
- 10.7.5** The TC shall consider all written input from the Dean and/or Chair and from other Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit in revising the draft tenure review and recommendation. The TC may, if necessary, meet with the other tenured members of the Academic Unit to discuss any issues or concerns raised. The TC shall incorporate a summary of the comments from the Chair and/or Dean and of the written feedback received from Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit into the draft tenure review and recommendation.
- 10.7.6** By 15 March, the TC shall provide the candidate with the draft tenure review and recommendation. The draft shall be provided no less than three (3) Days prior to the meeting with the candidate.
- 10.7.7** The TC shall meet with the candidate to discuss the draft tenure review and recommendation. The candidate shall have the right to submit additional written information to address any issues or concerns raised by the TC. Such additional material shall not include the documents required in Article 10.6.3. The candidate may be accompanied at this meeting by a tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 10.7.8** The TC shall then prepare the final tenure review and recommendation to the UTPC. Where possible, decisions shall be reached by consensus and, if not possible, by a simple majority vote. Any dissenting opinions from committee members shall be attached to the majority report.
- 10.7.9** No later than three (3) Days before 31 March, the chair of the TC shall provide the candidate with the final tenure review and recommendation. The candidate shall have the right to respond in writing to the chair of the TC. Such response shall not include the documents required in 10.6.3. Any response shall be added to the tenure dossier by the Employee along with the final tenure review and recommendation by 31 March.

- 10.7.10** By 31 March, the chair of the TC shall forward to the Dean the tenure dossier, containing the TC's final tenure review and recommendation and any response from the candidate.
- 10.7.11** By 15 April, the Dean shall write a final tenure review and recommendation to the UTPC which shall be transmitted to the candidate and the candidate's Chair.
- 10.7.12** The Dean shall place the final tenure review in the dossier and forward the dossier to the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

10.8 UTPC Procedures for Tenure

- 10.8.1** The UTPC shall review the tenure dossier using the criteria outlined in Article 10.2 and according to the procedures described in the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook*.
- 10.8.2** Following final review, the UTPC shall recommend to the President that the Employee:
- 10.8.2.1** be granted tenure and be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor; or
 - 10.8.2.2** be released; or
 - 10.8.2.3** be granted one (1) additional probationary year, provided that the Employee has not previously elected to extend the probationary period or been granted an additional probationary year.
- 10.8.3** By 14 June of the year of application, the Employee shall be advised in writing, with reasons, of the recommendation of the UTPC as set forth in Article 10.8.2 above and of the decision of the President.
- 10.8.4** An Employee who has been granted an additional probationary year as specified in Article 10.8.2.3 shall apply again for tenure by the date specified by the UTPC in its recommendation to the President. The application shall be reviewed according to the procedures for an additional probationary year in the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook*. Article 10.8.2, except for 10.8.2.3, Article 10.8.3 and Article 10.8.5 shall apply.
- 10.8.5** If the President decides to release an Employee as set forth in Article 10.8.2.2, such termination shall be effective by 15 June of the appropriate year of application.

Upon termination, that Employee shall receive the sum of four (4) months' annual salary and accrued vacation pay as specified in Article 15.4.

10.9 Appeal of Denial of Tenure or Permanency

10.9.1 Appeal of denial of tenure

Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of termination as set forth in Article 10.8.3, the Employee may file an appeal of denial of tenure, with the President and the President of the Association.

10.9.2 A denial of tenure appeal shall proceed directly to the University Appeal Committee which shall consist of:

10.9.2.1 A Dean, not of the same faculty as the appellant, appointed by the President, and who shall chair the committee and shall vote only in the case of a tie.

10.9.2.2 Two (2) Tenured Employees of the University from a different faculty than the appellant, nominated by the Association.

10.9.2.3 Two (2) Tenured Employees from a faculty other than that of the appellant, appointed by the Board.

10.9.3 Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal of denial of tenure:

10.9.3.1 The President shall summon the University Appeal Committee which shall meet to consider the appeal within twenty (20) Days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.

10.9.3.2 The University Appeal Committee shall review the recommendation of the UTPC along with all the supporting documentation and shall decide no later than ten (10) Days:

10.9.3.2.1 The UTPC's recommendation to deny tenure be upheld; or

10.9.3.2.2 The UTPC's recommendation to deny tenure be changed to recommendation to grant tenure.

10.9.3.3 Upon receipt of the decision of the University Appeal Committee, either party may, within twenty working (20) days of the same proceed to Step 5 of the Grievance Procedure outlined in Article 20.2.5.

10.9.4 Appeal of denial of permanency

Within ten (10) Days of receiving notice of termination as set forth in Article 6.6.8.2 (Permanent Laboratory Instructor) or Article 6.18.9.2 (Senior Lecturer) the Employee may file an appeal of denial of permanency, with the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and the President of the Association.

10.9.4.1 A denial of permanency appeal shall proceed directly to a University Appeal Committee, which shall consist of:

10.9.4.2 A Dean, not of the same faculty as the appellant, appointed by the Provost, and who shall chair the committee and shall vote only in the case of a tie.

10.9.4.3 Two (2) Tenured Employees of the University from a different faculty than the appellant, nominated by the Association.

10.9.4.4 Two (2) Tenured Employees from a faculty other than that of the appellant, appointed by the Board.

10.9.5 Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal of denial of permanency:

- 10.9.5.1** The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall summon a University Appeal Committee which shall meet to consider the appeal within ten (10) Days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.
 - 10.9.5.1.1** In the case of a Permanent Laboratory Instructor, the Committee shall review, the recommendation of the Laboratory Instructor Standing Committee and the comment of the Dean along with all the supporting documentation and shall decide no later than ten (10) Days:
 - 10.9.5.1.2** In the case of a Senior Lecturer, the Committee shall review the recommendation of the Tenure Committee and the comment of the Dean along with the supporting documentation and shall decide no later than ten (10) Days:
- 10.9.5.2** The Committee's recommendation to deny permanency be upheld; or
- 10.9.5.3** The Committee's recommendation to deny permanency be changed to a recommendation to grant permanency.
- 10.9.5.4** Upon receipt of the decision of the University Appeal Committee, either party may, within twenty (20) Days of the same proceed to Step 5 of the Grievance Procedure outlined in Article 20.2.5.

Article 11 – Promotion

11.1 Promotion to the Rank of Associate Professor

- 11.1.1 Promotion from the rank of Assistant Professor to the rank of Associate Professor shall occur upon the granting of tenure, as stipulated in Article 10.8.2.1.

11.2 Promotion to the Rank of Professor

11.2.1 Definition of Promotion to the Rank of Professor

At Mount Royal University, promotion to the rank of Professor is a formal recognition of sustained excellence as an Employee in an instructionally-focused undergraduate university.

11.2.2 General Criteria for Promotion to the Rank of Professor

A candidate is eligible for promotion to the rank of Professor when they are working at a level that satisfies the criteria below, and when that level of performance is judged to represent a clear and prolonged trend within a career as demonstrated by the following general criteria:

- i. evidence of proficient and scholarly teaching, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;
- ii. evidence of scholarship, where applicable, congruent with the teaching loads and resources available for scholarship at an undergraduate university, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner; and
- iii. evidence of significant contributions in service, including the extent to which duties have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner;

Exceeding the standards in one category shall not lower the performance expectations in the other categories.

Promotion recommendations and decisions shall be based solely on the general criteria in this Article, the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service, and the detailed criteria recommended by General Faculties Council and approved by the Board of Governors.

Performance of the administrative responsibilities of Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director may be presented for promotion as evidence towards teaching, research and service.

Candidates may apply for promotion based on either one (1) of the categories listed below in Article(s) 11.2.2.1 or 11.2.2.2, and 11.2.2.3.

11.2.2.1 Excellence and Leadership in Teaching

The candidate is an exemplary teacher who demonstrates leadership in teaching. The criteria include all the criteria for “proficient and scholarly teaching” as outlined in the effective *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria* document. The assessment of excellence and leadership in teaching shall be based on the criterion in Article 11.2.2 i and the following criteria:

- i. demonstrates a sustained and significant impact on teaching beyond the individual’s classes;
- ii. influences professional dialogue about teaching beyond the Academic Unit;
- iii. provides leadership for major educational initiatives in or beyond the University;
- iv. champions the ongoing enhancement of undergraduate education;
- v. contributions to teaching and learning are recognized by peers at the national or international level.

11.2.2.2 Excellence in Scholarship and Proficient and Scholarly Teaching

The assessment of excellence in scholarship shall be based on the criterion in Article 11.2.2 ii, all the criteria for “significant results from scholarship” as outlined in the effective *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria* document and the following criteria:

- i. the candidate’s scholarship is recognized by peers at the national or international level;
- ii. the candidate’s scholarship has had a demonstrable impact on the work of other scholars, professionals, or within appropriate academic or professional communities;
- iii. the candidate continues to meet the criteria for proficient and scholarly teaching required for the granting of tenure.

11.2.2.3 Substantial Contribution in Service

The determination of substantial contribution in service shall be based on the criterion in Article 11.2.2 iii, all the criteria for “collegial participation” outlined in the effective *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria*, plus the following:

The candidate demonstrates leadership in at least one, or significant contributions in at least two, of the following:

- i. service to the Academic Unit and Faculty
- ii. service to the University
- iii. service to academic fields of study
- iv. service to the broader community, in a faculty member-related or discipline-related capacity

11.3 Review for Promotion to Rank of Professor and Recommendation from the PC to the UTPC

- 11.3.1** By 31 January, the Employee shall notify the chair of the PC and the chair of the UTPC, in writing, that they intend to apply for promotion to the rank of Professor, and provide the names of four (4) potential external referees along with a rationale for the choices. The applicant shall not contact the referees regarding this matter. Potential referees must meet the criteria listed in Article 11.3.3.
- 11.3.2** By 15 February, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall provide an additional two (2) names of potential referees along with a rationale for the choices. Potential referees must meet the criteria listed in Article 11.3.3.
- 11.3.3** All nominated referees must not be in a potential conflict of interest situation. A conflict of interest may be deemed to exist or perceived as such when an external referee:
- is a relative or close friend, or has a close personal relationship with the applicant;
 - is in a position to gain or lose financially/materially from the promotion of the applicant;
 - has had long-standing academic or personal differences with the applicant;
 - is currently affiliated with the applicant's institution, organizations or companies – including research institutes;
 - is closely professionally associated with the applicant, as a result of having in the last five years:
 - frequent and regular interactions with the applicant in the course of their duties at their organization;
 - collaborated, co-authored, or shared funding with the applicant, or has plans to do so in the immediate future;
 - has been a supervisor or a trainee of the applicant;
 - feels for any reason unable to provide an impartial review of the applicant.
- 11.3.4** The Dean shall name three (3) referees and alternatives. These names shall be chosen from the list of four (4) referees provided by the candidate or the list of two (2) referees provide by the Chair of the unit.
- 11.3.5** By the second Friday in June the Employee shall submit the completed promotion portfolio to the chair of the PC and notify, in writing, the chair of the UTPC and the President of the Association of the submission.
- 11.3.6** The Dean shall write to the referees inviting them to comment on the application. Where an external referee is unable to provide a review in a timely manner, the Dean shall choose alternates.
- 11.3.7** The Dean shall provide members of the PC with the external reviewers' comments. These comments shall be kept confidential and separate from the promotion portfolio and shared only with the Dean, members of the PC and members of the UTPC.

- 11.3.8** All Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit who are not members of the PC may provide feedback to the PC, in writing, on the suitability of the candidate for promotion, based on the promotion criteria. The chair of the PC shall make the portfolio available to the Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit for review on 15 September. Written feedback must be submitted to the PC within five Days.
- 11.3.9** The Chair and/or Dean shall comment on the extent to which duties with respect to teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship have been carried out in a responsible and professional manner.
- 11.3.10** The PC shall meet to consider the promotion portfolio, the comments from the Chair and/or Dean, the written feedback from Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit, and the external reviewers' comments. The PC shall evaluate the Employee's suitability for promotion using the criteria outlined in Article 11.2.2 and shall prepare a draft recommendation. A summary of the comments from the Chair and/or Dean and of the written feedback from Tenured Employees of the Academic Unit shall be incorporated into the recommendation.
- 11.3.11** By the end of the second week in November, the PC shall provide the Employee with the draft recommendation. The recommendation shall be provided no less than three Days prior to the meeting with the Employee.
- 11.3.12** The PC shall meet with the Employee to discuss the draft recommendation. The Employee shall have the right to submit additional written information to address any issues or concerns raised by the PC. The Employee may be accompanied at this meeting by another tenured colleague as an observer for support.
- 11.3.13** The PC shall then prepare the final recommendation. Any dissenting opinions from committee members shall be attached to the report.
- 11.3.14** No later than three Days before 30 November, the chair of the PC shall provide the Employee with the final recommendation of the PC. The Employee shall have the right to respond in writing to the chair of the PC. Any response shall be added to the promotion portfolio by the Employee along with the promotion recommendation by 30 November.
- 11.3.15** By 1 December, after the receipt of the final recommendation, the Employee has the right to withdraw the application without prejudice to future applications.
- 11.3.16** By 5 December, the Dean shall forward the promotion portfolio and the confidential comments from the external reviewers to the secretary of the UTPC.

11.4 UTPC Procedures for Promotion

- 11.4.1** The UTPC shall review the promotion portfolio using the general criteria in Article 11.2.2, the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service, and the detailed criteria recommended by General Faculties Council and approved by the Board of Governors.
- 11.4.2** Following final review, the UTPC shall decide that the Employee:
- 11.4.2.1** be promoted to the rank of Professor; or

11.4.2.2 be denied promotion to the rank of Professor.

11.4.3 The Employee shall be advised in writing, with reasons, of the decision of the UTPC as set forth in Article 11.4.2 above normally no later than 31 January.

11.5 Appeal of Denial of Promotion

11.5.1 Within twenty one (21) Days of receiving the decision of the UTPC to deny promotion to the rank of Professor as set out in Article 11.4.2.2, the Employee may appeal the decision to deny promotion to the University Appeal Committee (UAC) on one or more of the following grounds:

11.5.1.1 Failure to follow procedural processes outlined herein this Collective Agreement and/or within the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook* effective at the time.

11.5.1.2 Consistency of application of the criteria outlined in Article 11.4.1.

11.5.1.3 The decision of the UTPC conflicts with that of the PC.

11.5.1.4 No appeal may be launched based on a procedural error committed by the applicant.

11.5.2 Should the Employee decide to appeal, the Employee shall file a Notice of Appeal of Denial of Promotion in writing to the President of the University with a copy to the President of the Association. The Notice of Appeal shall note the grounds of the appeal and include the evidence on which the appeal is based and it shall form the basis on which the appeal is to be heard by the UAC.

11.5.3 If the Employee has filed a notice of intention to apply for promotion to Professor, such notice shall be withdrawn as an Employee may not have an application and an appeal in the system at the same time.

11.5.4 The University Appeal Committee

There shall be a University Appeal Committee which shall hear all appeals against decisions of the UTPC related to promotion.

11.5.4.1 Membership:

The University Appeal Committee shall consist of:

11.5.4.1.1 The President of the University, who shall chair the committee and shall vote only in the case of a tie.

11.5.4.1.2 Three (3) Tenured Employees appointed by the Association, one of whom shall serve as a designated alternate.

11.5.4.1.3 Three (3) Tenured Employees appointed by the Board, one of whom shall serve as a designated alternate.

- 11.5.4.1.4** There shall be no more than one member of the committee from any one Faculty. For the purposes of this article, Counsellors will be considered as associated with the Faculty of Arts and the Library will be considered as a distinct area.
- 11.5.4.1.5** In the case of an appellant being from the same Faculty as a non-alternate member of the Committee, an alternate will replace that member on the committee for the processing of that appellant's appeal.
- 11.5.4.1.6** Upon hearing an appeal and when disagreement exists among the external referees, the Committee may by majority vote decide to appoint an external academic, who has expertise in the appellant's field. The external academic shall be a voting member of the committee. The appointment shall be made by the President in consultation with the Committee.

11.5.4.2 Procedure of the University Appeal Committee

- 11.5.4.2.1** Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the President shall notify the appellant's Dean, Academic Unit Chair, and chair of the UTPC of the appeal.
- 11.5.4.2.2** The University Appeal Committee shall be summoned and meet to consider the appeal within thirty (30) Days of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.
- 11.5.4.2.3** The University Appeal Committee shall review the recommendation of the UTPC along with all the supporting documentation and shall decide:
 - 11.5.4.2.3.1** The UTPC's recommendation to deny promotion be upheld; or
 - 11.5.4.2.3.2** The UTPC's recommendation to deny promotion be changed to a recommendation to grant promotion.

11.5.5 The decision of the University Appeal Committee shall be final.

11.5.6 The President shall convey the decision of the University Appeal Committee to the appellant, the President of the Association, the chair of the UTPC, and the appellant's Dean and Academic Unit Chair no later than 30 Days after the initial meeting of the Committee.

11.5.7 An Employee shall not apply for promotion to professor more than twice in a five (5) year period commencing from the date of the first notice of intention to apply for promotion.

Article 12 – Performance Review of Half-time and Full-time Employees

12.1 Recognition and review of Employees' work is both a formative and summative process and a Faculty Activity Report will constitute an important part of this process.

12.1.1 The Faculty Activity Report shall be submitted to the Dean with a copy to the Chair by the first Tuesday in September:

- Each year for Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable, Probationary, and eligible Limited-Term Employees.
- The year in which they are being reviewed, for Tenured and Permanent Employees.

12.1.2 In years in which a Tenured or Permanent Employee is not being reviewed they shall submit a current curriculum vitae (CV) to the Dean with a copy to the Chair by the first Tuesday in September.

12.2 Faculty Activity Report

12.2.1 The Faculty Activity Report shall be completed on a standardized template agreed upon by the Board and the Association.

12.2.2 The Board shall maintain and provide the Faculty Activity Report standardized template to be used by all Employees.

12.2.3 In the Faculty Activity Report, the Employee shall describe activities and achievements related to their professional responsibilities. Information shall be recorded in the following areas, as applicable:

- Profile
- Teaching
- Scholarship
- Service
- Administrative responsibilities
- Professional Practice

See the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service for more detail.

The Faculty Activity Report shall also allow for:

- An opportunity for comments, narrative reflection, and/or future plans associated with an Employee's professional responsibilities.
- Written comments on the Employee's performance in accordance with Article 12.4.3.
- The Dean to indicate that they require additional information or that the Tenured or Permanent Employee revise and resubmit their Faculty Activity Report, in accordance with Article 12.4.4.
- The Dean's determination of the performance of a Tenured or Permanent Employee as satisfactory or unsatisfactory, in accordance with Article 12.4.5.

- 12.2.4** Employees shall attach a current CV to the Faculty Activity Report.
- 12.2.5** Tenurable Employees on the Teaching-Scholarship-Service work pattern shall attach a scholarship plan to the Faculty Activity Report. The scholarship plan shall be submitted in September of their second Academic Year and fifth Academic Year.
- 12.2.6** Any additions, modifications, or deletions to the types of information as outlined in Article 12.2.3 and gathered by the Faculty Activity Report shall be made only through negotiations.
- 12.2.7** The Board shall be responsible for the security of the data collected in Faculty Activity Reports. .
- 12.2.8** Some information gathered in the Faculty Activity Report shall be collated in an aggregate form and used for the purposes of mandatory reporting to government and external agencies. By 1 June each year, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide the Association with a summary report about what information has been compiled from the submitted Faculty Activity Reports, with whom it has been shared and for what purposes.
- 12.2.9** Should an Employee be unable to complete or submit the Faculty Activity Report by the first Tuesday in September as a result of a malfunction in the University's information systems, the Employee shall submit to the Dean, with a copy to the Chair, a paper version of the Faculty Activity Report containing the required information and a current CV no later than the second Tuesday in September.

12.3 Tenurable and Conditional Tenurable, and Probationary Employees and eligible Limited-term Employees wanting to include the year for future tenure consideration: Performance Review

- 12.3.1** The performance of Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable, Probationary, and eligible Limited-Term Employees (as defined in Article 4.4.5) shall be reviewed as described in Articles 6, 9 and 10. The Faculty Activity Report, current CV and, where appropriate, scholarship plan shall be considered in the performance review and shall also be part of the tenure or permanency dossier.

12.4 Tenured and Permanent Employees: Performance Review

- 12.4.1** The performance of Tenured and Permanent Employees shall be reviewed once every two (2) years by the Dean, in consultation with the Chair, based on the Faculty Activity Report, current CV and, where appropriate, scholarship plan. The review shall focus on the Employee's activities and achievements from the past two (2) years, and may comment on the appropriateness of the Employee's work pattern.
- 12.4.2** The Dean shall notify Tenured and Permanent Employees by 31 January annually of the year when they shall next be subject to performance review.
- 12.4.3** The Dean shall review the Faculty Activity Report and shall provide written comments if they were requested by the Tenured or Permanent Employee or if the Dean finds the performance to be unsatisfactory.

- 12.4.4** If any additional information or revisions to the Faculty Activity Report are required by the Dean, the Tenured or Permanent Employee shall be notified by 30 October to revise and resubmit the Faculty Activity Report by 15 November.
- 12.4.5** The Dean shall communicate the results of the performance review to each Tenured and Permanent Employee no later than 30 November. This shall include, at a minimum, whether the Employee's performance is satisfactory (with written comments if they were requested) or unsatisfactory (with written comments included).
- 12.4.6** If the performance of a Tenured or Permanent Employee is deemed unsatisfactory, Article 12.5 "Unsatisfactory Performance" shall apply.

12.5 Tenured and Permanent Employees: Unsatisfactory Performance

- 12.5.1** No later than 15 December, the Dean shall meet with the Tenured or Permanent Employee, hereafter referred to as the Employee, and the Chair, if the Employee's performance is deemed unsatisfactory.
- 12.5.2** Performance Plan
- 12.5.2.1** The Dean, in consultation with the Chair and the Employee, may explore different options to improve the performance of the Employee. If deemed appropriate, the Dean in consultation with the Employee and the Chair may develop a performance plan which describes goals and strategies along with timelines to achieve satisfactory progress.
- 12.5.2.2** The performance plan shall be communicated to the Employee in person and in writing, with a copy to the Chair. The Employee shall be provided an opportunity to respond to the plan in writing.
- 12.5.2.3** A copy of the performance plan along with any written response from the Employee shall be placed on the Employee's Personnel File in the Dean's office by 31 January. The Employee shall be advised of Article 12.5.2.7 and the consequences of a second unsatisfactory assessment.
- 12.5.2.4** An Employee with a performance plan may be asked to complete periodic progress reports. The Dean shall provide formative feedback to the Employee on the progress reports and achievement related to the stated objectives in the performance plan.
- 12.5.2.5** Fifteen (15) Days prior to the completion date of the performance plan, the Dean and the Chair shall meet with the Employee to determine whether the Employee has achieved satisfactory performance as outlined in the plan stipulated in Article 12.5.2.3.

- 12.5.2.6** If the Dean, in consultation with Chair, determines that the performance is satisfactory, then this shall be communicated to the Employee. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Chair and placed on the Employee's Personnel File in the Dean's office. All documents shall remain on the Employee's Personnel File in the Dean's office until the next review and then be removed provided the Employee's performance remains satisfactory.
- 12.5.2.7** If the Dean, in consultation with the Chair, determines that the performance, as per the performance plan, is unsatisfactory, then this shall be communicated to the Employee. A copy of this letter shall be sent to the Chair and placed on the Employee's Personnel File in the Dean's office.
- 12.5.2.8** The Dean shall then request that the Faculty Review Committee convene, review the case and make recommendations to the Dean. The Dean shall submit the prior and current Faculty Activity Reports, current CV, scholarship plan (where appropriate), performance review forms, and the performance plan to the Faculty Review Committee for this purpose.

12.6 The Faculty Review Committee

- 12.6.1** The Faculty Review Committee, a standing committee of the Faculty Council, shall normally consist of six Tenured Employees elected by the Faculty Council to represent, as much as possible, departments/ disciplines/programs in a particular Faculty. The chair of the Faculty Review Committee shall normally be a Chair or a former Chair, also elected by Faculty Council. Members' term of service shall normally be two years with half the members alternating each year. The committee shall meet when requested per Article 12.6.2.
- 12.6.2** Following a request from the Dean, the Faculty Review Committee shall review the performance of the Employee, based on the Faculty Activity Reports, current curriculum vitae and performance plan and other materials it deems relevant in order to determine whether satisfactory performance has been achieved. The Committee shall meet with the Dean, Chair and Employee as part of the process of gathering information related to performance. The Employee can forward the names of up to two Employees to the Faculty Review Committee as a resource to provide information relevant to the Employee's performance.
- 12.6.3** If the Faculty Review Committee determines that satisfactory performance, as per the performance plan, has been achieved, then it shall communicate this decision to the Employee in writing and submit its recommendations and rationale in writing to the Dean, with a copy to the Chair. The Dean shall act upon its recommendations. All documents shall remain on the Employee's file in the Dean's office for a further period of two years and then be removed provided the Employee's annual performance remains satisfactory.

- 12.6.4** If the Faculty Review Committee determines that the performance of the Employee as per the performance plan is unsatisfactory, then the Committee shall devise an amended performance plan, in consultation with the Employee and the Chair. The Committee shall communicate this decision to the Employee who shall agree to the performance plan in writing and meet at least twice with the Chair over the upcoming year to review progress towards their performance improvement. A copy of the amended performance plan with an explanatory letter shall be sent to the Dean, Chair, and Employee and appended to the Faculty Activity Report. The Employee, with a copy to the Association, shall be advised of Article 12.7 and the consequences of a third unsatisfactory assessment.
- 12.6.5** As part of the next year's performance review cycle and not later than 15 November, the Faculty Review Committee shall review the Faculty Activity Report, current CV, performance review forms, amended performance plan and other materials it deems relevant. The Committee shall meet with the Dean, Chair and Employee as part of the review process. The Employee can forward the names of up to two other Employees to the Faculty Review Committee as a resource to provide information relevant to their performance.
- 12.6.6** If the Faculty Review Committee determines no later than 30 November that satisfactory performance, as per the amended performance plan, has been achieved, then it shall communicate this decision to the Employee in writing and submit its recommendations and rationale in writing to the Dean, with a copy to the Chair. The Dean shall act upon its recommendations. All documents shall remain on the Employee's file in the Dean's office for a further period of two years and then be removed provided the Employee's annual performance remains satisfactory. Notice of the Committee's decision and the Dean's actions shall be provided to the Association.
- 12.6.7** If the Faculty Review Committee determines no later than 30 November that the performance, as per the amended performance plan, is still unsatisfactory, then it shall communicate this decision to the Dean, Chair and the Employee in writing. The role of the Faculty Review Committee in the formative process of Employee performance review is concluded at this point. Notice of the Committee's decision and recommendation to the Dean shall be provided to the Association.
- 12.7** If at the end of the full process described in Article 12.6 the Employee's performance is determined to be still unsatisfactory, then dismissal for just cause may proceed as per Article 4.13.

Article 13 – Salary Schedules and Salary Administration

13.1 Appointments with Academic Rank

13.1.1 The following salary schedules and salary administration shall apply to all Employees with an academic rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor.

i. **Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2024 to 30 June, 2025.**

Assistant Professor	Step	Salary	Associate Professor	Step	Salary	Professor	Step	Salary	
	1	78,069		1	91,815		1	111,561	
	2	80,635		2	94,847		2	115,242	
	3	83,295		3	97,976		3	119,045	
	4	86,043		4	101,209		4	122,974	
	5	88,882		5	104,548		5	127,033	
	6	91,815		6	107,999		6	131,225	
	7	94,847		7	111,561		7	135,556	
	8	97,976		8	115,242		8	140,030	
	9	101,209		9	119,045		9	144,648	
	10	104,548		10	122,974		10	149,423	
	11	107,999		11	127,033		11	154,354	
	Credential I	12		111,561	12		131,225	12	159,447
	Credential II	13		115,242	13		135,556	13	164,708
Credential III	14	119,045	14	140,030					

Credential Level I Master's degree, Juris Doctor or lower

Credential Level II Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate, excluding the thesis

Credential Level III Doctoral degree

ii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2025 to 30 June, 2026.

	Assistant Professor			
	Step	Salary		
Credential I	1	80,401		
Credential II	2	83,054		
Credential III	3	85,794		
	4	88,624		
	5	91,548		
	6	94,569		
	7	97,692		
	8	100,915		
	9	104,245		
	10	107,684		
	11	111,239		
	12	114,908		
	13	118,699		
	14	122,616		
			Associate Professor	
			Step	Salary
			1	94,569
			2	97,692
			3	100,915
			4	104,245
			5	107,684
			6	111,239
			7	114,908
			8	118,699
			9	122,616
			10	126,663
			11	130,844
			12	135,162
			13	139,623
			14	144,231
				Professor
			Step	Salary
			1	114,908
			2	118,699
			3	122,616
			4	126,663
			5	130,844
			6	135,162
			7	139,623
			8	144,231
			9	148,987
			10	153,906
			11	158,985
			12	164,230
			13	169,649

Credential Level I	Master's degree, Juris Doctor or lower
Credential Level II	Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate, excluding the thesis
Credential Level III	Doctoral degree

iii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2026 to 30 June, 2027

Assistant Professor	Assistant Professor	
	Step	Salary
	1	82,813
	2	85,546
	3	88,368
	4	91,283
	5	94,294
	6	97,406
	7	100,623
	8	103,942
	9	107,372
	10	110,915
	11	114,576
	12	118,355
13	122,260	
14	126,294	
Credential I		
Credential II		
Credential III		

Associate Professor	Associate Professor	
	Step	Salary
	1	97,406
	2	100,623
	3	103,942
	4	107,372
	5	110,915
	6	114,576
	7	118,355
	8	122,260
	9	126,294
	10	130,463
	11	134,769
	12	139,217
13	143,812	
14	148,558	
Credential I		
Credential II		
Credential III		

Professor	Professor	
	Step	Salary
	1	118,355
	2	122,260
	3	126,294
	4	130,463
	5	134,769
	6	139,217
	7	143,812
	8	148,558
	9	153,457
	10	158,523
	11	163,755
	12	169,157
13	174,738	
Credential I		
Credential II		
Credential III		

Credential Level I	Master's degree, Juris Doctor or lower
Credential Level II	Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate, excluding the thesis
Credential Level III	Doctoral degree

iv. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2027 – 30 June, 2028.

Assistant Professor	Step	Salary	Associate Professor	Step	Salary	Professor	Step	Salary	
	1	85,297		1	100,328		1	121,906	
	2	88,112		2	103,642		2	125,928	
	3	91,019		3	107,060		3	130,083	
	4	94,021		4	110,593		4	134,377	
	5	97,123		5	114,242		5	138,812	
	6	100,328		6	118,013		6	143,394	
	7	103,642		7	121,906		7	148,126	
	8	107,060		8	125,928		8	153,015	
	9	110,593		9	130,083		9	158,061	
	10	114,242		10	134,377		10	163,279	
	11	118,013		11	138,812		11	168,668	
	Credential I	12		121,906	12		143,394	12	174,232
	Credential II	13		125,928	13		148,126	13	179,980
Credential III	14	130,083	14	153,015					
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Credential Level I	Master's degree, Juris Doctor or lower
Credential Level II	Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate, excluding the thesis
Credential Level III	Doctoral degree

13.1.2 Initial Salary Grid Placement

An Employee's initial placement shall be on the salary grid for the rank stipulated in the letter of appointment.

13.1.3 Grid Transfer on Promotion

13.1.3.1 Upon the granting of tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, an Employee shall be transferred to the Associate Professor salary grid at the step equal to the current salary.

13.1.3.1.1 If at the time of granting of tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor there is not an equivalent step on the Associate Professor grid for the Employee to transfer to, the Employee will remain on the Assistant Professor salary grid until annual or credential increments move them to an equivalent step on the Associate Professor grid.

13.1.3.2 Upon promotion to the rank of Professor, an Employee shall be transferred to the Professor salary grid at the step one higher than the current salary. This transfer and change in salary shall take place effective 1 February of the Academic Year in which written notification of promotion was received.

13.1.4 Credential Placement

Remuneration for academic credentials shall be provided through additional steps on the salary grids, based upon approval of the academic credential(s) by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. The three levels of credential placement are:

Level I A Master's degree, Juris Doctor or lower.

The maximum grid step attainable by an Employee in credential level I shall be two (2) steps below the maxima of all grids.

Level II Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis.

Credential level II shall be remunerated by one (1) additional step over credential level I. The maximum grid step attainable by an Employee in credential level II shall be one (1) step below the maxima of all grids.

Level III A Doctoral degree.

Credential level III shall be remunerated by two (2) additional steps over credential level I. The maximum grid step attainable by an Employee in credential level III shall be the maxima of all grids.

Should applicants present educational or training qualifications, including Indigenous Knowledge, other than as listed above, the selection committee shall recommend credential placement to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. The decision of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic may be appealed to the University Tenure and Promotion Committee. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall not participate in the hearing of the appeal and any person on the University Tenure and Promotion Committee involved in the original recommendation shall be replaced by an alternate, where possible, for the purpose of hearing the appeal.

13.1.5 Placement on Step

Placement on step on the initial salary grid shall be recommended by the selection committee as follows:

13.1.5.1 Initial placement for experience shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) step on the salary grid for each year of relevant full-time business, professional or teaching experience.

Partial years of relevant business, professional or teaching experience may be considered by the selection committee in calculating placement on the salary grid.

Initial placement for experience at the rank of Assistant Professor shall normally not be higher than Step 7 on the Assistant Professor grid.

13.1.5.2 One (1) additional step shall be added to the placement for experience for credential level II, as defined in Article 13.1.4.

13.1.5.3 Two (2) additional steps shall be added to the placement for experience for credential level III, as defined in Article 13.1.4.

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide a report to the Association on the category of appointment, rank, required academic credential, work pattern, initial grid, credential and step placement, as well as any market supplement granted, for all newly-hired Full-time and Limited-term Employees by 1 September. This information shall be kept confidential in keeping with the requirements of the Protection of Privacy Act.

13.1.6 Credential Increments

Upon attainment of a higher academic credential, as outlined in Article 13.1.4, an Employee shall be moved to the next higher step on the salary grid if the academic credential attained is one level higher than the Employee's current academic credential. If, however, the credential level attained is two levels above, the Employee shall be moved up two steps on the salary grid. This shall take effect no later than one month after the Employee has presented valid documentation to their Dean. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall inform the Association of all such changes.

13.1.7 Annual Increment

Movement to the next higher step on the salary grid, up to the maximum number of steps identified in Article 13.1.4, shall follow completion of any one year's service with the Board. This shall take effect on 1 July or 1 January, whichever is closer to Employee's anniversary date.

13.1.8 Long Service Recognition

13.1.8.1 After completion of twenty (20) years of full-time service with the University (not including periods of unpaid leave) an additional Long Service Amount shall be added to the Employee's annual salary and paid over bi-weekly pay periods.

13.1.8.2 After completion of twenty-five (25) years of full-time service with the University (not including periods of unpaid leave) an additional Long Service Amount shall be added to the Employee's annual salary and paid over bi-weekly pay periods.

13.1.8.3 Percentage increases negotiated to the salary grids shall be applied to the Long Service Amounts.

13.1.8.4 The Long Service Amounts inclusive of increases per Article 13.1.8.3 are as follows:

Dates	Long Service Amount 20 Years	Additional Long Service Amount 25 Years
1 July, 2024 – 30 June, 2025	3,596	3,596
1 July, 2025 – 30 June, 2026	3,701	3,701
1 July, 2026 – 30 June, 2027	3,812	3,812
1 July, 2027 – 30 June, 2028	3,926	3,926

13.2 Full-time and Limited-term Laboratory Instructor and Senior Lecturer Appointments

13.2.1 The following salary schedules and salary administration shall apply to all Laboratory Instructors or Senior Lecturers who are either Full-Time Employees or Limited-Term Employees.

i. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2024 – 30 June, 2025.

Laboratory Instructor		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	73,224
Credential II	2	75,637
	3	78,135
	4	80,712
	5	83,375
	6	86,126
	7	88,969

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree, Juris Doctor or Doctoral degree

ii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2025 to 30 June, 2026.

Laboratory Instructor		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	75,421
Credential II	2	77,906
	3	80,479
	4	83,133
	5	85,876
	6	88,710
	7	91,638

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree, Juris Doctor or Doctoral degree

iii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2026 to 30 June, 2027.

Laboratory Instructor		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	77,684
Credential II	2	80,243
	3	82,893
	4	85,627
	5	88,452
	6	91,371
	7	94,387

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree, Juris Doctor or Doctoral degree

iv. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2027 to 30 June, 2028.

Laboratory Instructor		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	80,015
Credential II	2	82,650
	3	85,380
	4	88,196
	5	91,106
	6	94,112
	7	97,219

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree, Juris Doctor or Doctoral degree

13.2.2 Credential Placement for Laboratory Instructors

Remuneration for academic credentials shall be provided through additional steps on the salary grids, based upon approval of the academic credential(s) by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. The two levels of credential placement are:

Level I A first Baccalaureate degree.

Level II A Master's degree, Juris Doctor, or Doctoral degree.

13.2.3 Placement of Laboratory Instructors on step shall be recommended by the standing committee as follows:

13.2.3.1 Initial placement for experience shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) step on the salary schedule for each year of relevant full-time teaching experience.

Partial years of relevant teaching experience may be considered by the standing committee in calculating placement on the salary grid.

The maximum initial placement for experience shall be Step 4.

13.2.3.2 One (1) additional step shall be added to the placement for experience for credential level II, as defined in Article 13.2.2.

13.2.4 The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide a report to the Association on the category and level of appointment, academic credential or professional certification, and placement on the salary schedule for all newly-hired Full-time and Limited-term Laboratory Instructors by 1 September. This information shall be kept confidential in keeping with the requirements of the Protection of Privacy Act.

13.2.5 Senior Lecturers

i. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2024 – 30 June, 2025.

Senior Lecturer		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	73,224
Credential II	2	75,637
	3	78,135
	4	80,712
	5	83,375
	6	86,126
	7	88,969
	8	91,906

Credential Level I A Master's degree

Credential Level II Completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis, or a Doctoral degree

ii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2025 – 30 June, 2026.

Senior Lecturer		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	75,421
Credential II	2	77,906
	3	80,479
	4	83,133
	5	85,876
	6	88,710
	7	91,638
	8	94,663

Credential Level I A Master's degree

Credential Level II Completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis, or a Doctoral degree

iii. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2026 – 30 June, 2027.

Senior Lecturer		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	77,684
Credential II	2	80,243
	3	82,893
	4	85,627
	5	88,452
	6	91,371
	7	94,387
	8	97,503
	9	100,721

Credential Level I A Master's degree

Credential Level II Completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis, or a Doctoral degree

iv. Annual Salary Schedule effective 1 July, 2027 – 30 June, 2028.

Senior Lecturer		
	Step	Salary
Credential I	1	80,015
Credential II	2	82,650
	3	85,380
	4	88,196
	5	91,106
	6	94,112
	7	97,219
	8	100,428
	9	103,742

Credential Level I A Master's degree

Credential Level II Completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis, or a Doctoral degree

13.2.6 Credential Placement for Senior Lecturers

Remuneration for academic credentials shall be provided through additional steps on the salary grid, based upon approval of the academic credential(s) by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. The two levels of credential placement are:

Level I A Master's degree.

Level II Completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis, or a Doctoral degree.

13.2.7 Placement of Senior Lecturers on step shall be recommended by the selection committee as follows:

13.2.7.1 Initial placement for experience shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) step on the salary schedule for each year of relevant full-time teaching experience. Partial years of relevant teaching experience may be considered by the selection committee in calculating placement on the salary grid. The maximum initial placement for experience shall be Step 4.

13.2.7.2 One (1) additional step shall be added to the placement for experience for credential level II, as defined in Article 13.2.6.

13.2.8 The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide a report to the Association on the category and level of appointment (where applicable), academic credential or professional certification, and placement on the salary schedule for all newly-hired Full-time and Limited-term Laboratory Instructors and Senior Lecturers by 1 September. This information shall be kept confidential in keeping with the requirements of the Protection of Privacy Act.

13.2.9 Credential Increments: Laboratory Instructors and Senior Lecturers

Upon attainment of a higher academic credential, as outlined in Article 13.2.3 or 13.2.7, an Employee shall be moved to the next higher step on the salary grid. This shall take effect no later than one month after the Employee has presented valid documentation to their Dean. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall inform the Association of all such changes.

13.2.10 Annual Increment: Laboratory Instructors and Senior Lecturers

Movement to the next higher step on the salary grid, up to the maximum number of steps, shall follow completion of any one year's service with the Board (including Maternity and Parental Leave). This shall take effect on 1 July or 1 January, whichever is closer to the Employee's anniversary date.

13.3 Contract Appointments

13.3.1 The following hourly rate schedules and salary administration shall apply to all Employees with contract appointments.

i. Hourly Rate Schedule effective 1 July, 2024 – 30 June, 2025

Contract Faculty Credential Level	Step	Credential I	Credential II	Credential III
Lecturer F (field work), K (work term), L (lecture), P (practicum), S (studio), T (tutorial) LEC	1	121.44	128.85	136.71
	2	126.32	133.98	142.15
	3	131.40	139.37	147.86
	4	136.64	144.93	153.78
	5	142.13	150.73	159.93
	6	147.82	156.78	166.32
Librarian LIB	1	41.46	44.01	46.67
	2	43.13	45.77	48.55
	3	44.85	47.58	50.48
	4	46.65	49.48	52.51
	5	48.52	51.47	54.61
	6	50.44	53.54	56.80
Counsellor and clinical instructor COU (counsellor) C (clinical) CNL	1	69.14	73.36	77.83
	2	71.90	76.28	80.94
	3	74.80	79.31	84.16
	4	77.78	82.49	87.55
	5	80.91	85.81	91.04
	6	84.13	89.23	94.69
Laboratory* LAB	1	54.27	57.58	61.06
	2	56.44	59.87	63.49
	3	58.68	62.28	66.05
	4	61.05	64.78	68.69
	5	63.49	67.36	71.45
	6	66.04	70.07	74.30

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree or Juris Doctor or Two degrees, e.g., BA plus BEd,
or one degree plus one year's credit towards a Master's degree

Credential Level III A Doctoral degree or Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree
plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis

ii. Hourly Rate Schedule effective 1 July, 2025 – 30 June, 2026.

Contract Faculty Credential Level	Step	Credential I	Credential II	Credential III
Lecturer F (field work), K (work term), L (lecture), P (practicum), S (studio), T (tutorial) LEC	1	125.08	132.72	140.81
	2	130.11	138.00	146.41
	3	135.34	143.55	152.30
	4	140.74	149.28	158.39
	5	146.39	155.25	164.73
	6	152.25	161.48	171.31
Librarian LIB	1	42.70	45.33	48.07
	2	44.42	47.14	50.01
	3	46.20	49.01	51.99
	4	48.05	50.96	54.09
	5	49.98	53.01	56.25
	6	51.95	55.15	58.50
Counsellor and clinical instructor COU (counsellor) C (clinical) CNL	1	71.21	75.56	80.16
	2	74.06	78.57	83.37
	3	77.04	81.69	86.68
	4	80.11	84.96	90.18
	5	83.34	88.38	93.77
	6	86.65	91.91	97.53
Laboratory* LAB	1	55.90	59.31	62.89
	2	58.13	61.67	65.39
	3	60.44	64.15	68.03
	4	62.88	66.72	70.75
	5	65.39	69.38	73.59
	6	68.02	72.17	76.53

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree or Juris Doctor or Two degrees, e.g., BA plus BEd,
or one degree plus one year's credit towards a Master's degree

Credential Level III A Doctoral degree or Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree
plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis

iii. Hourly Rate Schedule effective 1 July, 2026 – 30 June, 2027.

Contract Faculty Credential Level	Step	Credential I	Credential II	Credential III
Lecturer F (field work), K (work term), L (lecture), P (practicum), S (studio), T (tutorial) LEC	1	128.83	136.70	145.03
	2	134.01	142.14	150.80
	3	139.40	147.86	156.87
	4	144.96	153.76	163.14
	5	150.78	159.91	169.67
	6	156.82	166.32	176.45
	7	163.09	172.97	183.51
Librarian LIB	1	43.98	46.69	49.51
	2	45.75	48.55	51.51
	3	47.59	50.48	53.55
	4	49.49	52.49	55.71
	5	51.48	54.60	57.94
	6	53.51	56.80	60.26
	7	55.65	59.07	62.67
Counsellor and clinical instructor COU (counsellor) C (clinical) CNL	1	73.35	77.83	82.56
	2	76.28	80.93	85.87
	3	79.35	84.14	89.28
	4	82.51	87.51	92.89
	5	85.84	91.03	96.58
	6	89.25	94.67	100.46
	7	92.82	98.46	104.48
Laboratory* LAB	1	57.58	61.09	64.78
	2	59.87	63.52	67.35
	3	62.25	66.07	70.07
	4	64.77	68.72	72.87
	5	67.35	71.46	75.80
	6	70.06	74.34	78.83
	7	72.86	77.31	81.98

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree or Juris Doctor or Two degrees, e.g., BA plus BEd,
or one degree plus one year's credit towards a Master's degree

Credential Level III A Doctoral degree or Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree
plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis

iv. Hourly Rate Schedule effective 1 July, 2027 – 30 June, 2028.

Contract Faculty Credential Level	Step	Credential I	Credential II	Credential III
Lecturer F (field work), K (work term), L (lecture), P (practicum), S (studio), T (tutorial) LEC	1	132.69	140.80	149.38
	2	138.03	146.40	155.32
	3	143.58	152.30	161.58
	4	149.31	158.37	168.03
	5	155.30	164.71	174.76
	6	161.52	171.31	181.74
	7	167.98	178.16	189.02
Librarian LIB	1	45.30	48.09	51.00
	2	47.12	50.01	53.06
	3	49.02	51.99	55.16
	4	50.97	54.06	57.38
	5	53.02	56.24	59.68
	6	55.12	58.50	62.07
	7	57.32	60.84	64.55
Counsellor and clinical instructor COU (counsellor) C (clinical) CNL	1	75.55	80.16	85.04
	2	78.57	83.36	88.45
	3	81.73	86.66	91.96
	4	84.99	90.14	95.68
	5	88.42	93.76	99.48
	6	91.93	97.51	103.47
	7	95.60	101.41	107.61
Laboratory* LAB	1	59.31	62.92	66.72
	2	61.67	65.43	69.37
	3	64.12	68.05	72.17
	4	66.71	70.78	75.06
	5	69.37	73.60	78.07
	6	72.16	76.57	81.19
	7	75.05	79.63	84.44

Credential Level I A first Baccalaureate degree

Credential Level II A Master's degree or Juris Doctor or Two degrees, e.g., BA plus BEd,
or one degree plus one year's credit towards a Master's degree

Credential Level III A Doctoral degree or Two Master's degrees, or one Master's degree
plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis

*It is the intention of the Parties to this agreement that the laboratory instruction rate applies to each hour of laboratory instruction including the preparation for that hour and the marking for that hour. The preparation of laboratory manuals and/or primary course materials is not included in this rate.

- v. Sixteen (16) weeks shall be taken as the measure of Lecturer contract appointment work when calculating SICH (e.g., a three hour course shall be calculated at 48 SICH).
- vi. Fifteen (15) weeks shall be taken as the measure of laboratory contract appointment work when calculating Lab SICH (e.g., a three hour course shall be calculated at 45 Lab SICH). The laboratory instruction rate applies to each hour of laboratory instruction including the preparation for that hour and the marking for that hour. The preparation of laboratory manuals and/or primary course materials is not included in this rate.

13.3.2 Initial credential placement (Step 1)

At the time of initial appointment, Employees shall present proof of educational credential, or work towards a credential, to the Chair of the selection committee, who shall recommend to the appropriate Dean placement in category as follows.

- I – A first Baccalaureate.
- II – A Master's degree or Juris doctor or Two degrees, e.g. B.A. plus B.Ed., or one degree plus one year's credit towards a Master's degree.
- III – A Doctoral degree or Two master's degrees, or one Master's degree plus completion of all work towards a Doctorate excluding the thesis.

Should applicants present educational or training qualifications, including Indigenous Knowledge, other than as listed above, the chair of the selection committee shall recommend category placement to the Dean.

The decision of the Dean may be appealed to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. Further appeal may be made to the University Tenure and Promotion Committee. The Provost and Vice- President, Academic shall not participate in the hearing of the appeal and any person on the University Tenure and Promotion Committee involved in the original recommendation shall be replaced by an alternate, where possible, for the purpose of hearing the appeal.

13.3.3 Transfer to Higher Category

Transfer to a higher category, subsequent to appointment, shall take effect not later than one month following presentation of valid documentation to the Dean. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic, shall inform the Association of any such change.

13.3.4 Service Increments

An Employee who has satisfactorily completed work as a contract Employee with Mount Royal University, counting between 1 September, 1999, and 30 June, 2018 shall be moved on the hourly rate schedule as outlined below. A semester of work is either the Fall, Winter, or Spring/Summer semester (maximum of three (3) per year).

Step	Number of Semesters Completed
2 (effective July 1/01)	10
3 (effective July 1/04)	15
4 (effective July 1/08)	20
5 (effective July 1/10)	25
6 (effective July 1/11)	30

From 1 July, 2018, further stepwise progression of contract Employees shall be determined by SICH taught, using the following formula: (Semesters taught between 1 September, 1999 and 30 April, 2019) + (SICH taught since last stepwise movement before 1 July, 2018) + (SICH taught since 1 July, 2018). Laboratory SICH shall be weighted at 0.5, clinical SICH shall be weighted at 0.61 and all other SICH shall be weighted at 1.0.

Step	SICH Taught
2	864
3	1,440
4	2,016
5	2,592
6	3,168
7	4,896

13.3.5 Previous full-time or limited-term experience as an Employee at Mount Royal University shall be taken into consideration when determining initial step placement on the hourly rate schedule for contract appointments. The previous experience shall be counted in terms of semesters of work and SICH taught and shall determine step placement in accordance with the semester and SICH requirements stipulated in Article 13.3.4.

13.3.6 Cancellation Payment

When a course/section has been allocated to a sessional Employee as per Article 4.7 or Article 4.8, and the course/section is subsequently cancelled or reassigned within ten (10) Days of first day of classes, as listed in the University Calendar, of the semester in which it is scheduled to be taught, the Employee shall be paid a cancellation payment of 10% of the value of the cancelled course/section, unless the Employee accepts an offer to teach another course/section.

13.3.7 Contract Employee Mandatory Training

Upon first hire at the University, a Contract Employee required by the Board to complete institutional-level training shall receive a one-time payment of two hundred (200) dollars.

13.4 Salary Administration – Other

13.4.1 The Board may pay salary above the rates stipulated in this Article to an Employee for:

13.4.1.1 administrative functions delegated by the Board;

- 13.4.1.2** special qualifications other than those described in Article 13.1.4 and 13.3.2;
- 13.4.1.3** other reasons deemed valid and approved by the Board.
- 13.4.2** Employees shall be paid bi-weekly in accordance with the published Payroll Calendar.
- 13.4.3** Employees entitled to a vacation period under Article 15 who are required to work more than (10) months in any full year of the Agreement shall be paid, in lieu of vacation, one-tenth (1/10) of their annual salary for each month worked in excess of ten (10) months, or a pro rata share thereof. This clause does not apply to Employees entitled to vacation pay under Article 15.
- 13.4.4** The President of the Association shall be paid their annual salary but shall be released from half of the normal departmental duties.
- 13.4.5** The Communication Officer (formerly “the Secretary”) and the Treasurer of the Association shall be paid their annual salary but each shall be released from forty-eight (48) scheduled instructional course hours annually or the workload equivalent for Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians.
- 13.4.6** The Mount Royal Faculty Association has the right to purchase additional release time, subject to University approval, which shall not normally be refused.
- 13.4.7** In the event the Board grants a market supplement to an Employee, the Board shall report the number of supplements and aggregate amount in each Faculty/School/Centre to the Association prior to 1 September.

Article 14 – Workload

14.1 Assignment of Workload for Full-time Employees

The workload of Full-time Employees shall be assigned by consultation between the Chair and the Employees of each Academic Unit, following consultation with the Dean. Instructional assignments shall be made by 15 February for the following Academic Year.

14.2 Periods of Responsibility for Full-time Employees

In any full year of this Agreement the normal workload for Full-time Employees shall include:

- Eight (8) months of teaching responsibility;
- Two (2) months of intersessional period developmental responsibility;
- Two (2) consecutive months of vacation.

Months of teaching responsibility and/or months of intersessional period developmental responsibility shall include the equivalent time in weeks, and such weeks or months of teaching responsibility and/or intersessional period developmental responsibility need not be scheduled consecutively.

14.3 Work Patterns for Full-time and Limited-term Employees

14.3.1 There are two work patterns for Full-time and Limited-term Employees: Teaching-Service Pattern (TS) and Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern (TSS).

14.3.1.1 Teaching-Service Pattern – a Full-time workload which includes the instructional load and service activities as outlined in Articles 14.4 and 14.7.

14.3.1.2 Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern – a full-time workload which includes the instructional load, scholarship and service activities as outlined in Articles 14.5 and 14.7.

14.3.2 For the purposes of performance review as outlined in Article 12, both work patterns shall be considered equivalent.

14.3.3 Full-time Tenured Employees are eligible to move between the two work patterns, subject to approval of the Dean.

14.3.4 Chairs are eligible to choose either the TS or TSS work pattern. If the Chair chooses the TSS work pattern, adjustments will be made in the Chair's workload in consultation with the Dean to accommodate the TSS work pattern and these adjustments will be communicated to the Academic Unit.

14.3.5 Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable and Limited-Term Employees shall be appointed into a work pattern approved by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, after consultation with the Dean and the Chair.

- 14.3.6** Tenurable Employees shall not change their initial work pattern during the probationary period.
- 14.3.7** Conditional Tenurable Employees shall not change their initial work pattern during the conditional tenurable appointment.
- 14.3.8** Limited-term Employees shall not change their initial work pattern during the period of appointment.

14.4 Teaching-Service Pattern

- 14.4.1** Full-time and Limited-term Employees who are in the Teaching-Service Pattern shall normally teach 384 scheduled instructional course hours annually. These Employees shall teach no fewer than 336 scheduled instructional course hours annually, or more than 432 scheduled instructional course hours annually, subject to Articles 14.4.1.1 and 14.4.1.2.
 - 14.4.1.1** Exceptions for instructional load above 432 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Full-time Employees and the Chair.
 - 14.4.1.2** Exceptions for instructional load below 336 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Dean.
 - 14.4.1.3** All Employees under this work pattern shall normally teach a minimum of 192 scheduled instructional course hours annually. Any reduction below this shall require the prior approval of the Dean.
- 14.4.2** Full-time and Limited-term Employees shall normally teach no more than three hundred and twenty (320) course registrants annually. Exceptions for instructional load above three hundred and twenty (320) course registrants require the prior approval of the Full-time Employee, the Chair and the Dean.
- 14.4.3** Should the projected or actual instructional load of an Employee be fewer than 336 scheduled instructional course hours, before any reassigned time for non-instructional activities, the Dean may require the instructional load of the Employee to be increased.
- 14.4.4** Employees may be required to teach during the third term to meet their annual minimum instructional load, as specified in Article 14.4.1.
- 14.4.5** Subject to the approval of the Dean, any Employee projected to carry an annual instructional load of at least 384 SICH shall be eligible to accept one (1) sessional contract in addition to this load. All additional sessional contracts awarded under this Article shall:
 - 14.4.5.1** normally only be awarded for the purposes of addressing unexpected circumstances related to staffing, addressing the lack of qualified, eligible contract faculty, piloting new courses, providing opportunities for Employees where an Academic Unit is otherwise unable to deliver its planned offerings, or fulfilling travel study or field school requirements;
 - 14.4.5.2** require a rationale for the award written by the Employee's Chair and submitted to the Dean in support of the application;

- 14.4.5.3** normally not exceed 64 SICH
- 14.4.5.4** be compensated for in accordance with Article 13.3 Contract Appointments;
- 14.4.5.5** be assigned a grid step based on the Employee's grid placement according to Articles 13.3.4 and 13.3.5; and
- 14.4.5.6** not include compensation for any vacation pay

Under exceptional circumstances, the Dean may approve more than one (1) sessional contract for an Employee in an Academic Year.

- 14.4.6** Both exceptional amounts and the composition of the workload, as established in Articles 14.4.1, 14.4.2, 14.4.4, 14.6 and 14.9, shall be appealable pursuant to Article 14.12.

14.5 Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern

- 14.5.1** Full-time and Limited-term Employees who are in the Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern shall normally teach 288 scheduled instructional course hours annually. These Employees shall teach no fewer than 240 scheduled instructional course hours annually, or more than 336 scheduled instructional course hours annually, subject to Articles 14.5.1.1 and 14.5.1.2.
 - 14.5.1.1** Exceptions for instructional load above 336 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Full-time Employee and the Chair.
 - 14.5.1.2** Exceptions for instructional load below 240 scheduled instructional course hours require the prior approval of the Dean.
 - 14.5.1.3** All Employees under this work pattern shall normally teach a minimum of 144 scheduled instructional course hours annually. Any reduction below this shall require the prior approval of the Dean.
- 14.5.2** Full-time and Limited-term Employees shall normally teach no more than two hundred and forty (240) course registrants annually. Exceptions for instructional load above two hundred and forty (240) course registrants require the approval of the Full-time Employee, the Chair and the Dean.
- 14.5.3** Full-time and Limited-term Employees are also required to engage in scholarship which will include, but not be restricted to, the examples described in the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.
- 14.5.4** Should the projected or actual instructional load of an Employee in the Teaching Scholarship-Service Pattern be fewer than 240 scheduled instructional course hours, the Dean may require the workload of the Employee to be increased.
- 14.5.5** Employees may be required to teach during the third term to meet their annual minimum instructional load, as specified in Article 14.5.1.

14.5.6 Subject to the approval of the Dean, any Employee projected to carry an annual instructional load of at least 288 SICH shall be eligible to accept one (1) sessional contract in addition to this load. All additional sessional contracts awarded under this Article shall:

14.5.6.1 normally only be awarded for the purposes of addressing unexpected circumstances related to staffing, addressing the lack of qualified, eligible contract faculty, piloting new courses, providing opportunities for Employees where an Academic Unit is otherwise unable to deliver its planned offerings, or fulfilling travel study or field school requirements;

14.5.6.2 require a rationale for the award written by the Employee's Chair and submitted to the Dean in support of the application;

14.5.6.3 normally not exceed 64 SICH

14.5.6.4 be compensated for in accordance with Article 13.3 Contract Appointments;

14.5.6.5 be assigned a grid step based on the Employee's grid placement according to Articles 13.3.4 and 13.3.5; and

14.5.6.6 not include compensation for any vacation pay

Under exceptional circumstances, the Dean may approve more than one (1) sessional contract for an Employee in an Academic Year.

14.5.7 Both exceptional amounts and the composition of the workload, as established in Articles 14.5.1, 14.5.2, 14.5.5, 14.6 and 14.9, shall be appealable pursuant to Article 14.12.

14.6 Department Average

14.6.1 Conceptual Department Average

The Conceptual weighted Departmental Average shall be calculated by multiplying the Full-time equivalent (FTE) of Employees in the Academic Unit with full-time TS workload by 384 SICH; multiplying the FTE of Employees in the Academic Unit with full-time TSS workload by 288 SICH; adding these two products together, and finally dividing by the total FTE of Employees with full-time workload (both TS and TSS) in the Academic Unit.

$$\text{Conceptual Departmental average} = \frac{(\text{FTE TS}) * 384 + (\text{FTE TSS}) * 288}{(\text{total FTE TS} + \text{TSS})}$$

14.6.1.1 For the purposes of this article, the FTE of TS and TSS Employees shall be calculated in proportion to their instruction workload within the Academic Unit.

14.6.2 Actual Department Average

The Actual Department Average shall be calculated using the assigned instructional activities (and their associated SICH) undertaken by TS and TSS Employees in the Academic Unit.

14.6.2.1 In order to ensure the Actual Department Average is accurately determined, certain non-instructional activities are allocated SICH as part of this calculation. These activities include but are not limited to:

- i. Approved reassigned time (e.g., per Article 14.9 and 27.2)
- ii. General illness and short-term disability leaves
- iii. Sabbaticals
- iv. Other approved leaves (e.g., medical, secondment) not accompanied by salary adjustments
- v. Other approved leave (e.g., maternity leave, parental leave) accompanied by salary adjustment

14.6.2.2 Averaging of instruction load per Article 14.8.3 shall not be included in the calculation of the Actual Department Average. Provided the instructional obligations as outlined in the request for averaging of instruction load are being met, Full-time employees averaging their instructional load per Article 14.8.3 are counted as if they were teaching their normal amount in each of the 3 years (e.g. 288 SICH or 384 SICH).

14.6.2.3 The Actual Department Average shall be maintained at the Conceptual Department Average. Reductions of the Actual Department Average below the Conceptual Department Average shall require the approval of the Dean.

14.6.2.4 The Conceptual and Actual Department Averages for each Academic Unit shall be calculated by the Dean.

14.6.3 Reporting on the Department Average

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall report to the Association the conceptual and actual instructional (SICH) loads of Employees included in the Department Average by 1 September for the preceding Academic Year. The report shall clearly separate instructional and non-instructional activities allocated SICH (per 14.6.2.1), and be provided at the individual and Academic Unit level.

14.7 Service Activities for Full-time and Limited-term Employees

14.7.1 Full-time and Limited-term Employees shall engage in service which will include, but not be restricted to, the examples described in the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

14.8 Changing Work Patterns and Averaging Instructional Workload

14.8.1 Tenured Employees who wish to move from the Teaching-Service Pattern to the Teaching-Service-Scholarship Pattern shall submit a written request to the Dean by 15 October of the Academic Year preceding the Academic Year in which the change in work pattern would take effect. The written request shall include a three-year scholarship plan. The Dean shall provide a written response with rationale by 15 November.

- 14.8.2** Tenured Employees who wish to move from the Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern to the Teaching-Service Pattern shall submit a written request to the Dean by October 15 of the Academic Year preceding the Academic Year in which the change in work pattern would take effect. The Dean shall provide a written response with rationale by 15 November.
- 14.8.3** A Tenured Employee may request an averaging of instructional load over a period of three consecutive Academic Years to enable the Employee to focus on a research or scholarly activity project. The rationale for such a request shall outline how the full instructional obligations shall be met over the three-year period and indicate how the alternative distribution shall assist with the research or scholarly activity project.
- 14.8.3.1** The application shall be made by 15 October to the Chair, who shall assess the impact of the proposed request on the needs of the Academic Unit as well as the mutual impact of any concurrent requests.
- 14.8.3.2** The Chair shall provide a written recommendation to the Dean. The Dean shall provide a written response to the Employee, with rationale, by 15 November. Every reasonable effort shall be made to accommodate the request.
- 14.8.3.3** A Tenured Employee who is unsuccessful in an application for averaging of instructional workload may reapply the following year.
- 14.8.4** A Full-time Employee who is a principal investigator on a research grant funded by a national granting agency such as the Tri-Agency, or a similar provincial, national, or international entity, may request a reduction of instructional load for up to three (3) consecutive Academic Years. This reduction may be longer, in consultation with the Dean.
- 14.8.4.1** The application shall be made to the Dean within one month of grant confirmation. The application shall outline the requested reduction of instructional load and may include a work plan outlining the activities to be undertaken in lieu of the assigned instructional load.
- 14.8.4.2** The Dean shall provide a written decision to the Full-time Employee within one month of receiving the request. If the request is denied in full or in part, the Dean shall include a rationale as part of the written decision.

14.9 Activities Eligible for Reassigned Time for Employees

- 14.9.1** Full-time and Limited-term Employees may be eligible for an adjustment to their instructional load or equivalent, by way of reassigned time for activities under List A.

Applications for reassigned time to engage in activities detailed in List A must be submitted directly to the Dean by 15 January for reassigned time for the following Academic Year. The Dean, who may consult on, but not delegate the approval, must notify the applicants by the end of January.

14.9.1.1 The maximum reassigned time available for an individual Full-time or Limited-term Employee from List A is normally 96 scheduled instructional course hours per Academic Year. The limit of 96 scheduled instructional course hours may be exceeded only where the excess over 96 is entirely funded from external sources, whether or not all or part of the 96 scheduled instructional course hours is also funded from external sources. "External sources" means funds from non-University sources or credit-free areas.

14.9.1.2 Non-instructional activities eligible for List A reassignment time shall include but will not necessarily be limited to the following:

List A:

- New course development prior to or during delivery for the first time
- New program development
- Major revision of a program or a large multi-section course
- Major Program Review including accreditation
- Major Scholarly and artistic activity
- Major professional development activities
- Community service activities in the Employee's own area of expertise, including professional associations
- Development/selection of and/or experimentation with instructional methods including the use of learning technologies
- Supervision of Honours students and teaching of Directed Readings, Independent Studies courses, or capstone courses
- Chair of Academic Program and Policy Committee

14.9.1.3 The Board shall provide annual SICH of 3,133 to List A.

14.9.1.4 The Board shall make available not less than 4,387 SICH for student advising and/or selection for programs, for coordination of courses, disciplines and programs, and to support the Assistant to the Chair, where applicable. The Chair shall apply in writing to the Dean no later than 15 January of each Academic Year detailing the request and impact on Employee workloads for approval by the Dean. Additional resources may be made available above those stipulated in this Agreement.

14.9.1.5 For the term of this agreement, the \$44,465 the Board has made available for reassignment of Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians shall be allocated to the Deans' operating budgets.

14.9.1.6 When a grant of SICH from List A is equal to or less than sixteen (16) SICH, the Employee and the Dean may mutually agree that the equivalent sum may be taken in the form of a payment in lieu of the allocated reassigned time.

14.9.1.7 Unused portion of the funding for List A activities as at 30 June annually will be transferred to the Contract Professional Development Fund as referred to in Article 18.5

14.9.2 Reassigned time for Tenurable Employees

14.9.2.1 Subject to the approval of the Dean, a Tenurable Employee shall receive 48 SICH of reassigned time in the first year of appointment.

14.9.2.2 An additional 48 SICH of reassigned time may be approved by the Dean during the tenurable period.

14.9.3 By 15 September annually, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide to the Association a report of actual reassigned time for specific activities in List A. The report shall list the successful and unsuccessful applications, the SICH allocated, and the monetary equivalent.

14.9.4 By 15 September annually, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide to the Association a report of actual reassigned time for specific activities listed in Article 14.9.1.4. The report shall detail the SICH requested and approved (by Academic Unit), and the monetary equivalent.

14.10 Workload of Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians

14.10.1 The service and scholarship activities for Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians are the same as for other Employees and are outlined in the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service.

14.10.2 The provisions of Articles 14.3.2 to 14.3.7 and 14.8.1 governing appointment to and moving between work patterns shall apply to Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians.

14.10.3 Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians are eligible for reassigned time as outlined in Article 14.9.

14.10.4 The workload assignment of Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians shall be appealable pursuant to Article 14.12.

14.10.5 Workload of Educational Developers and Librarians

14.10.5.1 The workload of Full-time and Limited-term Educational Developers shall be assigned by consultation between the Director of the Academic Development Centre and the Educational Developers, following consultation with the Dean.

14.10.5.2 The workload of full-time and limited-term Librarians shall be assigned by consultation between the Chair and the Librarians, following consultation with the University Librarian.

14.10.5.3 A TS work pattern for Educational Developers and Librarians shall include a balance of scheduled and non-scheduled duties equivalent to the instructional component of the Teaching-Service Pattern defined in Article 14.4.

- 14.10.5.4** A TSS work pattern for Educational Developers and Librarians shall provide time for scholarship in the same proportion as in the Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern defined in Article 14.5. Scheduled duties shall be arranged so that there is sufficient time for the pursuit of scholarship.

14.10.6 Workload of Counsellors

- 14.10.6.1** The workload of Full-time and Limited-term Counsellors shall be assigned by consultation between the Chair and the Counsellors, following consultation with the Director, Wellness Services.
- 14.10.6.2** A Counsellor in the Teaching-Service Pattern shall normally provide an average of 22 hours of direct client contact time plus associated administrative time per week.
- 14.10.6.3** A Counsellor in the Teaching-Scholarship-Service Pattern shall normally provide an average of 16 hours of direct client contact time plus associated administrative time per week. Scheduled duties shall be arranged so that there is sufficient time for the pursuit of scholarship.
- 14.10.6.4** A Counsellor teaching a credit course of 48 scheduled instructional course hours as part of workload in a Fall or Winter semester shall be released from 6 hours of direct client contact time and one hour of associated administrative time per week during the semester in which the course is taught.

14.11 Overload Teaching During Intersession

An Employee may be required to teach one credit course beyond their approved instructional load during the intersessional period, but such requirement may be exercised only once during a period of three consecutive Academic Years.

Should an Employee be required to teach during the intersessional period, the instructional load of the Employee shall be reduced by an amount corresponding to the intersessional period instructional load and this shall be done in one of the two semesters following such intersessional period of teaching.

Should the instructional load of such an Employee not be capable of reduction, the Employee shall be paid for such intersessional period of teaching at the applicable contract appointment rate in effect at the time of such intersessional period of teaching.

14.12 Workload Appeal Procedure

- 14.12.1** An Employee, a Chair or an administrator dissatisfied with the workload responsibility assigned, including any reassigned time approved or declined, may file a notice of appeal in writing with the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the President of the Association.

14.12.2 Appeal Committee

- 14.12.2.1** Membership:

The appeal committee shall consist of:

- 14.12.2.1.1** an Employee, preferably from the same discipline or Academic Unit, such peer to be nominated by the Employee involved in any such dispute;
- 14.12.2.1.2** a nominee named by the Association;
- 14.12.2.1.3** two (2) nominees named by the Board;
- 14.12.2.1.4** the Committee shall elect its own chair.

None of the above appeal committee or tribunal hereinafter named shall be a party to the dispute.

14.12.2.2 Procedure:

The appeal committee shall then be immediately summoned by the Provost and Vice- President, Academic and shall meet and render a decision on the appeal within five (5) Days from the date the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the President of the Association receive such notice of appeal.

A majority decision of such appeal committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

14.12.2.3 Tribunal:

In the event of no majority decision by the appeal committee the dispute shall go automatically to a tribunal as hereinafter constituted and shall be forwarded to such tribunal by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic within five (5) Days of the decision of the appeal committee.

14.12.2.3.1 Membership:

The tribunal shall consist of the following:

- 14.12.2.3.1.1** a nominee of the Association;
- 14.12.2.3.1.2** a nominee of the Board;
- 14.12.2.3.1.3** a chair to be mutually agreed upon between the two nominees forthwith, and in the event the chair cannot be agreed upon by the said nominees within one (1) day following receipt of notice summoning the tribunal, a chair shall be drawn by lot from a panel of three persons to be mutually agreed upon by the exchange of letters between the Board and the Association.

14.12.2.3.2 Procedure:

The tribunal shall render a decision, which shall be final and binding on all parties, within five (5) Days of the date of forwarding the appeal to the tribunal by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

In the event that the tribunal is not unanimous or cannot decide by a majority, then the decision of the chair shall be final and binding on all Parties.

14.12.2.4 In the event that the appeal committee or tribunal is not struck within the time limits aforesaid, or any party neglects to nominate an appointee to the appeal committee or tribunal, then such party shall be deemed to have defaulted the dispute in favour of the party complying with the time limits aforesaid.

14.13 Full-time Employees shall be available during intersessional periods, exclusive of vacations, for teaching-related and service responsibilities.

14.14 Instructional Load for Contract Employees

14.14.1 The instructional load for Lecturers shall not exceed two hundred and forty (240) scheduled instructional course hours (SICH) per semester. If the instructional load includes lab instruction, see Article 6.1.3 for the calculation of allowable SICH per semester.

14.14.2 The instructional load for contract clinical instructors shall not exceed seven hundred and twenty (720) SICH per Academic Year.

14.14.3 Exceeding the course allocations in Articles 14.14.1 or 14.14.2 requires the approval of the Dean, following consultation with the Chair. Approval shall only be granted when there is no suitable qualified Contract Employee available who has not reached the instructional load in Article 14.14.1 or 14.14.2.

14.15 Funding for Contract Opportunities for Service

The Board shall provide an annual grant of \$20,000 to the Association to support Contract Employees who participate in non-instructional activities. The funding shall be administered by the Association, which shall devise the specific criteria and process for the administration of the funds.

The list of eligible activities shall include, but may not be restricted to, the following:

- Academic Unit and/or discipline-specific planning meetings and task forces;
- Participation in Faculty and institutional governance;
- Selection committees;
- Development and application of academic policies;
- Revision of academic programs;
- Association-Board Joint Committees.

The Association shall produce a report annually and submit it to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and to the President of the Association by 31 October.

Article 15 – Vacation and Holidays

- 15.1** The normal vacation period for Full-time Employees shall be two consecutive months, which shall be taken between 15 May and 14 August inclusive, unless altered by mutual consent between the instructor and the Chair, subject to approval of the Dean.
- 15.2** The annual vacation entitlement for full-time Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians shall be 45 days. The dates of the vacation period shall be arranged by mutual consent between the Employees and the Dean.
- 15.3** Limited-term Employees hired for a term of twelve (12) months or more are entitled to the same vacation period as Full-time Employees as specified in Article 15.1 or 15.2, as appropriate.
- 15.4** For the purposes of calculation for pro-rata, the annual vacation entitlement for Full-time Employees shall be 45 days excluding Saturdays and Sundays.
- 15.5** Limited-term Employees, hired for less than twelve (12) months, and contract Employees, are not entitled to any vacation, but shall be paid not less than 8% of their gross salary as vacation pay. This clause does not apply to Full-time Employees.
- 15.6** All Employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the following holidays:
- Labour Day
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Christmas Day
 - Boxing Day
 - New Year's Day
 - Remembrance Day
 - Good Friday
 - Easter Monday
 - Victoria Day
 - Canada Day
 - Heritage Day
 - Family Day

Any other day declared as a holiday by the President of the University

Article 16 – Benefits and Insurance

- 16.1** The Board shall administer the following benefits, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable carrier contracts and government regulations: extended health care, including a \$1,000 Health Spending Account/Personal Spending Account; dental care; life insurance including accidental death and dismemberment; long term disability insurance, and the Local Authorities Pension Plan.
- 16.1.1** There shall be no change to the level of these benefits without prior consultation between the Board and the Association.
- 16.1.2** The carrier for benefits other than the Local Authorities Pension shall be the existing carrier unless changed by mutual agreement between the Board and the Association.
- 16.1.3** The Board shall deduct the monthly premiums from the salary of any Employee who is a member of a plan, and shall remit same to the appropriate company or companies.
- 16.2** The total cost of benefit premiums for dental and extended health care (excluding the Health Spending Account) and for life insurance, including accidental death and dismemberment, shall be shared between the Board and Mount Royal Faculty Association members as follows:
- 16.2.1** The total contribution of an individual member shall not exceed 20% of the total cost of the dental premium and 20% of the total cost of the extended health care premium.
- 16.2.2** The total cost of benefit premiums for life insurance, including accidental death and dismemberment, shall be paid 100% by the Board.
- 16.3** It shall be a condition of employment for all Full-time Employees to participate in the Local Authorities Pension Plan as per regulations of the plan. Limited-term Employees may contribute at their option.
- 16.4** The Board shall effect and keep in force an adequate policy or policies insuring all Employees against liability in respect of any claim for damages or personal injury, when acting in the course of their employment.
- 16.5** Full-time and Limited-term Employees shall participate in a group long term disability insurance plan. Each Employee shall contribute an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of such insurance. The carrier shall be selected by mutual agreement between the Board and the Association.
- 16.6** Full-time Employees shall be entitled to receive a Mount Royal Recreation membership free of charge. Contract Employees shall be entitled to receive a Mount Royal Recreation membership free of charge from their first date of employment in the Academic Year, until the following August 31. Such recreation membership entitles Employees to use of the recreational and athletic facilities and equipment as determined by the regulations and policies governing Mount Royal Recreation membership.

- 16.6.1** Full-time Employees who have retired shall be entitled to receive a Mount Royal Recreation membership, a MyMRU e-mail account, Library borrowing privileges, and full onsite access to electronic library collections. Limited remote electronic access to the Library may be available as determined by the Dean of the University Library.

16.7 Scholarships for Dependents

- 16.7.1** The Board shall annually make available to the Association an amount up to \$90,000 for the purpose of providing scholarships to legal dependents, defined as spouse, child or anyone who is financially dependent on tenured, tenurable, continuing (working 384 SICH or more), and Fixed-term Employees, subject to the conditions below:

- 16.7.1.1** the dependents must be registered as full-time students in credit courses at Mount Royal University;
- 16.7.1.2** the dependents are subject to normal admission, selection and registration procedures and may not pre-empt other students;
- 16.7.1.3** provision of a scholarship for a semester is contingent upon the attainment of at least a grade point average of 2.0 across all of the courses in which a student is registered for that semester.

- 16.7.2** The Association shall provide the Department of Human Resources a list of scholarship recipients within sixty (60) Days of the end of the Fall and Winter semesters and on 30 August following Spring/Summer session. Any unused portion of the \$90,000 shall be retained by the Board.

16.8 Benefits for Contract Employees

- 16.8.1** Contract Employees shall be eligible for benefits as follows:

- 16.8.1.1** A Lecturer who has had a minimum teaching load per semester of ninety-six (96) scheduled instructional course hours during each of the Fall and Winter semesters in a continuous twelve (12) month period shall be eligible for benefits at the beginning of appointment in the third (3rd) consecutive semester providing the Lecturer carries a teaching load of ninety-six (96) scheduled instructional course hours or more in the third (3rd) consecutive semester, or where the third (3rd) consecutive semester is the Spring or Summer semester, a minimum teaching load of forty-eight (48) scheduled instructional course hours. Providing a Lecturer's teaching load for future semesters is a minimum of ninety-six (96) scheduled instructional course hours, or forty-eight (48) scheduled instructional course hours in either the Spring or Summer session such Lecturer remains eligible for benefits. If the Lecturer's teaching load drops below ninety-six (96) scheduled instructional course hours in either the Fall or Winter semesters or, below forty-eight (48) scheduled instructional course hours in either the Spring or Summer semesters, then eligibility for benefits will cease. Once the Lecturer regains a minimum teaching load of ninety-six (96) scheduled instructional course hours, in either the Fall or Winter semesters, or a teaching load of forty-eight (48) scheduled instructional

course hours in either the Spring or Summer session, provided the Lecturer has been employed by the University as a sessional, continuing, or Fixed-term Lecturer within the previous twelve months, eligibility for benefits will be restored with immediate effect and requalification for benefits is not required.

- 16.8.1.2** A Librarian who has had a minimum workload of twenty-five (25) hours or more per week during consecutive semesters in a continuous twelve month period shall be eligible for benefits at the beginning of appointment in the third (3rd) consecutive semester providing such Librarian has a contract for a workload of twenty-five (25) hours or more per week in the third (3rd) consecutive semester. Providing the Librarian's workload remains at twenty-five (25) hours or more per week for each consecutive semester, such Librarian shall remain eligible for benefits. If the Librarian's workload drops below twenty-five (25) hours per week in any semester, then eligibility for benefits will cease. Once the Librarian regains a minimum workload per week of twenty-five (25) hours or more, provided the Librarian has been employed by the University as a sessional, continuing, or Fixed-term Librarian within the previous twelve months, eligibility for benefits will be restored with immediate effect and requalification for benefits is not required.
- 16.8.1.3** A Counsellor or a clinical Instructor whose minimum combined teaching load of clinical and scheduled instructional course hours is ninety-five (95) or more per semester for Fall and Winter semesters in a continuous twelve month period, shall be eligible for benefits at the beginning of appointment in the third (3rd) consecutive semester providing the Counsellor or clinical Instructor carries a minimum combined teaching load of clinical and scheduled instructional course hours of ninety-five (95) or more in the third (3rd) consecutive semester, or where the third (3rd) consecutive semester is the Spring or Summer session, a combined teaching load of ninety five (95) clinical and scheduled instructional course hours. Providing the Counsellor or clinical Instructor's combined clinical and scheduled instructional course hours for future semesters is ninety-five (95) or more, such Counsellor or clinical Instructor shall remain eligible for benefits. If the Counsellor or clinical Instructor's combined clinical and scheduled instructional course hours drop below ninety-five (95) in any semester, then eligibility for benefits will cease. Once the Counsellor or clinical Instructor regains a combined teaching load of clinical and scheduled instructional course hours of a minimum of ninety-five (95) or more per semester, provided the Counsellor or clinical Instructor has been employed by the University as a sessional, continuing, or Fixed-term Counsellor or clinical Instructor within the previous twelve months, eligibility for benefits will be restored with immediate effect and requalification for benefits is not required.

16.8.1.4 A Laboratory Instructor who has had a minimum teaching load per semester of two hundred and twenty-five (225) laboratory scheduled instructional course hours (lab SICH) during each of the Fall and Winter semesters in a continuous twelve (12) month period shall be eligible for benefits at the beginning of appointment in the third (3rd) consecutive semester providing the Laboratory Instructor carries a teaching load of 225 lab SICH or more in the third consecutive semester, or where the third (3rd) consecutive semester is the Spring or Summer semester, a minimum teaching load of one hundred and twelve and a half (112.5) lab SICH. Providing a Laboratory Instructor's teaching load for future Fall and Winter semesters is a minimum of two hundred and twenty-five (225) Lab SICH, or one hundred and twelve and a half (112.5) lab SICH in either the Spring or Summer session, such Laboratory Instructor remains eligible for benefits. If the Laboratory Instructor's teaching load drops below two hundred and twenty-five (225) lab SICH in either the Fall or Winter semesters, or below one hundred and twelve and a half (112.5) lab SICH in either the Spring or Summer semesters, then eligibility for benefits will cease. Once the Laboratory Instructor regains a minimum teaching load of two hundred and twenty-five (225) lab SICH in either the Fall or Winter semesters, or a teaching load of one hundred and twelve and a half (112.5) lab SICH in either the Spring or Summer session, provided that the Laboratory Instructor has been employed by the University as a sessional Laboratory Instructor within the previous twelve (12) months, eligibility for benefits will be restored with immediate effect and requalification for benefits is not required.

16.8.1.5 When a Lecturer or Laboratory Instructor does not have sufficient scheduled instructional course hours (SICH) to qualify for benefits, then the individual may combine SICH and lab SICH to qualify according to the following table:

<u>SICH (16 week session)</u>	<u>lab SICH (15 week session)</u>
0	225
16	187.5
32	150
48	112.5
64	75
80	37.5
96	0

16.8.1.5.1 The table in 16.8.1.5 shall be used for the sole purpose of calculating how SICH and lab SICH can be combined to determine eligibility for benefits.

16.8.2 For purposes of determining eligibility for benefits in Articles 16.8.1.1, 16.8.1.2, 16.8.1.3, 16.8.1.4 and 16.8.1.5 above, full-time or limited-term employment in the immediately preceding semesters shall be included in the calculation.

16.8.3 The following benefits shall be available to Employees meeting the eligibility criteria in Article 16.8.1, subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable carrier contracts and government regulations:

- Health Care Spending Account at a value of six hundred dollars (\$600)

- Extended Health Care
- Dental Care
- Basic Life Insurance at a value of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)

16.8.4 Employees who meet the eligibility criteria specified in Article 16.8.1 must be insured under the University's basic life insurance, extended health care and dental plans. Such Employees may opt out of extended health care and dental care if they have coverage for these benefits under another group plan.

16.8.5 The total cost of benefits premiums for the benefits identified in Article 16.8.3 (excluding the Health Spending Account) shall be shared between the Board and Employees as follows:

16.8.5.1 The total contribution of an individual member shall not exceed 20% of the total cost of the dental premium and shall not exceed 20% of the total cost of the extended health care premium.

16.8.6 Benefits for Employees meeting the eligibility criteria specified in Article 16.8.1 shall be the same as for Full-time Employees, except for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, long term disability insurance, Local Authorities Pension Plan and the Health Spending Account/Personal Spending Account.

16.8.6.1 A Contract Employee who meets the eligibility requirements for benefits shall not suffer any loss of eligibility upon returning from an absence of up to eighteen (18) months for reasons related to the birth or adoption of a child. In order to reinstate benefits the Employee shall, upon their return, notify in writing (for example, email), the Department of Human Resources of the reason for the absence.

16.8.7 Prepaid continuation of benefits

16.8.7.1 Employees who qualified for benefits in the Winter semester and can produce a contract signed by the Dean which evidences their qualification for the Summer semester, may continue their benefits over the Spring semester provided they continue on all plans to which they are enrolled and prepay 100% of the benefit premiums due.

16.8.7.2 Employees who qualified for benefits in the Spring semester and can produce a contract signed by the Dean which evidences their qualification for the Fall semester, may continue their benefits over the Summer semester provided they continue on all plans to which they are enrolled and prepay 100% of the benefit premiums due.

16.9 The Benefits Committee, which makes recommendations regarding the University benefits plan, shall include two (2) members of the Association, one (1) representing full-time faculty and one (1) representing contract faculty.

Article 17 – Leaves from the University

17.1 Maternity and Parental Leave

- 17.1.1** Full-time Employees who have completed ninety (90) days of employment with the University shall be entitled to maternity leave and/or parental leave in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Code and Regulations except as otherwise provided below. The maternity and/or parental leave is not to exceed eighteen (18) months.
- 17.1.2** For information on Employment Insurance (EI) benefits during Maternity and/or Parental Leave, contact Human Resources.
- 17.1.3** Annual increments for the year in which the leave was taken shall be processed in accordance with Articles 13.1.7 and 13.2.10.
- 17.1.4** Maternity Leave
- 17.1.4.1** The Employee who intends to take maternity leave shall give the Department Chair and Human Resources at least six (6) weeks' notice in writing of the expected date of delivery of the child, specifying the proposed terms of leave.
- 17.1.4.2** The Department of Human Resources shall assist the Employee in the preparation of the maternity leave request. It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to submit this request to the Department Chair.
- 17.1.4.3** The Employee shall, where possible, give the Department Chair and Human Resources two (2) weeks' notice, in writing of any changes to the original leave request, referred to in Article 17.1.4.1.
- 17.1.4.4** The pregnant Employee is entitled to a period of not more than sixteen (16) weeks of maternity leave starting at any time during the thirteen (13) weeks immediately before the estimated time of delivery.
- 17.1.4.5** An Employee taking maternity leave shall be eligible to receive benefits in accordance with the University's Supplementary Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan as agreed upon in 1992. The SUB Plan supplements Employment Insurance (EI) benefits during the maternity leave.
- 17.1.4.6** In order to be eligible to receive benefits under the University's SUB Plan, an Employee must:
- be eligible for a maternity leave in accordance with Article 17.1.1;
 - commence maternity leave prior to or on the date of delivery;
 - apply for and be eligible for Employment Insurance benefits.
- 17.1.4.7** The period of eligibility for the SUB Plan is seventeen (17) weeks. If the Employee has less than one year of employment with the University the SUB plan will be prorated.

17.1.4.7.1 The SUB Plan provides:

- ninety-five percent (95%) of the Employee's regular salary during the EI waiting period; and
- ninety-five percent (95%) of the Employee's regular salary minus any EI benefits for the remaining weeks to a maximum of seventeen (17) weeks; and
- the calculation of the amount payable under the SUB plan shall be based on an Employee taking a twelve (12) month leave.

17.1.4.7.2 The total amount of the SUB plan payments will be divided evenly over the pay periods during the 17 week period.

17.1.4.8 In the event of cancellation of the SUB Plan, should the Employee so elect, the Board shall pay 50% of the Employee's regular salary up to a maximum of three (3) consecutive months.

17.1.4.9 An Employee who commences maternity leave may continue benefit coverage during their maternity leave. The payment of benefit premiums shall be shared between the Board and the Employee as per Article 16.2, for the first (12) months of leave. If the leave extends beyond twelve (12) months, the Employee shall be responsible for 100% of all premiums for benefits that they wish to maintain.

17.1.4.10 If the Employee wishes to renegotiate their return date, or does not intend to return to work, such Employee shall notify the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, in writing, two (2) months prior to the agreed upon date of return. The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall render a decision regarding the amended return date.

17.1.5 Parental Leave

17.1.5.1 In the case of an Employee who is not the birthing parent, shall be entitled to Parental Leave not to exceed sixty-two (62) weeks, as stipulated in Article 17.1.1.

17.1.5.2 The Employee who intends to take parental leave shall give the Department Chair and Human Resources at least six (6) weeks' notice in writing, specifying the proposed terms of the leave, prior to the start of the parental leave, unless in the case of adoption, the child's placement with the adoptive parent was not foreseeable.

17.1.5.3 The Department of Human Resources shall assist the Employee in the preparation of the parental leave request. It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to submit this request to the Department Chair.

17.1.5.4 The Employee shall, where possible, give the Department Chair and Human Resources two (2) weeks' notice, in writing of any changes to the original leave request, referred to in Article 17.1.5.2.

- 17.1.5.5** An Employee taking parental leave may be eligible to receive benefits in accordance with the University's Supplementary Unemployment (SUB) Plan as agreed upon in 1992. The SUB Plan supplements Employment Insurance (EI) benefits during the parental leave.
- 17.1.5.6** In order to be eligible to receive benefits under the SUB Plan, an Employee must:
- be eligible for a parental leave in accordance with Article 17.1.1;
 - apply for and be eligible for Employment Insurance benefits.
- 17.1.5.7** The period of eligibility for the SUB plan is in accordance with Article 17.1.4.7.
- 17.1.5.8** In the event of cancellation of the SUB Plan, should the Employee so elect, the Board shall pay 50% of their regular salary up to a maximum of three (3) consecutive months.
- 17.1.5.9** An Employee who commences parental leave may continue benefit coverage for the period of parental leave. The payment of benefit premiums shall be shared between the Board and the Employee as per Article 16.2, for the first twelve (12) months of the leave. If the leave extends beyond twelve (12) months, the Employee will be responsible for 100% of all premiums for benefits that they wish to maintain.
- 17.1.5.10** For Employees who are parents of the same child and both are employed by Mount Royal University, the University is not required to grant parental leave to more than one (1) Employee at a time.
- 17.1.5.11** Adoption
- 17.1.5.11.1** An Employee shall be granted up to three (3) Days leave with pay to be present at the proceedings for the adoption of the child.
- 17.1.5.11.2** An Employee taking parental leave as an adoptive parent may be eligible to receive benefits in accordance with the University's Supplementary Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan as agreed upon in 1992. The SUB Plan supplements Employment Insurance (EI) benefits during the leave of absence period due to adoption.
- 17.1.5.11.3** In order to be eligible to receive benefits under the SUB Plan, an Employee must:
- be eligible for a parental leave in accordance with Article 17.1.1;
 - commence the parental leave prior to or on the date of placement of the child;
 - apply for and be eligible for Employment Insurance benefits.
- 17.1.5.11.4** The period of eligibility for the SUB plan is in accordance with Article 17.1.4.7.

17.1.5.11.5 In the event of cancellation of the SUB Plan, should the Employee so elect, the Board shall pay 50% of their regular salary up to a maximum of three (3) consecutive months.

17.1.5.11.6 An Employee who commences parental leave for adoption may continue benefit coverage during the leave. The payment of benefit premiums shall be shared between the Board and the Employee as per Article 16.2, for the first twelve (12) months of the leave. If the leave extends beyond twelve (12) months, the Employee will be responsible for 100% of all premiums for benefits that they wish to maintain.

17.1.5.12 If the Employee wishes to renegotiate the return date, or does not intend to return to work, such Employee shall notify the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, in writing, two (2) months prior to the agreed upon date of return. The Provost and Vice- President, Academic shall render a decision regarding the amended return date.

17.1.6 Childbirth Leave

17.1.6.1 An Employee shall be granted four (4) Days leave with pay to attend to the spouse, as defined in Article 1.39, in the event of the birth of their child.

17.1.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article 17.1, a Full-time Employee on leave, due to unforeseen circumstances directly relating to the child, may apply to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic for a shortened notice period for return to work.

17.2 Medical Leave

17.2.1 Short Term Disability

Upon commencement of employment, a Full-time Employee shall be entitled to seventy-five (75) Days of short term disability coverage per year. The first thirty-five (35) Days shall be paid at 100% of the Employee's salary and the remaining Days shall be paid at 90% of the Employee's salary. This entitlement shall be reinstated immediately in the case of the same or related illness providing thirty (30) calendar days have elapsed since the Employee's return to work. In the case of a new illness, the seventy-five (75) Days of short term disability leave will be reinstated immediately. After the maximum allowable short term disability leave, Employees will be eligible for long term disability.

17.2.2 Long Term Disability

Full-time Employees may be eligible for long term disability benefits after the maximum allowable short term disability leave.

17.2.3 If so required by the Board, an Employee, when absent due to illness, shall present a certificate from a qualified practitioner:

17.2.3.1 for a period of five (5) or more consecutive Days;

17.2.3.2 for chronic or persistent illness.

17.2.4 A Contract Employee shall be entitled to full salary during illness for a maximum of four (4) SICH for each sixteen (16) SICH contracted per semester.

17.2.5 The Board may, in its sole discretion, grant additional medical leave.

17.2.6 Leave at the Discretion of the Board

17.2.6.1 The Board may temporarily relieve an Employee from their job responsibilities when the Board has reason to believe the Employee is physically or mentally incapable of performing their job responsibilities, or there is a risk an Employee may harm themselves or others. Should this need arise, the Employee shall be informed forthwith in writing of the reasons for their relief of duty and placed on leave with pay pending a medical assessment. The Board shall initiate the assessment with the Employee's physician.

17.2.6.2 If the medical assessment by the Board confirms that the Employee is physically or mentally incapable of performing their job responsibilities or presents a risk to themselves or others, the Employee shall be placed on illness leave. The Employee shall be required to provide documentation from a qualified medical practitioner certifying that a return to duties is in order after an illness leave.

17.2.7 When a return to work is in order after a mental or physical illness leave, the Employee and the Employee's Chair, in consultation with Employee Wellness, shall recommend a return to work plan to the Dean.

17.2.8 An Employee may be eligible for short term or long term disability benefits when the Employee is unable to perform their work responsibilities for reasons that may include, but are not restricted to, the following: gender surgery, treatment for substance addiction, domestic violence, sexual violence, or organ donation.

17.3 Bereavement and Compassionate Care

17.3.1 For the purpose of this clause, family member shall be defined as immediate family as well as other relatives and individuals considered to be like family, whether or not related by marriage, common-law, partnership, or any legal parent-child relationship. In the event of the death of a family member of an Employee, such Employee shall be allowed bereavement leave with pay for a period of seven (7) consecutive Days. Notwithstanding the above, the Dean may grant additional leave when warranted. Such additional leave shall be granted on a case-by-case basis.

17.3.2 Employees who qualify for compassionate care benefits pursuant to the provisions of the Employment Insurance Compassionate Care Benefits plan shall be entitled to a leave of up to 28 weeks from their position at the University.

- 17.3.2.1** Employees who are absent from their position while on the Employment Insurance Compassionate Care Benefit plan shall retain their right to return to their position either before or at the expiry of the 28 week period, provided the Employee's contract has not expired.
- 17.3.2.2** The Board shall pay ninety-five (95) percent of the Employee's regular salary during the waiting period immediately prior to the date the Employee receives Employment Insurance benefits.

17.4 Sabbatical Leave Committee

- 17.4.1** The Sabbatical Leave Committee is responsible for granting annual and Fall/Winter sabbatical and professional leaves. Normally a maximum of 12 months' consecutive leave shall be granted as Employees are not eligible for a sabbatical leave during the period of return service from another leave.
- 17.4.2** The Sabbatical Leave Committee shall consist of:
- the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who shall chair the committee;
 - the Dean or Associate Dean of each Faculty or School and the University Librarian;
 - one tenured member of the Association appointed for a three-year term by the Executive Board of the Association.
 - one representative and one alternate, both of whom shall be tenured, from each Faculty or School and the Library, elected for overlapping three-year terms. The call for nominations shall be made jointly by the President of the University and the President of the Association. The election shall be by secret ballot held at the same time as the annual election of councillors to the General Faculties Council and using the same list of eligible voters.

17.5 Sabbatical

17.5.1 Definition

- 17.5.1.1** A sabbatical may be granted to a Tenured Employee or permanent Senior Lecturer to maintain and enhance the Employee's academic and professional competence by providing time free from normal duties for research, scholarly or creative work, or for projects designed to advance teaching effectiveness or professional practice.
- 17.5.1.2** Employees granted a sabbatical shall retain their position and seniority, shall be granted their annual increment of salary, where applicable, and shall receive all benefits pursuant to this Agreement.
- 17.5.1.3** During an Academic Year, the Board shall make available no fewer than the equivalent of twenty-seven (27) annual sabbaticals and eleven (11) sabbaticals which are for either the Fall semester or Winter semester. For the purpose of calculating the number of sabbaticals granted in an Academic Year, Fall and Winter semester sabbaticals shall be counted as one half (1/2) an annual sabbatical.

- 17.5.1.4** Where the number of sabbaticals granted in a given Academic Year is less than the number specified in Article 17.5.1.3, the unutilized sabbaticals will be carried forward and made available in the following Academic Year by adding them to the amount specified in Article 17.5.1.3. Carry forward shall be for one Academic Year only.
- 17.5.1.5** A Fall semester sabbatical shall be for the period 1 July – 31 December. A Winter semester sabbatical shall be for the period 1 January – 30 June. An annual sabbatical shall be for the period 1 July – 30 June. For both Fall and Winter semester sabbaticals, the normal vacation period shall be adjusted, in accordance with Article 15.1, so that one month of vacation shall be inside and one month outside the period of the sabbatical.
- 17.5.1.6** An Employee on an annual sabbatical, a Fall semester sabbatical or a Winter semester sabbatical shall be paid salary at ninety percent (90%) of the Employee's regular annual salary rate during the sabbatical.
- 17.5.1.7** An Employee may earn income for work that is in addition to the plan of approved research providing the total amount of earned income received, including the amount of salary received while on sabbatical (i.e., the 90%) does not exceed one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the Employee's regular salary. Plans to augment earned income while on leave shall be declared in the Employee's sabbatical proposal. All earned income, in excess of salary earned while on sabbatical, (i.e., the 90%) must be reported by the Employee to the Employee's Dean and the Sabbatical Leave Committee within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of the sabbatical.

17.5.2 Application

- 17.5.2.1** Tenured Employees and Senior Lecturers, regardless of work pattern, shall be eligible for an annual sabbatical after six (6) years of full-time service from the date of appointment or from the previous sabbatical, or for a Fall or Winter semester sabbatical after three (3) years of full-time service from the previous sabbatical. Employees shall apply in the Fall of the year prior to the sabbatical leave. Employees are not eligible for a sabbatical leave during the period of return service from another leave.
- 17.5.2.1.1** The date of appointment shall be the date of appointment to a tenurable tenured, probationary, or permanent position, except that one (1) or two (2) years credited towards the probationary period for a limited-term or conditional tenurable appointment at Mount Royal University shall be credited as years of service towards the first sabbatical. Normally, years of service at a Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution that have been credited towards the probationary period or used for an appointment with tenure shall not be credited as years of service towards the first sabbatical.
- 17.5.2.1.2** Years of service towards eligibility for a subsequent sabbatical shall begin to accrue at the end of the previous sabbatical.

- 17.5.2.1.3** An Academic Year in which an Employee had leaves of any types totalling less than six (6) months shall be credited as a year of full-time service for sabbatical eligibility.
- 17.5.2.1.4** An Employee on half-time tenure shall be credited with one-half year of full-time service for sabbatical eligibility for each Academic Year worked.
- 17.5.2.2** An Employee granted a sabbatical shall undertake to provide return service upon completion of the sabbatical for a period equal to the length of the sabbatical granted. Return service shall include time taken during all forms of paid or partially paid leaves, but it shall not include time taken during a leave without pay. Failure to comply fully with such undertaking by an Employee shall result in a proportionate amount of all monies advanced by the Board being repayable to the Board by the Employee.
- 17.5.2.3** An Employee not granted a sabbatical shall be eligible to apply for a sabbatical the following year.
- 17.5.2.4** An Employee shall apply to the Chair for a sabbatical by the second Friday in October. The Dean (or designate) shall forward such application to the Sabbatical Leave Committee, with a copy to the applicant and Chair, by the second Friday in November. The Sabbatical Leave Committee shall make its decision by December 20.
- 17.5.2.5** When there are more or fewer acceptable applications than leaves available:
- 17.5.2.5.1** If there are fewer acceptable applications than leaves available as per 17.5.1 a second call for applications shall be made forthwith by the Sabbatical Leave Committee.
- 17.5.2.5.2** If there are more acceptable applications than can be funded in a year, they shall be ordered by time since the last sabbatical and, in the case of equal times, the applications shall be ranked by quality by the Sabbatical Leave Committee. The Sabbatical Leave Committee may place unfunded, acceptable sabbatical requests on a waiting list, pending acceptance of leave by approved applicants in the same application year.
- 17.5.2.6** The University shall report the number of sabbaticals granted to the Association prior to 15 May.
- 17.5.2.7** The application shall describe the project to be undertaken and the outcomes expected. The applicant must provide evidence that sufficient preparation will have been completed by the time the sabbatical commences. The application shall include the Chair's assessment of the implication for the department, and the Dean's comments on the feasibility of accomplishing the proposed objective, the impact on the department and Faculty and, where applicable, the performance on a previous sabbatical.

17.5.3 General

- 17.5.3.1** Sabbaticals may be deferred for several reasons.
 - 17.5.3.1.1** Staffing requirements may necessitate that the Dean defer a sabbatical granted by the Sabbatical Leave Committee.
 - 17.5.3.1.2** An Employee may request that the Dean defer a sabbatical due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 17.5.3.2** A deferred sabbatical shall be held for the Employee for the following year. The deferral year shall be credited as a year of service towards the next sabbatical.
- 17.5.3.3** Should the Employee not be able to use the deferred sabbatical during the following year, the sabbatical shall be deemed forfeit.
- 17.5.3.4** A recipient may apply for payroll reallocation to a research grant associated with a sabbatical. Such application must be made at least one month prior to the commencement of the sabbatical and shall detail the proposed research plan and associated costs. Where the application is approved by the appropriate Dean, the Employee's salary during the period of the sabbatical (as per Article 17.5.1.6) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the size of the research grant. Research grants must be used exclusively for the purpose of research and it is the sole responsibility of the Employee to ensure compliance with the tax regulations of the Canada Revenue Agency.
- 17.5.3.5** The Employee shall submit a final report following the sabbatical leave. The report shall refer to the expected outcomes described in the sabbatical application. If outcomes were not achieved or were modified during the leave, the report shall provide an explanation.
 - 17.5.3.5.1** The Dean shall review the outcomes of the sabbatical as described in the report under Article 12: Performance Review of Half-time and Full-time Employees.
 - 17.5.3.5.2** The report shall be retained in the Employee's file in the Dean's office. It shall be considered in adjudicating an application for a subsequent sabbatical.

17.6 Attendance at Legal Proceedings

- 17.6.1** When an Employee is called for jury duty, or is subpoenaed by any body in Canada with the power to do so, and where jury duty or subpoenaed service requires absence from the University, the Employee shall notify the Board as soon as possible, and shall request Legal Proceedings Leave. Approval shall not normally be withheld.
- 17.6.2** Notwithstanding Article 25.3.4 and Article 25.8, Legal Proceedings Leave shall be considered as leave with pay so long as the Employee:

- 17.6.2.1** Notifies the Board upon receipt of the initial summons as soon as possible.
 - 17.6.2.2** Provides the Board with verification from the court or other body stating the period of jury duty or subpoenaed service.
 - 17.6.2.3** Reimburses the University all stipends paid to them for their attendance no later than one month following the period in which the earnings were received.
 - 17.6.2.4** Maintains their scheduled teaching, service, and/or other professional responsibilities when attendance is not required by the court or other body.
- 17.6.3** An Employee who is involved in a legal proceeding commenced by the Employee, or who is required to attend court in a capacity not described in Article 17.6.1 and who intends to be absent in connection with that purpose, shall request a leave of absence without pay.
- 17.6.3.1** The Board, at its sole discretion, may grant this leave of absence with pay.

17.7 Political Participation Leave

- 17.7.1** An Employee who decides to become a candidate for election for municipal, provincial, federal, or First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) political office, shall request Temporary Political Participation Leave without pay to campaign once an election is called. Approval shall not normally be withheld.
- 17.7.2** A request for Temporary Political Participation Leave shall be made to the Board as soon as the Employee has decided to become a candidate, and shall become effective the first day of the official campaign period. Temporary Political Participation Leave shall not exceed thirty (30) Days.
- 17.7.3** An Employee who becomes elected to hold municipal, provincial, federal, or FNMI political office, shall request General Political Participation Leave without pay for the term of the political office.
- 17.7.4** General Political Participation Leave while holding political office may extend for up to five (5) years. Beyond such a period of time, or if an Employee ceases to hold office, the Employee shall either resign from the University or return to regular duties, provided the Employee's contract has not expired.
- 17.7.5** Article 17.8.3 and Article 17.8.4 shall apply to an Employee who takes Political Participation Leave.

17.8 Leave of Absence With or Without Pay

- 17.8.1** The Board, in its sole discretion, may grant a leave of absence with or without pay to an Employee.
- 17.8.2** The Employee shall inform their immediate supervisor in writing, of the intention to return or resign, six (6) months prior to the expiry of the leave.

17.8.3 The Employee may elect to pay one hundred percent (100%) of all normal benefits premiums during a leave of absence without pay.

17.8.4 An Employee granted a leave of absence with or without pay shall retain their position and seniority upon return from the leave.

17.9 Notification of Application for Leave

17.9.1 Employees shall notify their Chair, or Dean as appropriate, in writing of any application for leave.

Article 18 – Professional Development

- 18.1** The Board shall provide annually a sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) plus the amounts transferred from the Contract Professional Development fund as per Article 18.5.1, by 1 September to be divided among the Faculties of the University on a per capita basis for the purpose of professional development.

In accordance with the published *Guidelines for Assessment of Professional Development Applications*, the elected Faculty Development Committees in each Faculty shall process funding applications from both Full-time Employees and Contract Employees and verify expenditures once approved.

By 15 September annually, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide to the Association a report of the total dollar amount of Faculty Development funding allocated during the previous fiscal year.

- 18.2** The Board shall provide an annual grant to the Association, by 1 November, for the purpose of reimbursing Employees who successfully complete credit courses, or for graduate studies program fees, at any other post-secondary institution. The amount of the grant shall be sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000) annually. The Association shall provide the Board with a report detailing the allocation of the previous year's grant by 31 October.

The grant shall be allocated into two pools:

- i. the amount of the grant minus twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of reimbursing Full-time and Limited-term Employees who successfully complete credit courses, or for program fees, towards the completion of a PhD, or terminal degree, in their discipline;
- ii. twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of reimbursing Full-time, Limited-term, sessional, continuing, and Fixed-term Employees (who taught 144 SICH, or equivalent, in the Academic Year) who successfully complete credit courses, or for graduate studies program fees, at any other post-secondary institution.

Funds not used in either pool may be transferred to the other pool. Any unused portion of the grant shall be retained by the Association and shall be added to the pool of funds to be distributed in the following year.

- 18.3** An Employee who takes a credit course at Mount Royal University shall be reimbursed the amount of tuition, exclusive of special course or program fees, or private instruction as published in the annual fee schedule in the University Calendar, upon successful completion of that course.

- 18.4** Employees shall be eligible to enroll free of charge in any non-credit course, workshop or seminar offered by the Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension or the Conservatory, exclusive of private and small group music lessons, subject to the approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension or the Director of The Conservatory, as appropriate.

18.5 Contract Professional Development

- 18.5.1** The Board shall maintain a central Contract Professional Development Fund. Funding shall emanate from two (2) separate sources:

18.5.1.1 Unspent funding from List A activities, as per Article 14.9.1.7; and

18.5.1.2 Unspent individual Professional Development Allocation funding, as per Article 18.7.

At the end of each budget year, any unspent amount in this fund, up to forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) shall be carried forward to the next year. Any unspent amount in excess of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) shall be transferred to the Faculty Development Committees as per Article 18.1.

- 18.5.2** Requests will be honoured on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of one thousand three-hundred dollars (\$1,300) per year for Contract Employees who teach three (3) or more courses, or equivalent, per Academic Year.

- 18.5.3** An amount of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300) annually shall be allocated from this fund to each Employee with a Fixed-term appointment.

18.5.3.1 Such per capita funding shall be made available for professional development purposes as outlined on the Professional Development Expense Claim Form.

18.5.3.2 Such per capita funding shall be available in an account and all unspent funds shall accumulate for up to four (4) years.

18.5.3.3 If an Employee with a Fixed-term appointment leaves the University during the four-year period or has underspent the allocated per capita funds at the end of the rolling four-year period, the balance will accrue to this fund.

- 18.5.4** By 15 September annually, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall provide to the Association a report of the total dollar amount of Contract Professional Development funding allocated during the previous fiscal year.

18.6 Individual Professional Development

The Board shall provide individual professional development funding each Academic Year as follows:

- 18.6.1** Each Tenured, Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable and Limited-Term Employee with academic rank receives \$1,600, effective July 1, 2025. This amount is increased to \$1,725 as of July 1, 2027.

- 18.6.2** Each Chair, in addition to the amounts in 18.6.1, receives \$750, effective July 1, 2025, which is increased to \$805 effective July 1, 2027, in accordance with Article 27.9.1.
- 18.6.3** Each Associate Dean and Academic Director, in addition to the amounts in 18.6.1, receives \$750 (or a prorated amount thereof), effective July 1, 2025, which is increased to \$805 (or a prorated amount thereof), effective July 1, 2027, in accordance with Article 27.9.1.
- 18.6.4** Each Full-Time and Limited-Term Laboratory Instructor receives \$1,600, effective July 1, 2025. This amount is increased to \$1,725 as of July 1, 2027.
- 18.6.5** Each Full-Time and Limited-Term Senior Lecturer receives \$1,600, effective July 1, 2025. This amount is increased to \$1,725 as of July 1, 2027.

Such individual funding shall be made available for professional development purposes as outlined on the *Professional Development Expense Claim Form*.

Such individual funding shall be available in an account and all unspent funds shall accumulate for up to four (4) years.

- 18.7** If an Employee leaves the University during the four-year period or has underspent the allocated individual funds at the end of the rolling four-year period, the balance shall be transferred to the Contract Faculty Professional Development Fund as per Article 18.5.1.

Article 19 – Intellectual Property

19.1 Principles and Definitions

- 19.1.1 The University's role is to create, disseminate and ensure public access to knowledge and information. The core nature of the faculty profession is to carry out this role.
- 19.1.2 Copyright shall have the same meaning as in the Copyright Act (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c. C42, as amended, and as interpreted by the applicable courts.
- 19.1.3 A Work is an original idea or concept fixed in any tangible medium of expression now known or later developed.
- 19.1.4 Scholarship shall have the same meaning as in Article 1.34 and the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service of this Agreement.
- 19.1.5 Teaching shall have the same meaning as in Article 1.40 and the Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service of this Agreement.
- 19.1.6 This Article does not derogate from any user rights, including fair dealing rights, that the University or any Employee may have with respect to any work.

19.2 Scholarship and Teaching Works

- 19.2.1 Employees own the copyright and retain the moral rights to the products of their scholarship, subject to Articles 19.5 (Commissioned Works), 19.6 (Third Party Agreements), and 19.7 (Ownership and Multiple Creators of Teaching Works).
- 19.2.2 The University shall not interfere with an Employee's freedom to publish the results of scholarship, except for limitations imposed by duly constituted university research ethics boards.
- 19.2.3 No Employee shall be obliged to engage in the commercial exploitation of their scholarship, nor to provide commercial justification for it.
- 19.2.4 Employees own the copyright and retain the moral rights to teaching works, subject to Articles 19.4 (University Curriculum and Student Records), 19.5 (Commissioned Works), 19.6 (Third Party Agreements), 19.7 (Ownership and Multiple Creators of Teaching Works), and 19.8 (Previously Existing Works).
- 19.2.5 Whereas the University and its Employees have a shared obligation to deliver scheduled credit academic courses of instruction to students, the Employee shall grant the University a royalty-free, irrevocable license to use all teaching works, where available, that are required to deliver the course if the Employee is unable to complete their duties, so that students are able to complete the credit academic course in the original time frame.

- 19.2.5.1** Such a license is limited by the following conditions: the teaching work shall be used in its original intended delivery mode; the license shall be limited to the scheduled offering at risk because the Employee is unable to complete their duties.
- 19.2.5.2** Employees are not required to provide the University with all teaching works at the beginning of a course in case they are needed under 19.2.5.

19.3 University Administrative Records

- 19.3.1** Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, upon creation the University owns copyright in all works produced while performing management or administrative duties or functions, or constituting the records of the administrative activities of a committee or Academic Unit.

19.4 University Curriculum and Student Records

- 19.4.1** Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, upon creation the University owns the copyright in the following teaching works created by Employees: course titles; calendar descriptions; course grades; basic course outlines; and other student records related to instruction and student evaluation, placement and assessment. For the purposes of this Article, a basic course outline shall include, at the minimum, information about the grading scheme, the weighting of assignments, and any textbooks or course packs required.

19.5 Commissioned Works

- 19.5.1** Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, where an Employee is specifically commissioned by the University to create a work, that commission shall be recorded in a written agreement, and that agreement shall, at the minimum, define copyright ownership and license terms. The University shall provide the Association with a copy of any such agreement at least one week prior to its signing.
- 19.5.2** No Employee shall be obliged to enter into any commission agreement that alters or abridges, or has the effect of altering or abridging, the intellectual property rights of the Employee without the Employee's written consent.

19.6 Third-Party Agreements

- 19.6.1** Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, if an Employee creates a work under any agreement between the University and a third party, copyright ownership and licensing shall be governed by the terms of that agreement. Where the agreement with the third party requires the assignment or license of copyright to the Third Party, then the University shall own copyright in any works created by Employees under such agreement in order to fulfill the obligations of that agreement, subject to 19.6.2.
- 19.6.2** The University shall not enter into any agreement with a third party which alters or abridges, or has the effect of altering or abridging, the intellectual property rights of an Employee without the Employee's written consent.

- 19.6.3** No Employee shall be obliged to create a work under an agreement between the University and a Third Party that alters or abridges, or has the effect of altering or abridging, the intellectual property rights of the Employee without the Employee's written consent.

19.7 Ownership and Multiple Creators of Teaching Works

- 19.7.1** Multiple creators shall address respective copyright ownership and license rights, including moral rights, in a written agreement in advance of a teaching work's creation.
- 19.7.2** Where collaborative and iterative development of works is the normal or agreed upon practice in an Academic Unit, all Employees in that unit will be advised of this practice before an Employee engages in the creation of a teaching work. Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, in such a case all creators shall agree that copyright, including moral rights, in the teaching work created shall be retained by the University, and the Academic Unit shall have the authority to amend, adapt or modify the work as needed.

19.8 Previously Existing Teaching Works

- 19.8.1** Notwithstanding Articles 19.2.1 and 19.2.4, when a work created by an Employee existed prior to this Article 19 coming into force, and it is not reasonably possible to determine the creators, copyright in the work shall be owned by the University.

19.9 Clearances

- 19.9.1** Unless expressly accepted by agreement in writing, the University has no responsibility for obtaining clearances (sufficient permissions for the applicable use) for third party works or parts of works. The Employee warrants that the work is original and that the license granted to the University will not involve it in any liability for breach of copyright, breach of trust or defamation.
- 19.9.2** In the event that the University agrees in writing to obtain any such clearances the Employee shall provide the University with an accurate list of clearances and the University shall be responsible for securing the clearances.

19.10 Dispute Resolution Process

- 19.10.1** Disputes between the University and an Employee are subject to the regular grievance process.

19.11 Successor and Other Rights

- 19.11.1** When an Employee leaves the University, ownership, license rights and obligations in any works created by the Employee while employed by the University shall continue and survive as defined here, including any third party agreement as defined in this article in 19.6.1.
- 19.11.2** All intellectual property rights and obligations devolve to their owners' heirs and successors.

19.12 Patents and Related Intellectual Property

- 19.12.1** The following clauses apply to inventions, integrated circuits, plant cultivars, trademarks and industrial designs. "Patents and Related Intellectual Property" means any result of intellectual or artistic activity, created by an Employee, that can be owned by a person excluding know how, data and works to which copyright alone attaches.
- 19.12.2** Reference to Employee in this article shall include multiple creators.
- 19.12.3** The discovery of patentable inventions is not a basic purpose of university research, nor is it a condition of support of such research. The Employee shall have no obligation to seek patent protection or to modify research to enhance patentability. However, industrially useful or commercially viable intellectual property is sometimes the result of university scholarly activity. When this is the case, the University encourages Employees to consider, and where appropriate, undertake commercialization of the results of their scholarly activities.
- 19.12.4** The University has the right to be consulted and to approve or disapprove any use of the University's name, facilities, or resources in any commercial arrangement. In some circumstances, the University may also require that it be a Party to the arrangements as a condition of any use or approval.
- 19.12.5** The Employee has the right to publish their inventions though in certain circumstances there may be a delay in publication.
- 19.12.5.1** There may be a delay in publication to protect the patentability of intellectual property.
- 19.12.5.2** Where the intellectual property is the result of a third party contract, there may be a delay in publication specified in the contract. Such a delay shall not normally exceed 24 months. The date of termination of the period of confidentiality shall be identified in the written contract.
- 19.12.6** Employees own the intellectual property rights in any invention, improvement, design or development that they create in the course of their employment even if it was produced with the University's facilities and resources, except in those cases where there is a written contract to the contrary.
- 19.12.7** Multiple creators shall address ownership and protection of intellectual property in a written agreement in advance of any attempts to commercialize such intellectual property. The written agreement shall also address revenue sharing among multiple creators.
- 19.12.8** Subject to a mutually acceptable written agreement between the University and the Employee, the University may acquire ownership as a condition of any production, publication, or distribution arrangement and in consideration of its financial and resource investment.
- 19.12.9** The Employee shall disclose to the University any intellectual property that is covered by the revenue sharing guidelines outlined in 19.12.12 and 19.12.13 when the Employee wants to begin the protection of intellectual property through the patent process. The disclosure is made to the Office of Research Services and copied to the Association. Such disclosure shall be kept

confidential by all Parties.

19.12.9.1 Upon disclosure, the University and the Employee shall discuss different commercialization options.

19.12.9.2 The Employee shall decide whether to include the University or its agent in the patent process. Revenue sharing shall apply whether or not the Employee involves the University if the intellectual property is covered by the revenue sharing guidelines as outlined in 19.12.12 and 19.12.13.

19.12.9.3 If the Employee requests the University or its agent's involvement in the patent process, the University shall have the option to participate or not. The University shall notify the Employee in writing of its decision to participate within three months of disclosure.

19.12.9.3.1 Where the University agrees to participate, the Employee agrees to provide full cooperation and assistance in the preparation of the patent application.

19.12.9.3.2 Where the University decides not to participate, the Employee may pursue patent protection on their own.

19.12.10 If pursuant to 19.12.9, the Employee does not disclose a potentially patentable discovery subject to revenue sharing guidelines specified in 19.12.12 and 19.12.13, the University shall maintain its rights under this Article.

19.12.11 The Employee is not required to disclose intellectual property that is not covered by the revenue sharing guidelines.

19.12.12 Normally, the Employee and the University will share in the net revenues resulting from the commercialization of patentable intellectual property when:

- the costs of the activities giving rise to the property were specifically funded by third party contracts with the University;
- the costs of the activities giving rise to the property were specifically funded by grants from the University's endowments, special purpose funds, or specific budget allocations;
- the property was created using the specialized research facilities and services of the University, including the University's research laboratories, capital equipment, and technical facilities and services. Specialized facilities and services do not include the use of offices and office equipment, limited office services, personal computers, the library, or other services commonly available to Employees;
- the University or the University's agent actively participates in protection or commercialization of Intellectual Property, including the development, financing, manufacture, license, and sale of the property.

19.12.13 Normally, the University will not share in the net revenues resulting from the commercialization of patentable intellectual property when:

- the Intellectual Property was created without using the University's specialized facilities and services;
- the intellectual Property was created in the course of outside professional activities or non-University activities;
- the Intellectual Property is placed in the public domain or assigned for publication without consideration in the course of the normal dissemination of knowledge in the field;
- the University has made a prior agreement to forgo revenue sharing.

19.12.14 Revenue sharing may apply regardless of whether the Intellectual Property is Employee or University owned.

19.12.15 The University's share of revenue from intellectual property covered by revenue sharing guidelines shall depend upon the level of its involvement in the commercialization process. Three broad categories are recognized: commercialization by the Employee which involves the greatest investment of the Employee's time and money and includes commercialization through Employee-established companies; commercialization involving the University; and commercialization through a Third Party. For the purposes of this article, net revenue means any money received as a result of the development or commercial exploitation of the patent, less any expenses incurred to register, develop, exploit or administer the patent.

19.12.15.1 Commercialization by the Employee

Normally the University shall have a share of 25 percent of net revenues over \$75,000.

19.12.15.2 Commercialization by the University

Normally, the University and the Employee shall each have a 50 percent share of net revenues.

19.12.15.3 Commercialization by a Third Party

The University shall have a negotiated share subject to the terms of the agreement with the Third Party. Normally the Employee shall not receive less than a 50 percent share of net revenues.

19.12.16 The University's share of revenue shall normally be distributed as follows:

- 1/3 of net revenue shall go to a University-level fund to support research and scholarly activity.
- 1/3 of net revenue shall go to support research and scholarly activity in the Employee's faculty.
- 1/3 of net revenue shall go to support University activity.

19.12.16.1 The Board shall report the amount annually by 31 October in the event of any distribution of such funds.

19.12.17 The University will have a royalty-free, non-exclusive right to use and re-use within the University patentable intellectual property which is subject to the revenue sharing guidelines outlined in 19.12.12 and 19.12.13.

Article 20 – Grievance Procedure

20.1 A grievance is a difference arising:

- 20.1.1** with respect to the interpretation, application or operation of this Agreement; or
- 20.1.2** with respect to a contravention or alleged contravention of this Agreement; or
- 20.1.3** with respect to whether a difference referred to in Article 20.1.1 or 20.1.2 can be the subject of arbitration between the Parties to, or persons bound by, this Agreement and not otherwise covered by other procedures in the Agreement

20.2 A grievance shall be settled in the following manner:

20.2.1 Step 1

- 20.2.1.1** Within fifteen (15) Days of knowledge of the act causing the grievance, the individual grievor or grievors shall provide written notice of the intent to grieve to the responsible Dean, with a copy to the Association. The written notice shall normally include an identification of the concern, reference the relevant article(s) of the Agreement, provide information related to the concern, and state what outcome or correction is desired.
- 20.2.1.2** The Association shall appoint an Association member to represent the interests of the Association, and its members, in the Step 1 proceedings.
- 20.2.1.3** Within ten (10) Days of filing the written notice as per 20.2.1, one or more meetings shall take place between the grievor, the Dean, the Association representative, and, when appropriate, the grievor's Chair or supervisor. The individuals shall meet with a view to making reasonable attempts to resolve the grievance.
- 20.2.1.4** If the grievance is not resolved within five (5) Days of the Step 1 meeting(s), then the grievance may be advanced to Step 2 by the Association.

20.2.2 Step 2

- 20.2.2.1** When the Association decides to advance a grievance from Step 1 to Step 2, it shall provide written notice of such intention to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic within ten (10) Days of the expiration of the ten (10) Day period in Article 20.2.1.3.
- 20.2.2.2** Within five (5) Days of the notice to advance the grievance to Step 2, the Association, on behalf of the individual grievor or grievors, shall state the grievance in writing, including the remedy sought, to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

20.2.2.3 Grievances arising from demotion, suspension, or dismissal may be commenced at Step 2. A grievance initiated by the Association or the Board shall be commenced at Step 2.

20.2.2.3.1 When a grievance is commenced at Step 2, the grieving Party shall provide written notice of the intent to grieve to the other Party within fifteen (15) Days of knowledge of the act causing the grievance.

20.2.2.3.2 Within five (5) Days of the notice provided in Article 20.2.2.3.1, the grieving Party shall state the grievance in writing, including the remedy sought, to the other Party.

20.2.2.4 The Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate and the President of the Association or designate shall meet and attempt to resolve the Step 2 grievance. Within fifteen (15) Days of receiving the statement of grievance, they shall render their decision in writing. The decision shall be one of:

20.2.2.4.1 a settlement, in which case the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate and the President of the Association or designate shall be jointly responsible for implementing the settlement; or

20.2.2.4.2 a report with a partial settlement and a recommendation to the Board and the Association that the grievance proceed to Step 3; or

20.2.2.4.3 a report that they are unable to resolve the grievance and a recommendation to the Board and the Association that the grievance proceed to Step 4.

20.2.3 Step 3

A grievance that proceeds to Step 3 shall be heard by a Grievance Committee. Within five (5) Days of a recommendation to proceed to Step 3, as outlined in Article 20.2.2.4.2, the Board and the Association shall name their nominees to the Grievance Committee.

20.2.3.1 The Grievance Committee shall consist of:

20.2.3.1.1 two nominees of the Board, and

20.2.3.1.2 two nominees of the Association.

20.2.3.2 The Grievance Committee shall be provided with the Step 2 report referenced in Article 20.2.2.4.2 and with all other documents relevant to the grievance. The committee shall begin its work with the partial settlement in the Step 2 report, but may develop a resolution that diverges from it as a consequence of its investigation of the grievance.

20.2.3.3 The Grievance Committee shall meet within ten (10) Days of being appointed and shall render a decision in a written report to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the President of the Association within fifteen (15) Days of the date of its first meeting.

- 20.2.3.4** The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be either a settlement of the grievance, agreed to by a majority of the committee, or a statement that it is unable to resolve the grievance.
- 20.2.3.5** Where the Grievance Committee has settled the grievance, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate and the President of the Association or designate shall be jointly responsible for implementing the settlement.
- 20.2.3.6** Where the Grievance Committee has been unable to resolve the grievance, the grievance shall proceed to Step 4.

20.2.4 Step 4

Within twenty (20) Days of receipt of a Step 2 report recommending that the grievance proceed to Step 4 or receipt of a Step 3 report that the Grievance Committee has been unable to resolve the grievance, the Association and the Board shall each review the grievance and decide whether or not to proceed to Step 5.

20.2.5 Step 5

In the case of a Step 4 decision by either the Association or the Board to proceed to Step 5, the grievance shall be referred by either the Association or the Board to an Arbitration Board.

20.3 Arbitration Board

- 20.3.1** Within seven (7) Days of the grievance being referred to arbitration, each Party will choose whether to use a single arbitrator or an arbitration board to hear the grievance. If the Parties do not agree, then the Parties will use an Arbitration Board.
- 20.3.2** Within ten (10) Days of the decision to appoint a single arbitrator, each Party shall submit to the other Party the names of three (3) candidates for the arbitrator. The two Parties shall review the names and attempt to agree upon the choice of an arbitrator from the names submitted. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached, either Party may apply to the Chair of the Alberta Labour Relations Board for the appointment of an arbitrator.
- 20.3.3** Within ten (10) Days of the decision to appoint an arbitration board, each Party will, appoint a person to act as its nominee to the Arbitration Board, and advise the other Party of such selection. Upon the appointment of the two nominees, the two nominees shall within ten (10) Days appoint a third person, who shall be Chair of the Arbitration Board. If the two nominees fail to agree upon a chair, either or both may request the Chair of the Alberta Labour Relations Board to appoint a Chair.
- 20.3.4** No person shall be appointed to the Arbitration Board if the person is directly affected by the dispute or has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the dispute.
- 20.3.5** For the purpose of this article, the term Arbitration Board shall be considered interchangeable with single arbitrator. The Arbitration Board:

- 20.3.5.1** shall hear and determine the grievance and shall issue a decision in writing which is final and binding upon the Association and the Board and upon any Employee affected by it. The decision of a single arbitrator is the decision. The decision of a three-person arbitration board is majority of the Arbitration Board, but, if there is no majority, the decision of the chair governs.
- 20.3.5.2** shall determine its own procedure, but shall give full opportunity to all Parties to present evidence and make representations:
- 20.3.5.3** may accept any oral or written evidence that the Arbitration Board considers proper, whether admissible in a court of law or not;
- 20.3.5.4** is not bound by the laws of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings;
- 20.3.5.5** may in any proceeding, award or decision correct any clerical mistake, error or omission;
- 20.3.5.6** may administer an oath to a person appearing;
- 20.3.5.7** may summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses in the same manner as a court of record in civil cases;
- 20.3.5.8** may require any person to attend and produce any documents and items the Arbitration Board considers necessary for the purpose of resolving the matters in dispute;
- 20.3.5.9** may enter any premises of the Board where anything is taking place or has taken place concerning any differences submitted to the Arbitration Board and to inspect and view any work, material, machinery, appliance or article therein and interrogate any person in the presence of the Parties or their representatives respecting any such thing or any such differences;
- 20.3.5.10** may authorize any person to do anything that the Arbitration Board may do and to report to the Arbitration Board thereon.
- 20.3.6** Where an Employee has been suspended pursuant to Article 25, it may direct the Board to reinstate the Employee and may make such other directive in regard to any penalty it considers fair and reasonable.
- 20.3.7** Where an Employee has been dismissed pursuant to Article 12 or Article 25, it may direct the Board to reinstate the Employee and pay to the Employee a sum equal to the salary lost by removal, or such lesser sum as in the opinion of the Arbitration Board is fair and reasonable, and may make such other directive in regard to any penalty it considers fair and reasonable.
- 20.3.8** The costs of the arbitration shall be borne by the Parties as follows:
 - 20.3.8.1** If both Parties agree to a single arbitrator, the costs will be shared equally;

20.3.8.2 If both Parties agree to a three-person arbitration board, each Party will pay the costs of their nominee to the board. All other costs, including those of the chair of the board, and the proceedings themselves, will be shared equally;

20.3.8.3 If one Party chooses a single arbitrator, and the other Party chooses a three person board, then each Party will pay the costs of their nominee to the board, and the costs of the chair will be borne entirely by the Party opting for the three-person board. The costs of the proceedings shall be shared equally between the Parties.

20.4 Advancement of Grievance

20.4.1 Where a person or party or committee fails to discharge responsibilities included under this Grievance Procedure within the time limits stipulated or extended in accordance with Article 20.7, a grievor or the Association may, upon expiry of such time limit, advance the grievance to the next step.

20.5 Failure to Process

In the event a grieving party or person fails to process a grievance within a time limit set out in this Grievance Procedure or extended in accordance with Article 20.7, such grievance shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

20.6 Time in this Grievance Procedure shall be computed exclusive of the period from 15 May to 14 August. Wherever possible, the parties agree to work expeditiously to resolve grievances during the 15 May to 14 August period.

20.7 The time limits specified in this Article may be extended, in writing, by mutual agreement of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate and the President of the Association or designate.

Article 21 – Collective Bargaining

21.1 General Principles

The Parties are committed to:

- i. the interest-focused approach to collective bargaining;
- ii. conducting collective bargaining in an expeditious, efficient and problem-solving manner;
- iii. disclosing information to each other necessary to assist the bargaining process;
- iv. avoiding unnecessary delays and expense;
- v. maximizing productivity by scheduling bargaining meetings in blocks of not less than four (4) hours;
- vi. making committee members available for bargaining meetings on agreed upon dates, with contingency plans to deal with unavoidable absences;
- vii. committing resources and scheduling bargaining meetings with the goal of concluding and ratifying a collective agreement prior to the expiry of this Agreement.
- viii. schedule meetings, mediations, hearings, preparatory activities such that no activity will be required from the Association between 15 June to 14 August, unless the Association agrees to waive this condition, or are required by the Labour Relations Code.

21.2 Notice to Commence Collective Bargaining

21.2.1 A party wishing to revise or renew this Agreement shall give written notice to the other party not earlier than 2 January and no later than 1 March prior to the expiry of the term of this Agreement. Notice to the Board shall be directed to the President of the University. Notice to the Association shall be directed to the President of the Association.

21.2.2 The notice to commence collective bargaining shall include the names and contact information of no more than five (5) persons who are current residents of Alberta and who shall comprise that party's negotiating committee. In addition, each party may appoint up to two (2) observers who may attend meetings and who shall participate as agreed to by the parties, including participation on subcommittees.

One of the members of the committee shall be identified as Chief Spokesperson. The notice shall affirm that the negotiating committee is authorized on behalf of the party to bargain collectively, conclude a collective agreement, and sign a collective agreement.

21.2.3 The party receiving the notice to commence bargaining shall respond in writing within five (5) days, identifying the names and contact information of no more than five (5) persons who are current residents of Alberta and who shall comprise their party's negotiating committee. One of the members of the committee shall be identified as Chief Spokesperson. The notice shall affirm that the negotiating committee is authorized on behalf of the party to bargain collectively, conclude a collective agreement, and sign a collective agreement.

21.2.4 Notice may be served personally or via email. If the notice is sent electronically, the date of the email shall be treated as the date of notice.

- 21.2.5** When notice to commence collective bargaining has been served pursuant the *Labour Relations Code*, the Agreement that applies to the parties at the time of service of notice is deemed to continue to apply to the parties beyond the termination date of the agreement, until terminated pursuant to Section 130 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

21.3 Preparations for Collective Bargaining

- 21.3.1** The Board and the Association shall provide funding for reassigned time for the MRFA Negotiating Committee to prepare for and participate in interest-focused collective bargaining. Funding for this purpose shall:

21.3.1.1 be shared equally by the Board and the Association;

21.3.1.2 be equivalent to 240 SICH;

21.3.1.3 be provided for all rounds of negotiations, with the exception of a limited re-opener that solely addresses a single item;

21.3.1.4 commence not earlier than the Fall semester immediately prior to the expiry of the Agreement and shall continue for each term that members of the Association's negotiating committee are participating in interest-focused collective bargaining.

- 21.3.2** Not more than 21 calendar days after serving notice to commence collective bargaining, the negotiating committees or their designates shall meet for the purpose of:

- i. setting dates for bargaining sessions;
- ii. confirming the format of Statements of Interest, and the date of exchange;
- iii. reviewing past procedures and ground rules for bargaining sessions;
- iv. identifying information requirements for collective bargaining, and
- v. identifying prospective mediators to assist the parties with informal mediation should the need arise.

- 21.3.3** The Association and the Board shall engage in interest-focused bargaining training, such training to be completed no later than 1 February.

21.3.3.1 Depending on the composition of each team and the time elapsed since the previous training, both Parties may waive the training in whole or in part by mutual agreement.

21.3.3.2 Either team may invite other stakeholders, including members of the MRFA Executive Board and members of the Board of Governors, to participate, as appropriate, in the interest-focused bargaining training.

21.4 Commencement of Bargaining

- 21.4.1** Within thirty (30) calendar days of notice being served under Article 21.1, the parties shall meet to exchange Statements of Interests and commence bargaining.

- 21.4.2** The negotiating committees shall meet regularly between the commencement of bargaining and 31 May to bargain collectively in good faith and to make every reasonable effort to conclude a collective agreement.
- 21.4.3** If by 31 May, the Parties have been unable to agree upon the terms to be included in a revised Agreement, the Parties may mutually agree in writing to extend the number of bargaining sessions.
- 21.4.4** If the Parties do not extend the number of bargaining days beyond 31 May, or if the extended bargaining sessions do not result in a revised Agreement, the Parties shall engage in informal mediation. Informal mediation shall be limited to two (2) full days unless the Parties mutually agree in writing to extend the number of days.

21.5 Informal Mediation

- 21.5.1** The Parties shall use a one-person process of informal mediation in an effort to resolve the items in dispute. The parties shall equally share the costs of the mediation.
- 21.5.2** At any time following the commencement of bargaining, the parties may mutually agree to utilize the services of a mediator to informally assist in the negotiation process beyond the two (2) days stipulated in 21.4.4.
- 21.5.3** Each Party shall submit to the other Party the names of three (3) candidates for the mediator; the Parties shall review the names and select a single mediator from the names submitted. If the Parties are unable to select a single mediator from the names submitted, either Party may apply to the Director of Mediation Services for the appointment of a mediator.
- 21.5.4** Each Party shall prepare a written submission along with any supporting materials that outlines its position on the items in dispute. Copies shall be provided to the mediator and the other Party at least fifteen (15) Days prior to the commencement date of the mediation.
- 21.5.5** If the mediator is unable to affect a settlement, the mediator shall issue a written report to the Parties with recommendations for settlement.
- 21.5.6** The mediator's report is not binding on either Party.
- 21.5.7** If both Parties accept the mediator's recommended terms of settlement, they shall promptly conclude negotiations and execute an agreement pursuant to such terms.
- 21.5.8** If, following informal mediation and receipt of the mediator's report and recommendations, the Parties do not enter into a revised Agreement, the Parties shall continue collective bargaining pursuant to Section 65 of the *Labour Relations Code*.
- 21.5.9** The appointment of a mediator to provide informal mediation does not preclude or delay either party from requesting the Director of Mediation Services to appoint a mediator pursuant to Section 65 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

21.5.10 The parties may mutually agree to recommend to the Director of Mediation Services that the mediator utilized for Informal Mediation under this Article also be appointed for mediation pursuant to Section 65 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

21.6 No Strike or Lockout

There shall be no strike or lockout except where permitted by the *Labour Relations Code*.

21.7 Joint Orientation Session

21.7.1 Within 30 calendar days of the ratification of a new Agreement (excluding the period June 15-August 14), the parties shall convene a joint session hosted by the Chief Spokespersons of the negotiating committees to orient Executive Members, Deans, Chairs, managerial and administrative staff to the terms of the new Agreement.

21.7.2 The joint session shall address all articles that have been changed through the collective bargaining process and shall include the rationale for each change.

Article 22 – Workplace Environment

22.1 Non-Discrimination

- 22.1.1** The Board, the Association and Employees shall not discriminate against, Employees with respect to employment (e.g., hiring, promotion, and retention) on the grounds of race, religious or political beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, accent, marital status, source of income, family status, or membership or activity in the Association as provided under the terms of this Agreement. The foregoing does not apply with respect to a refusal, limitation, specification, or preference based on a bona fide occupational qualification.
- 22.1.2** Article 22.1.1 above as it relates to age and marital status does not affect the operation of any bona fide retirement or pension plan or the terms or conditions of any bona fide group or Employee insurance plan.

22.2 Duty to Accommodate

- 22.2.1** The Board and the Association have rights and obligations regarding the duty to accommodate Employees to the point of undue hardship, as established by law.
- 22.2.2** The *Process for Workplace Accommodation Requests* shall be maintained by the Department of Human Resources. These guidelines outline how the Board addresses accommodation in the workplace.
- 22.2.3** Substantive change to the document *Process for Workplace Accommodation Requests* are to be made by Human Resources. The Board shall consult with the Association when it intends to make any substantive changes to the process therein described.

22.3 Harassment

- 22.3.1** The Parties are committed to providing a working and learning environment that is free of harassment and which allows for full and free participation of all Employees.
- 22.3.2** Pursuant to the *Human Rights Act*, no officer or representative of either Party to this Agreement or Employee shall harass any Party to this Agreement or Employee.
- 22.3.3** The Board shall ensure that procedures exist to investigate, respond to and, where necessary, remedy harassment complaints in a reasonable and timely manner.

22.4 Occupational Health and Safety

- 22.4.1** The Board shall make reasonable provisions for a safe and healthy workplace environment.

- 22.4.2** Where the nature of the work or working conditions of the Employee's regular duties at the University are such that protective clothing, safety equipment or other protective devices are required, the employer shall provide those items and shall maintain and replace them, where necessary, at no cost to the Employee.
- 22.4.3** It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to report to their immediate supervisor, or Dean, any situation in the workplace which the Employee believes to be unsafe or unhealthy.
- 22.4.4** No Employee shall be disciplined or discharged for refusal to work on a job or in any workplace or to operate any equipment where they believe that it would be unsafe or unhealthy to do so, or where it would be contrary to applicable federal, provincial and municipal legislation or regulations. An Employee who does not work under such circumstances shall not suffer a loss of pay provided that the Employee's decision is upheld by the University Occupational Health and Safety Committee. The decision of the University Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be binding upon both the Employee and the Board.

22.5 Parking

The Association will have two (2) members on the transportation committee, one (1) representing Full-time Employees and one (1) representing Contract Employees.

22.6 Resources for Employees

- 22.6.1** The University shall make reasonable efforts, subject to available resources and existing campus facilities, to provide Employees with the working conditions required to fulfill their assigned workload responsibilities.
- 22.6.2** This shall include an individual e-mail account and, on-campus, access to: a computer, a telephone, a printer and/or printing services, and stationery.
- 22.6.3** This may include dedicated office space (which may be shared), storage and laboratory space to engage in scholarship, University-licensed basic desktop productivity software, access to the University Library, instructional support, and supplies.

Article 23 – Academic Freedom

- 23.1** The common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge and its free exposition. Academic freedom in educational institutions is essential to both these purposes in the teaching function of the institution as well as in its scholarship and research.
- 23.2** Academic freedom as a right belongs to the individual faculty member, not the Faculty Association or the University. Academic freedom does not confer legal immunity nor does it diminish the obligation to meet employment duties and responsibilities.
- 23.3** Academic staff shall not be hindered or impeded in any way by the institution or the faculty association from exercising their legal rights as citizens, nor shall they suffer any penalties because of the exercise of such legal rights. Academic members of the community are entitled, regardless of prescribed doctrine, to freedom in designing and carrying out research and in publishing the results thereof, freedom of teaching and of discussion, freedom to criticize the University and the faculty association, and freedom from institutional censorship.
- 23.4** Academic freedom does not require neutrality on the part of the individual. Rather, academic freedom makes commitment possible. Academic freedom carries with it the duty to use that freedom in a manner consistent with the scholarly obligation to base research and teaching on an honest search for knowledge.
- 23.5** In exercising the freedom to comment and criticize, academic staff members have a corresponding obligation to use academic freedom in a responsible manner. This implies a recognition of the rights of other members of the academic community and a tolerance of differing points of view.

Article 24 – Diversity and Equity

24.1 The Parties:

- 24.1.1** endorse the principle of equity in employment;
 - 24.1.2** support full access to and inclusion in the workplace; and
 - 24.1.3** agree to cooperate to identify, address and remove barriers to recruitment, selection, hiring, retention and promotion; such barriers to include, but not limited to, the grounds protected by provincial human rights legislation.
- 24.2** The Parties acknowledge that employment equity involves hiring the most suitably qualified candidate considering factors that include qualifications, areas of expertise, teaching responsibilities and academic and professional excellence for any open position while ensuring that the hiring process and the requirements determined for each position are fair and equitable for all persons.

24.3 Joint Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

- 24.3.1** The Parties shall establish a joint equity, diversity, and inclusion committee.
 - 24.3.2** The committee shall be comprised of:
 - i. Three (3) representatives of the Board; and
 - ii. Three (3) representatives of the Association
 - 24.3.3** The committee shall select co-Chairs, one of which will be a representative of the Board, one of which will be a representative of the Association.
 - 24.3.4** The committee shall:
 - i. Receive available aggregate, anonymized data collected by the Board necessary to assess systemic, direct, or intersectional barriers to employment equity among Employees (see Article 22.1.1).
 - ii. Request, when necessary, additional anonymized information be collected by the Board.
 - iii. Determine the appropriate format of reporting on employment equity matters related to Employees.
 - iv. Establish additional terms of reference and review as required.
 - 24.3.5** Reports will be issued to the Parties annually on 1 May. The Board or the Association may request an additional report or information in order to address specific questions or concerns.
- 24.4** All University postings for Employees shall contain a diversity statement that illustrates the University's commitment to supporting and promoting equity in employment.

- 24.4.1** To support and foster a shared commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, Employees shall participate in broad-based diversity, equity and inclusion training.
- 24.4.2** In addition to training in Article 24.4.1, specific orientation and training shall be provided for all members and alternates serving on committees related to all aspects of recruitment and promotion, and member and alternates shall undertake this training annually, and prior to commencing work on such committees.
- 24.4.3** The development and delivery of the training, specified in Articles 24.4.1 and 24.4.2, shall be a collaborative effort between the Association and the University.

Article 25 – Discipline

25.1 Right to Have Association Representative Present

25.1.1 An Employee shall have the right to have a member of the Association present at any meeting that the Employee believes might be the basis of discipline. If a Dean intends to meet with an Employee for disciplinary purposes, the Dean shall:

25.1.1.1 notify the Employee and the President of the Association, in writing, of the purpose of the meeting;

25.1.1.2 identify the Employee's right to have representation by the Association at the meeting; and

25.1.1.3 schedule the meeting, allowing reasonable time for the Employee to arrange Association representation, but avoiding undue delay.

This Article shall not apply to those discussions that are of an operational nature and do not involve discipline.

25.2 General Principles

25.2.1 Both Parties agree that:

25.2.1.1 Employees may only be disciplined for just, reasonable, and sufficient cause;

25.2.1.2 the Board bears the onus of proving that all disciplinary measures taken are for just, reasonable, and sufficient cause;

25.2.1.3 all disciplinary measures shall be fair, reasonable, commensurate with the seriousness of the established violations;

25.2.1.4 all disciplinary measures shall be based on the principle of progressive discipline;

25.2.1.5 the objective of progressive discipline is corrective in nature; and

25.2.1.6 wherever possible, practicable and reasonable, efforts shall be made to resolve issues informally.

25.3 Investigations

25.3.1 A fair, prompt and confidential initial assessment of all allegations shall be conducted by the Board to determine whether or not allegations warrant formal investigation.

25.3.2 The Board shall maintain express procedures for the investigation of allegations of misconduct, and shall consult with the Association when it intends to make any substantive changes to such procedures.

- 25.3.3** The investigation of allegations of misconduct shall normally be completed within thirty (30) Days of the date that the Board knew, or ought reasonably to have become aware, of the occurrence of the matter giving rise to the investigation.
- 25.3.4** The Board may place an Employee on leave with pay pending an investigation. Such leave may only occur when the initial assessment in Article 25.3.1 indicates that the nature and seriousness of the allegations warrants the leave with pay. Written reasons for the leave must be provided to the Employee, and copied to the Association, prior to the commencement of the leave. This is an administrative leave and is not disciplinary in nature.

25.4 Non-Disciplinary Situations

- 25.4.1** An Employee may not be disciplined for violation of a rule, regulation or instruction unless that rule, regulation or instruction has been promulgated, and communicated to the Employee, by the appropriate authority, and does not violate this Agreement.
- 25.4.2** Disability shall not be cause for discipline. If an Employee is disciplined for an incident they claim is a result of medical disability or illness, the Employee shall notify the Association. In such cases, the Board may require that the Employee provide a medical certificate from a physician of the Employee's choice substantiating the Employee's claim.

25.5 Discipline Separate from Academic Performance Assessment

- 25.5.1** Disciplinary processes shall be distinct from academic assessments such as those used in the processes of reappointment, tenure and promotion. Records of disciplinary action placed in an Employee's personnel file as per Article 25 within the past four (4) years, however, shall be included in any application for reappointment, tenure or promotion.
- 25.5.2** Where written allegations triggering a disciplinary investigation directly involve the integrity of the scholarly record under review, the academic assessment process shall be delayed until the completion of the investigation. In cases of tenure, the Employee's contract will be extended by the length of the deferral to allow for completion of the tenure process.
- 25.5.3** Lay-off pursuant to redundancy shall not constitute discipline

25.6 Types of Disciplinary Measures

- 25.6.1** The only disciplinary measures that may be imposed are:
- i. a letter of warning;
 - ii. a letter of reprimand;
 - iii. suspension without pay; or
 - iv. dismissal for just, reasonable, and sufficient cause

The measures above are normally followed in sequence; however, depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the disciplinary process may commence at any point.

25.7 Letter of Warning and Letter of Reprimand

- 25.7.1** A written letter of warning shall contain a clear statement of the reasons for taking action, be clearly identified as a disciplinary measure and present suggestions or instructions to resolve or correct the problem. A warning brings the problem to the attention of the Employee and emphasizes the seriousness of the situation.
- 25.7.2** A written reprimand is the next step after a letter of warning. A written letter of reprimand shall state the occurrence and the severity and shall include a statement of any remedial action the Employee is required to take. It shall also remind the Employee that subsequent misconduct of the same order may be grounds for suspension or dismissal.
- 25.7.3** In order to be deemed a letter of warning or a letter of reprimand according to the terms of this Article, the letter shall be so identified.
- 25.7.4** A letter of warning or a letter of reprimand may only be issued by administrative officers designated by the Board who are not themselves members of the Association. Normally these individuals shall be Deans.
- 25.7.5** If the Employee disagrees with the substance of a letter of warning or a letter of reprimand, the Employee may file a written reply which shall be placed in the Employee's personnel file.
- 25.7.6** Failure of an Employee to grieve a letter of reprimand or warning shall not be deemed an admission of the validity of the reprimand or the warning, but the letter of warning or reprimand may be referred to as a step in the progressive discipline process.

25.8 Suspension Without Pay

- 25.8.1** Suspension without pay is the act of the University in relieving, for cause, some or all of an Employee's duties and privileges without the Employee's consent. Only the President of the University or the Provost and Vice-President, Academic may suspend an Employee without pay. If such a suspension is grieved, the grievance shall commence at Step 2 of Article 20.

25.9 Dismissal

- 25.9.1** Dismissal for cause means the termination of an Employee's appointment by the Board without the Employee's consent. Only the President, in consultation with the Board, may dismiss an Employee. If such a dismissal is grieved, the grievance shall commence at Step 2 of Article 20.

25.10 Discipline Process

- 25.10.1** Disciplinary measures shall only be imposed after completion of a fair and thorough process, and shall be based on substantiated information.
- 25.10.2** An Employee may be disciplined only in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

- 25.10.3** If, after the conclusion of an investigation as per Article 25.3.3 and based upon a fair and complete review of evidence, the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic believes that disciplinary measures may be warranted, the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall, normally within five (5) Days of the conclusion of the investigation in Article 25.3.3:
- 25.10.3.1** provide the Employee and the Association with written notice that the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic may discipline the Employee; and
 - 25.10.3.2** schedule a meeting with the Employee to discuss the outcome of the investigation and potential disciplinary measures. Such meeting to be in accordance with Article 25.10.5.
- 25.10.4** The Employee may, normally within five (5) Days of receipt of the notice in Article 25.10.3.1, provide a written response to the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 25.10.5** If a meeting is scheduled pursuant to Article 25.10.3.2:
- 25.10.5.1** the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall, normally no sooner than eleven (11) Days, and normally not later than twenty (20) Days, after providing the notice required by Article 25.10.3.1, meet with the Employee;
 - 25.10.5.2** the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic may have an advisor present;
 - 25.10.5.3** the Employee may have a representative from the Association present; and
 - 25.10.5.4** the Parties shall attempt to resolve the matter in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.
- 25.10.6** If the Employee elects not to attend the meeting provided for in Article 25.10.5, the meeting shall be dispensed with and the Dean, President or Provost and Vice-President, Academic may immediately impose a disciplinary measure in accordance with 25.10.7.
- 25.10.7** If, after the steps in the disciplinary process as laid out above have been completed, and the Dean, President or Vice President, Academic decides that disciplinary measures are warranted, they shall notify the Employee in writing of the disciplinary decision, including all pertinent details of the incident or incidents; the nature of the offence; and a statement of any remedial action the Employee is required to take including the suspension of duties where applicable. This notice shall be sent, normally within ten (10) Days of the meeting provided for in 25.10.5.1, with a copy to the Association. Any measures which are not confirmed in writing in this manner shall not form part of the Employee's personnel file.
- 25.10.8** Upon receipt of the notice given in 25.10.7, any disciplinary measures contained therein shall be grievable in accordance with Article 20.

- 25.10.9** The University shall not introduce into evidence at arbitration any notices of discipline of which the Employee was not aware. Any evidence introduced at an arbitration relating to discipline shall be confined to that which is relevant to the grounds of the notice of discipline referred to in Article 25.10.7.
- 25.10.10** In the case that an allegation is not substantiated, there shall be no record of the allegation or investigation placed in the Employee's personnel file. All records of the allegation and investigation shall be stored securely in Human Resources and destroyed after four (4) years.
- 25.10.11** The record of disciplinary measures, a summary of the investigative report, and the Employee's response(s) will be kept in the Employee's personnel file in Human Resources. The record will be removed from the Employee's file and destroyed after four (4) years provided that no subsequent allegation of similar misconduct has been confirmed or is under investigation.

Article 26 – Personnel File

- 26.1** The official Personnel File has three parts:
- i. a file within a locked cabinet within the appropriate Dean/Director office; and
 - ii. a file housed within the Department of Human Resources; and
 - iii. the University's electronic copies of the Employee's Faculty Annual/Activity Report(s), curriculum vitae and scholarship plans, comments by the Dean on the Faculty Annual/Activity Reports(s), Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPoTs) and, where applicable, Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEIs).
- 26.2** During normal working hours, and in the presence of a staff Employee, every Employee or their duly designated representatives have the right of access to their entire Personnel File and to obtain copies of all material in their individual files.
- 26.3** No anonymous material shall be retained in the Personnel File with the exception of Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPoTs) and, where applicable, Student Evaluations of Instruction (SEIs).
- 26.4** Information in an Employee's Personnel File shall be confidential and available only to authorized persons as per 26.6 on a need-to-know basis. Any person or committee who for purposes of this Agreement may have access to information contained in the Personnel File shall be bound by the ordinary rules of confidentiality.
- 26.5** If, in the regular course of reviewing an Employee's Personnel File, the Employee or authorized person identifies a document in the Employee's Personnel File that is void or past the date specified for removal from the File, the document shall be removed from the file and destroyed.
- 26.6** Contents of the File shall only be made available as required:
- i. in a grievance and arbitration procedure;
 - ii. at the request of the employee;
 - iii. as required by law;
 - iv. for disciplinary purposes as per Article 25;
 - v. for the purposes of hiring, tenure or promotion.
- 26.7** Any written communication related to Employee performance concerns shall specify a date that the documentation will be removed from the Employee's Personnel File(s) or deemed void. The date specified for removal or being deemed void shall not exceed seven (7) years from the date of issuance of the communication. If the written communication does not specify a period that the documentation remains in effect, the period shall be deemed to be four (4) years.

- 26.8** Notwithstanding Article 26.7, an Employee may submit a request once each calendar year to have documentation relating to performance concerns removed from the Employee's Personnel File. This request shall be made in writing to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and copied to Human Resources. The Employee shall receive written notification that their request has been considered and what action, if any, has been taken within thirty (30) Days of the request being submitted. Human Resources shall be copied on the written notification.
- 26.9** Articles 26.7 and 26.8 shall not apply to written communications related to performance concerns covered by Article 12 - Performance Review of Half-time and Full-time Employees.
- 26.10** The retention, removal and voiding of disciplinary documents in an Employee's Personnel File shall be governed by Article 25 - Discipline.

Article 27 – Chairs, Associate Deans, and Academic Directors

27.1 Appointment

27.1.1 The term of appointment for a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director shall normally be for five (5) years. An incumbent shall be eligible to apply for a second term as part of the regular selection and appointment process. Normally an individual shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

27.1.1.1 The Board shall maintain no fewer than four (4) Associate Dean positions at any given time.

27.1.2 Candidates for appointment as Chair and Associate Dean shall be Tenured Employees. Candidates for Academic Director shall be Full-time Employees. Exceptions require the approval of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic after consultation with the Dean and the Employees of the relevant Academic Unit(s).

27.1.3 Not more than eighteen (18) months, but not less than six (6) months, prior to the expiration of a term or upon the creation of a new position, the Dean shall form a selection committee for the appointment of a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director.

The role of the selection committee for the appointment of a Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director shall be to advise the Dean or Associate Vice-President on a recommendation to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who makes the appointment. Any dissenting views shall be conveyed with the recommendation.

i. For Chair selection committees, the membership shall be:

- The Dean, as chair of the committee
- Two (2) Tenured, Tenurable, or Limited-term Employees, elected by the Tenured, Tenurable and Limited-term Employees of the Academic Unit
- One (1) Chair or former Chair from another Academic Unit, appointed by the Dean
- One (1) Contract Employee, elected by the Contract Employees of the Academic Unit
- Up to one (1) non-academic staff representative from within the Faculty, appointed by the Dean

ii. For Associate Dean selection committees, the membership shall be:

- The Dean, as chair of the committee
- One (1) Chair from the Faculty, elected by the Chairs in the Faculty
- Two Tenured, Tenurable or Limited-term Employees, elected by the Tenured, Tenurable or Limited-term Employees in the Faculty
- One additional member, appointed by the Dean

iii. For Academic Director selection committees, the membership shall be:

- The Dean, as chair of the committee

- One (1) Dean, Chair, or Academic Director, appointed by the Dean
- Three (3) Tenured, Tenurable or Limited-term Employees from the appropriate Academic Unit(s) as determined by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate, two (2) to be appointed by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and one (1) by the MRFA

iv. Quorum for a selection committee shall be four (4) members, including the Dean. In order to provide more diverse representation, the Dean may appoint one (1) additional Employee to Chair and Associate Dean selection committees, and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic may appoint one (1) additional Employee to Academic Director selection committees.

27.1.4 Should no applicant emerge in any search process, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic will appoint a person in consultation with the Dean and members of the Employees of the Academic Unit(s).

27.1.5 In the case of a sudden vacancy, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic may appoint an Acting Chair, Acting Associate Dean, or Acting Academic Director for a term not longer than one (1) year to fill the administrative role without convening a selection committee.

27.1.6 During an absence greater than three (3) working Days (outside the Chair's vacation period), the Chair will normally appoint an Acting Chair from the Full-time Tenured Employees in the Academic Unit or from among other Chairs in the faculty, subject to approval by the Dean.

27.1.7 Members serving on a Chair selection committee or Associate Dean selection committee or Academic Director selection committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.

27.2 Workload

27.2.1 The workload of a Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director shall be assigned annually by the Dean after consultation with the Employee. The scope of administrative, teaching, scholarship and service responsibilities shall be specified in writing.

27.2.2 Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors are eligible to choose either the TS or TSS work pattern. If the Chair chooses the TSS work pattern, adjustments will be made in the Chair's workload in consultation with the Dean to accommodate the TSS work pattern and these adjustments shall be communicated to the Academic Unit.

27.2.3 Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors shall normally teach an average of at least one (1) credit course per year. In exceptional circumstances, Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors may not be required to teach.

27.2.4 Annual Reassigned Time

To carry out administrative responsibilities, a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director shall receive no less than 192 SICH reassigned time, normally to a maximum of 336 SICH for TS faculty and 240 for TSS faculty. The scope and complexity of administrative responsibilities shall be considered in determining the reassigned time. If the administrative responsibilities exceed the available SICH, the Dean may consider appointing an Assistant to the Chair or arrange the sharing of roles.

- 27.2.5** Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors shall not be appointed as, or perform the duties of, an Acting Dean during a Dean's absence. Associate Deans may be appointed to serve as the Dean's designate and signing authority on routine administrative matters (e.g. timesheets and expense claims) during the absence of the Dean.
- 27.2.6** Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors may be assigned managerial responsibility only for University Employees who are not covered by this Agreement.
- 27.2.7** Chairs, Associate Deans and Academic Directors shall have access to the Workload Appeal procedures defined in Article 14.12.
- 27.3** The Chair shall evaluate the teaching of any individual in a Management position who teaches in the department pursuant to the process used for all other instructors. To avoid conflicts of interest in direct reporting relationships, teaching performance concerns should be directed to the Provost and Vice- President, Academic.
- 27.4** An Associate Dean will not normally attend Academic Unit meetings, sit on Academic Unit committees, nor serve as an Academic Unit representative on other committees.

27.5 Stipends

27.5.1 Chairs' Stipend

Chairs' remuneration shall be added to their annual salary and paid over bi-weekly pay periods as per the table below. Percentage increases negotiated to the salary grids shall be applied to the Chairs' remuneration. After three (3) years of continuous service, an additional remuneration per year shall be paid to Chairs during their fourth (4th) and subsequent years. Chairs shall be entitled to a stipend as outlined below:

Dates	Up to 3 Years of Service	After 3 Years of Chair Service (Additional Amount)
1 July, 2024 to 30 June, 2025	\$9,099	\$2,995
1 July, 2025 to 30 June, 2026	\$9,372	\$3,085
1 July, 2026 to 30 June, 2027	\$9,653	\$3,178
1 July, 2027 to 30 June, 2028	\$9,943	\$3,273

27.5.2 Associate Deans' and Academic Directors' Stipend

Associate Deans' and Academic Directors' remuneration shall be added to their annual salary and paid over bi-weekly pay periods. Percentage increases negotiated to the salary grids shall be applied to the Associate Deans' and Academic Directors' remuneration. After three (3) years of continuous service, an additional remuneration per year shall be paid to Associate Deans and Academic Directors during their fourth (4th) and subsequent years.

Associate Deans and Academic Directors shall be entitled to a stipend as outlined below. The stipend will be prorated for Associate Deans and Academic Directors according to the scope of activity.

Dates	Up to 3 Years of Service	After 3 Years of Chair Service (Additional Amount)
1 July, 2024 to 30 June, 2025	\$9,099	\$2,995
1 July, 2025 to 30 June, 2026	\$9,372	\$3,085
1 July, 2026 to 30 June, 2027	\$9,653	\$3,178
1 July, 2027 to 30 June, 2028	\$9,943	\$3,273

27.6 Administrative Leave

- 27.6.1** After a Chair, completes at least five (5) consecutive years of service, the Chair shall be eligible for an administrative leave for either Fall (15 August to 1 January) or Winter (1 January to 1 May).
- 27.6.2** After an Associate Dean or an Academic Director completes at least five (5) consecutive years of service, the Associate Dean or Academic Director shall be eligible for an administrative leave equal to one-half of the yearly reassigned time they received in one year of their time as Associate Dean or Academic Director.
- 27.6.3** An administrative leave provides time to re-establish or enhance teaching or research skills or both in preparation for return to a regular faculty workload. The time required for this is independent of the number of terms served. During an administrative leave the Employee shall not be required to participate in university activities or service.
- 27.6.4** Application for an administrative leave may be made during the fifth (5th) year of service, or in any subsequent year, by applying to their Dean by the second (2nd) Friday in October. The application shall describe the project to be undertaken and the outcomes expected. The plan, which may be modified, requires the approval of the Dean. The decision of the Dean may be appealed to the Sabbatical Leave Committee.
- 27.6.5** An Employee on an administrative leave shall be paid salary at one-hundred percent (100%) of the Employee's regular annual salary rate.
- 27.6.6** The period of time on an administrative leave counts towards years of service for sabbatical eligibility as do the years of service as a Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director.

27.7 Performance Review

27.7.1 Normal Performance Review

The performance of a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director shall be reviewed by the Dean, in consultation with the incumbent. In accordance with Article 12.4, the review shall be based on the Faculty Activity Report, current CV, and where appropriate, scholarship plan. The review shall focus on the Employee's activities and achievements from the past two (2) years, and future plans as pertinent to the work pattern

The Dean shall review the Faculty Activity Report and shall provide written comments if they were requested or if the Dean finds the performance to be unsatisfactory. If any revisions are required, the Employee shall revise and resubmit the Faculty Activity Report to the Dean by 15 November. The Dean shall respond to the revisions of the Faculty Activity Report no later than 30 November on which date it will be closed to further revisions.

The Dean, Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director may solicit feedback on administrative performance from members of an Academic Unit or other group served by the Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director, or other individuals with direct knowledge of the performance, as deemed appropriate by the Dean by 30 September.

If the Dean's assessment indicates that the administrative performance is unsatisfactory, the Dean may request a meeting with a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director and may:

- develop a performance plan in consultation with the Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director to explore different options to improve the performance of the Employee which describes goals and strategies to achieve desired outcomes
- recommend to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic that the administrative appointment be terminated.

If the Dean's assessment indicates that the academic performance is unsatisfactory, the Dean shall follow the process outlined in Article 12.5.

27.7.2 Comprehensive Mid-term Review

The Dean may conduct a comprehensive mid-term evaluation of the administrative performance of a Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director in the third (3rd) year of the administrative appointment.

The Dean and/or Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director may request solicit feedback on administrative performance from Employees of an Academic Unit or other group served by the Chair, Associate Dean or Academic Director, or other individuals with direct knowledge of the performance, as deemed appropriate by the Dean.

If in a comprehensive mid-term review process, the Dean's assessment indicates that administrative performance is unsatisfactory, the Dean shall either:

- develop a performance plan in consultation with the Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director to explore different options to improve the performance of the Employee which describes goals and strategies to achieve desired outcomes or
- recommend to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic that the administrative appointment be terminated.

27.8 Termination of the Administrative Appointment

An administrative appointment as Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director may be terminated at any time for reason of unsatisfactory performance by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic by providing written notice. This termination shall have no bearing on the Employee's tenured appointment. The Employee is not entitled to any other termination

provision outlined in the Agreement.

An administrative appointment as Chair, Associate Dean, or Academic Director may be abolished at any time for reasons of redundancy or other decision of the employer, by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic by providing written notice. The Employee is not entitled to any other termination provision outlined in the Agreement. The Employee shall be entitled to 48 SICH of reassigned time per year of the appointment completed, up to a maximum of 144 SICH for TSS faculty or 192 SICH for TS faculty, to be used before the end of the following Academic Year, to provide time to re-establish or enhance teaching and, where appropriate, research skills in preparation for return to a regular faculty workload. This reassigned time shall be in addition to any administrative leave to which they are entitled.

27.9 Professional Development

27.9.1 Chair, Associate Dean and Academic Director Professional Development Allotment

The Board shall annually provide seven hundred fifty (\$750) dollars, effective July 1, 2025, increasing to eight hundred and five (\$805) dollars, effective July 1, 2027, for each Chair, Associate Dean and Academic Director to be used for professional development purposes. The stipend shall be prorated for Associate Deans and Academic Directors according to the scope of activity. When the Provost and Vice-President, Academic appoints an Acting Chair, Acting Associate Dean, or Acting Academic Director, that individual shall be entitled to the professional development amount, prorated for the term of service.

27.9.2 Chair Support Program

To promote and support the training and professional development of Chairs and to provide an ongoing resource for Chairs, the Board shall make available each Academic Year to a current or former Chair, no less than 96 SICH and no more than 144 SICH of reassigned time in order to lead a Chair Support Program (reassigned time will be commensurate with activities undertaken and approved by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic). Any unused funds will be allocated to support Chair Support Program activities as proposed by the coordinator and approved by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

Article 28 – Evaluation of Teaching

- 28.1** Teaching evaluation shall be as comprehensive as possible, given the information available, and shall serve both a formative and summative function.
- 28.2** Teaching evaluation shall conform with the Agreement and processes, criteria and instruments (e.g. student surveys of instruction, Chair evaluation forms, peer evaluation forms) established in academic governance forums.
- 28.3** Employees shall be informed by the Chair of any student complaints with respect to their teaching and given an opportunity to respond before any action is taken.
- 28.4** So that no teaching evaluation relies primarily on student surveys or peer evaluations of instruction, any evaluation of an Employee shall consider all contextual materials provided by the Employee. This material may include, but is not limited to:
- Statement of teaching philosophy;
 - Instructional materials, including syllabi and course materials;
 - Description of teaching contributions that are not evaluated by student surveys;
 - Contributions in pedagogical development and innovation;
 - Written responses to student surveys or peer evaluations of instruction;
 - Scholarship related to teach;
 - Awards
- 28.5** Employees shall have the opportunity to provide written responses to help contextualize the results of student surveys or peer evaluations of instruction. An Employee's written responses to student surveys or peer evaluation of instruction may address, but are not restricted to:
- Patterns in student survey results;
 - Representativeness of the sample;
 - Size, type and level of course taught
 - Nature of course material;
 - Nature of course delivery;
 - Number of new course preparations;
 - Pedagogical innovation;
 - Availability of students for consultation
- 28.6 Student Surveys of Instruction**
- 28.6.1** The University shall conduct student surveys of instruction for every course and section taught by Employees.
- 28.6.1.1** These surveys shall be shared with the Employee and the Chair, and the Dean as appropriate.

28.6.1.2 Employees shall specify sufficient student surveys to satisfy the requirements of Article 28.6.1.3 for inclusion in the Employee's file.

28.6.1.2.1 The Employee may elect to exclude any student surveys that are in excess of the requirements in 28.6.1.3.

28.6.1.2.2 If the Employee does not specify or exclude any student surveys then all student surveys shall be included in the Employee file.

28.6.1.3 The minimum number of surveys that shall be part of the Employee's file is as follows:

- Tenured Employees: at least one (1) per semester
- Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable, and Limited-term Employees: at least three (3) per Academic Year, representing an array of courses where possible
- Fixed-term Employees: at least three (3) per Academic Year, representing an array of courses where possible
- Continuing Employees: at least one (1) per semester and any course taught for the first time
- Reappointed Sessional Employees: at least one (1) per semester and any course taught for the first time
- Initial Sessional Employees: one (1) for each course taught in the first semester
- Permanent Lab Instructors and Senior Lecturers: at least one (1) in each of the Fall and Winter semesters
- Probationary and Limited Term Lab Instructors and Senior Lecturers: two (2) in each of the Fall and Winter semesters
- Continuing Clinical Instructor: at least one (1) per semester and any course taught for the first time

28.6.1.4 The number of surveys in Article 28.6.1.3 may be decreased in a given semester by the Dean or amended as part of the process in Article 4.8.4.4 and Article 12.5.

28.6.2 Employees, in consultation with the Chair and Institutional Research and Planning, shall choose the timing of the student evaluation of instruction with a view to afford students in a course scheduled for evaluation with a reasonable opportunity to respond within pre-set windows of opportunity.

28.6.3 Employees, with the approval of the Dean, may request that discriminatory and vexatious comments be deleted. Where approval is denied, an explanation for the decision shall be provided.

28.6.4 The Association shall be consulted on any changes being made to the student evaluation of instruction instrument prior to changes being made.

28.7 Peer Evaluation

28.7.1 Peer evaluation of instruction shall occur as follows:

- Tenurable, Conditional Tenurable, and Limited-term Employees: as per the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook*
- Fixed-term Employees: one (1) in the first year of the appointment
- Continuing Employees: at least one (1) every thirty-six (36) months, conducted by the Chair
- Reappointed Sessional Employees: at least one (1) every thirty-six (36) months, conducted by the Chair
- Initial Sessional Employees: one (1) during the first semester of appointment, conducted by the Chair
- Probationary and Limited-Term Lab Instructors: one (1) evaluation by the Chair in the Fall semester and one (1) evaluation by a Tenured Employee or permanent Laboratory Instructor of the Academic Unit who is not a member of the Laboratory Instructor Steering Committee in the Winter.
- Probationary and Limited-Term Senior Lecturers: one (1) evaluation by the Chair in the Fall semester and one (1) evaluation by a Tenured Employee or a permanent Senior Lecturer in the Winter.
- Continuing Clinical Instructor: at least one (1) every thirty-six (36) months

The number of required peer evaluations of instruction may be:

- Increased in a given semester by the Employee. These evaluations shall be part of the Employee's file, unless otherwise stated by the Employee. These additional evaluations shall be shared with the Employee and the Chair, and the Dean as appropriate.
- Decreased in a given semester by the Dean.
- Amended as part of the processes in 4.8.4.4 and 12.5.

28.7.2 Employees shall select the evaluator, subject to approval by the Chair. Except where indicated otherwise in Article 28.7.1, evaluators shall be Tenured Employees.

28.7.3 Evaluators must take training prior to completing evaluations. Exceptions based on a reasonable explanation may be approved by the Dean.

28.7.4 Before accepting the request, the evaluator shall confirm that no conflict of interest, as outlined in 9.4.3, exists.

28.7.5 Within ten (10) Days of receiving the evaluation, Employees shall have the opportunity to submit additional material in order to help contextualize the evaluation. This material may include, but is not restricted to:

- Statement of a teaching philosophy;
- Instructional materials, including syllabi and course materials;
- Description of teaching contributions that are not evaluated by student evaluations of instruction;
- Contributions in pedagogical development and innovation;
- Written responses to student evaluations of instruction;
- Scholarship related to teaching;
- Awards.

28.7.6 Where an evaluation is to be conducted by a Chair, the Chair may name a tenured designate to complete the evaluation. In the case of a Chair evaluation of a Probationary, Limited-Term, Continuing or Sessional Laboratory Instructor, the designate shall be either tenured or a permanent Laboratory Instructor.

Article 29 – Indigenization

- 29.1** The University and the Association recognize Indigenous ways of knowing, voices, and critiques in our practices such as leadership, teaching, and research, and in our physical spaces. The Parties are committed to the protection of the heritage of Indigenous Peoples and recognize that Indigenous Peoples are the primary guardians and interpreters of their arts, sciences, and practices and cultures whether created in the past or developed in the future. This commitment and recognition include, especially, those Indigenous nations upon whose lands the University is situated. In addition to Indigenization efforts, actions of redress will require new, complementary, and additional efforts for the University community to meet its collective responsibilities towards reconciliation.
- 29.2** In addition to the requirements of Article 24.4, all University posting for Employees shall contain a statement that illustrates the University's commitment to support and promote Indigenization.
- 29.3** To address Reconciliation and enhance Indigenization efforts:
- 29.3.1** The training referenced in Article 24.4.1 shall include broad-based training on Indigenous Peoples' culture and history.
- 29.3.2** Specific orientation and training shall be provided for all members and alternates serving on committees related to all aspects of recruitment, hiring, reappointment, and promotion. Members and alternates shall undertake this training annually, and prior to commencing work on such committees.
- 29.3.3** The development and delivery of the training, specified in Article 29.3.1 and 29.3.2, shall be a collaborative effort between the Association and the University.

Addendum on Teaching, Scholarship and Service

These activities may be eligible for reassigned time, added to Faculty Activity Reports or reported in tenure/promotion.

Teaching

Teaching may include but is not restricted to the following activities:

- Credit instruction
- Student consultation and advice
- Practicum and field supervision
- Major project supervision
- Curriculum and course development
- Pedagogical design and preparation
- Materials development
- Assessment design and implementation
- Maintenance of academic and professional currency
- Self-reflection on pedagogical practices
- Application of the literature on teaching and learning
- Development, identification and communication of best practices
- Promotion of evidence-based professional and pedagogical practice

Scholarship

Scholarship may include but is not restricted to the following activities:

- Research
- Scholarly and artistic work
- Professional work
- Publishing
- Presenting at, participating in and coordinating conferences
- Collaborating with, and reviewing and editing the work of, peers
- Developing primary and secondary texts and learning materials
- Providing scholarly opportunities for students
- Scholarship of teaching and learning
- Dissemination of effective teaching and learning resources and strategies
- Creation and extension of resources or programs to support teaching
- Sharing teaching expertise externally
- Significant leadership in teaching excellence beyond the institution

Service

Service may include but is not restricted to the following activities:

- Participation in department, faculty and institutional governance
- Selection, support, development and evaluation of colleagues
- Appropriate student support including mentoring
- Development and application of academic policies
- Liaison, partnership and leadership work with disciplines, organizations and communities relevant to academic or professional expertise
- Participation in Mount Royal Faculty Association, its processes and committees
- Creation, development, evaluation and revision of academic programs

Appendix A - Principles of a Tenure, Promotion and Rank System at Mount Royal

- All Full-time and Limited-term Employees will be appointed to an appropriate academic rank.
- The same academic rank structures should apply to both the Teaching-Service and Teaching-Scholarship-Service work patterns.
- The processes, committees and general criteria for appointment and promotion to different academic ranks will be stipulated in the Agreement and aligned with the roles and mandate of General Faculties Council.
- There will be no system of merit pay based on evaluation of performance.
- An appeal process will be stipulated in the Agreement.
- The processes of tenure and promotion should support the achievement of our mission to become Canada's best instructionally focused and scholarly informed undergraduate university.
- Tenure and promotion are awarded to recognize achievement in teaching, service and, where applicable, scholarship.
- Both the processes and criteria for the assessment of tenure and promotion must be transparent, effective and efficient.
- A fair, evidence-based assessment of criteria by peers, working collegially and ethically, is at the heart of Mount Royal's tenure and promotion system.
- The degree of accomplishment necessary for achieving tenure and promotion must be equivalent across Academic Units and between work patterns.
- Assessments and recommendations for tenure and promotion will be made from an Academic Unit to an institution-wide committee which will make a final recommendation to the President. Chairs and Deans will participate in the recommendation process.
- The processes and results of the tenure and promotion system will seek to retain the collegial and non-competitive culture valued by faculty and administration at Mount Royal.
- Promotion processes and criteria will not disadvantage those faculty who choose to engage primarily in service activities (i.e. Chairs, President of the MRFA, secondments).
- Tenure and promotion criteria must recognize the value of Mount Royal's unique instructionally focused work patterns within the context of Canada's university standards.
- Switching work patterns will not affect promotions which have already been granted.
- Tenure processes will be based on the Agreement and the policies which were in place when employment commenced.
- The implementation of a ranking system will address the fact that faculty tenured prior to July 1, 2009 worked under different terms and conditions of employment.

Collective Agreement Execution Signature Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have executed this agreement by their authorized officers the day, month and year first above written.

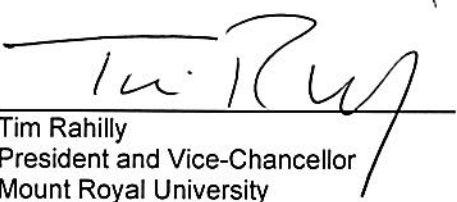
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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Sept. 29, 2025
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
("The Board")**

And

**THE MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION
("The Association")**

Re. Application of the Collective Agreement to Employees Working in Student Counselling

Employees in Student Counselling do not have a Dean. The Dean's responsibilities for workload assignment are reallocated to the Director, Wellness Services in Article 14.10 – Workload of Counsellors, Educational Developers and Librarians. Counsellors are members of the Arts Faculty Council and the detailed tenure and promotion criteria documents of the Faculty of Arts are used in their tenure recommendations and decisions, making the Dean of Arts responsible for matters of this nature.

- i. Both Parties agree that the duties of the Dean in this Agreement shall be reallocated for Employees in Student Counselling according to the following principles:
 1. the authority level for decisions related to full-time positions, such as termination and approving a cross-appointment, shall be the Provost and Vice-President, Academic;
 2. the Director, Wellness Services shall be responsible for tasks associated with assigning counselling workload, including all categories of part-time appointments, evaluating counselling work, and evaluating service related to counselling work;
 3. the Dean of Arts shall be responsible for evaluating scholarship, any teaching, and those parts of service described in the detailed tenure and promotion criteria of the Faculty of Arts, with the exception of service to the broader community in a faculty member- or discipline-related capacity;
 4. the Dean of Arts shall be responsible for decisions of an academic nature and shall be the route to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic for tenure and promotion matters;
 5. the Dean of Arts is responsible for tenure and promotion recommendations, but relies upon recommendations from the Director, Wellness Services regarding the evaluation of counselling work and the evaluation of service related to counselling work, in addition to the recommendations of the Counselling Tenure and Promotion Committee;
 6. the joint process for cross-appointments in Article 5.9.4 shall be used for performance review of tenured counselors. Should a Faculty Review Committee be required, it shall include one additional Tenured Employee from Counselling elected by the Tenured Employees in Counselling.
- ii. Both Parties agree that the allocation of duties in this agreement shall be interpreted as detailed in the document *Reallocation of Dean Duties in Student Counselling*. Editorial changes to this are to be made by Human Resources. The Association will be notified when such changes have been made.

Jonathan Withey
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Board of Governors

Kirk Niergarth
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Mount Royal Faculty Association

2 November 2021

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
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**THE MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION
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Re. Application of the Collective Agreement to Employees working in the Academic Development Centre

The ADC remains intact as a central unit with a mandate and identity to lead teaching and learning supports that encourage excellence and innovation across MRU. As an Academic Unit, the ADC is accountable to the Vice-Provost Academic. The Academic Director of the ADC reports directly to the Vice-Provost Academic. Employees report to the Academic Director of the ADC for ADC-related work, including strategic and operational activities.

Both Parties agree that for the purposes of the Collective Agreement, the duties of the Dean in this Agreement shall be allocated, according to the following principles:

- i. the authority level for decisions related to full-time positions, such as termination and approving a cross-appointment, shall be the Vice-Provost Academic;
- ii. workload for Educational Developers, including all categories of part-time faculty appointments, will be assigned according to Article 14.10. 5.1, wherein the Vice-Provost Academic shall be deemed to be the Dean;
- iii. the Dean of Health, Community and Education shall be responsible for evaluating scholarship, any credit teaching, and those parts of service described in the Collective Agreement in Appendix A;
- iv. the Dean of Health, Community and Education is responsible for tenure and promotion procedures and recommendations and for receiving and including any input relevant to these procedures from the Vice-Provost Academic regarding work assigned in the ADC; the tenure committee of the ADC remains the same;
- v. For faculty hired in the ADC before July 1, 2023, the tenure and promotion criteria of the Faculty Council of Teaching and Learning will be used. Tenurable faculty hired into the ADC July 1, 2023 onwards will use the tenure and promotion criteria of the Faculty of Community, Health and Education;
- vi. the joint process for cross-appointed tenured employees in Article 5.9.5 shall be used for performance review of tenured Educational Developers wherein "the Dean" shall be deemed to be the Vice-Provost Academic and the Dean of Health, Community and Education.

Should a Faculty Review Committee of the Faculty of Health, Community, and Education be struck, it shall include one additional Tenured Employee from the ADC elected by the Tenured Employees in ADC.

Application of Article 14.9- Reassigned Time

Effective 1 July 2023 onwards, the funds for reassigned time allocated to the Faculty of Teaching and Learning for Full-time Employees in the ADC under Article 14.9.1.5 will be administered by the Office of the Vice-Provost Academic.

Application of Article 17-Sabbatical Leaves

Sabbatical applications from Full-time Employees in ADC will be administered by the Dean of Health, Community and Education.

Application of Article 18.1-Professional Development Funding

Effective 1 July 2023 onwards, funds for FDC for Employees in the ADC will be transferred to the Faculty of Health, Community and Education on a per capita basis, as outlined in Article 18.1 and the published Guidelines of the Faculty Health, Community and Education will apply. Application of Article 20-Grievances.

For the purposes of Article 20-Grievances, the Vice-Provost Academic or the Dean of Health, Community and Education shall represent the University according to the above provisions.

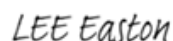
Both Parties request that the respective bargaining teams work to integrate these agreed upon terms into the collective agreement in the next round of collective bargaining.

Signed



Chad London
Provost and Vice President, Academic
Board of Governors

June 5, 2023



Lee Easton
President
MRFA

June 5, 2023

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
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**THE MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION
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Re. the Creation and Phasing-in of Senior Lecturers

The parties agree that the transition period for the phasing-in of the permanent position of "Senior Lecturer" shall no longer end on 14 August, 2025.

The parties further agree that the transition period shall be defined as the period of time during which Employees who hold a Fixed-term appointment on 31 March 2024, continue to hold such an appointment.

During the transition period:

- i. The total number of Fixed-term incumbents plus Senior Lecturer positions shall be at least 25.
- ii. There shall be no new initial appointments for Fixed-term positions.
- iii. All incumbents of Fixed-term positions on 31 March, 2024, shall continue to be eligible for reappointment, according to Article 4.11.12.
- iv. When a Fixed-term position becomes vacant based on the procedures in Articles 4.11.12 or 4.11.13 it shall be replaced by a Senior Lecturer position.
- v. First consideration for appointment to all Senior Lecturer positions created during the transition period will be given to internal applicants using the following process:
 - Selection committees shall be constituted and operate as outlined in Article 6.14.3 and 6.14.4.
 - Senior Lecturer positions shall be posted internally first to all Limited-term and Contract Employees in an Academic Unit who meet the requirements of Article 4.8.1.
 - First consideration for appointment to Senior Lecturer positions shall be given to internal applicants in an Academic Unit who meet the requirements of Article 4.8.5.2.
 - Should no successful internal candidate emerge from this process, the position shall be posted externally and the selection committee shall provide the Dean with a rationale to explain why no internal candidate was selected. The Dean shall comment on the rationale and forward it to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, who shall forward a copy of the rationale to the Association.
- vi. There shall be no restrictions on the distribution of Senior Lecturer positions across Faculties or Academic Units but Full-time service loads shall be considered in the allocation process.

- vii. The Board may, at its sole discretion, create additional Senior Lecturer positions beyond those provided through (iv).

The transition period shall conclude when all Employees holding a Fixed-term appointment on 31 March, 2024, are no longer in the role.

Upon conclusion of the transition period, Article 4.11 Fixed-term appointment shall be removed from the Collective Agreement, this MOU shall expire, and Article 6.14 shall be updated as follows:

6.14 Appointment Procedures for Senior Lecturers

- 6.14.1 Appointment of Senior Lecturers shall be either permanent (with an initial probationary period of two years) or shall be for a limited-term.
- 6.14.2 The selection committee may recommend up to one year of credit toward the probationary period on the basis of previous employment at Mount Royal University or another Universities Canada accredited, or equivalent, institution.
- 6.14.3 Prior to posting a position and after consultation with the Dean and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall strike a selection committee. The selection committee shall normally be comprised of:
- 6.14.3.1 the Chair of the Academic Unit, who shall be chair of the selection committee. When the Chair of the Academic Unit is unable to chair the selection committee, the Dean shall designate a chair for the committee;
- 6.14.3.2 two (2) Tenured or Tenurable Employees, at least one (1) of whom shall be tenured, from the Academic Unit where the vacancy occurs elected by the Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit. In small Academic Units or disciplines, where necessary, Full-time Employees from a cognate department in the same Faculty or School may be elected;
- 6.14.3.3 the Dean or designate; and 6.14.3.4 an Employee from outside the Academic Unit, normally tenured, appointed by the Dean.
- 6.14.3.5 Members serving on a Senior Lecturer selection committee shall take the training specified in Article 24.4.2.
- 6.14.4 Prior to posting a position, the Chair of the Academic Unit shall schedule a meeting involving the selection committee and Full-time Employees of the Academic Unit or discipline to develop the duties and responsibilities of the position, and develop the selection criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:
- academic credential or professional certification;
 - appropriate subject and professional expertise;
 - any applicable professional and teaching performance standards.

The minimum academic credential for Senior Lecturer appointments shall be a Master's degree. The recommended duties and responsibilities, and the selection criteria, shall be forwarded to the Dean for approval.

- 6.14.5 Senior Lecturer positions shall be posted internally first to all Limited-term and Contract Employees in an Academic Unit who meet the requirements of Article 4.8.1.
- 6.14.5.2 First consideration for appointment to Senior Lecturer positions shall be given to internal applicants in an Academic Unit who meet the requirements of Article 4.8.5.2.
- 6.14.5.3 Should no successful internal candidate emerge from this process, the position shall be posted externally.
- 6.14.6 When reviewing internal or external applicants, the selection committee shall use the selection criteria developed in accordance with Article 6.14.4 as a guide to evaluate applicants and develop a list of applicants to be interviewed, conduct the interviews, and formulate its recommendations. Where possible, the committee's decisions shall be reached by consensus and, if not possible, by a simple majority vote.

Jonathan Withey
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Board of Governors

Guy Obrecht
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Mount Royal Faculty Association

29 September 2025

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
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and

**THE MOUNT ROYAL FACULTY ASSOCIATION
("The Association")**

Re. Indigenization Access Fund

The Board and Association recognize that additional demands may affect the time and workload of Indigenous Employees through engagement in various activities across the institution, including guest lectures, community-based work, Indigenization and decolonization efforts, support for students and consultation on Indigenous-related committees and initiatives.

The Board and the Association recognize that Indigenization needs to be rooted in and informed by Indigenous Employee perspectives and realities:

The Parties agree that:

- i. An Indigenization Access Fund shall be established upon ratification of this Agreement.
- ii. The amount of the Indigenization Access Fund shall be \$30,000 per Academic Year.
- iii. Funding shall be disbursed in support of the following activities
 - Indigenous curriculum development and delivery
 - Conference attendance and travel related to Indigenization and decolonization
 - Event costs specific to Indigenization activities
 - Reassigned time
- iv. Indigenous Employees who are undertaking assigned or approved work related to their professional responsibilities that promote or support University Indigenization and decolonization initiatives are eligible to apply for funding. Funds that are not distributed to Indigenous Employees may be distributed to non-Indigenous Employees as part of the January 31 funding disbursement.
- v. Reassigned time shall only be granted where the proposed activities are not part of the Employee's normal workload and are not already supported by another source of reassigned time.
- vi. An Indigenization Access Fund Committee shall be formed. The Committee shall normally be composed of:
 - the Associate Vice-President, Indigenization and Decolonization, who shall Chair the committee;

- two Deans or Vice-Deans representing different Faculties;
- three (3) tenured or tenurable Employees appointed by the Association.

vii. Employees shall apply to the Indigenization Access Fund Committee, which shall:

- Develop and communicate guidelines for submission and assessment of Indigenous Access Fund applications;
- Allow for comment on applications by the Employee's Chair and Dean prior to the adjudication;
- Adjudicate and process applications, including verification of expenditures once approved;
- Establish reporting requirements for activities awarded funding.

viii. Decisions on funding disbursement shall be made by 30 September and 31 January each Academic Year. All decisions on applications for reassigned time shall be as part of the 31 January disbursement and shall be for reassigned time to be used in the subsequent Academic Year.

ix. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon ratification of the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028 Collective Agreement. It shall expire upon ratification of the Collective Agreement commencing July 1, 2028.

Jonathan Withey
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Board of Governors

Guy Obrecht
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Mount Royal Faculty Association

29 September 2025

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Re. Indigenous Employees

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clarifies the application of provisions in the Collective Agreement intended for Indigenous Employees. This MOU provides interim measures while the University develops an institution-wide process for affirming Indigenous citizenship or membership. Until this process is completed and implemented, the Parties agree to the following provisions:

- i. References to "Indigenous Employee" in this Collective Agreement shall apply to individuals who self-identify as one of the three Indigenous groups recognized in Section 35(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982: First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.
- ii. Eligibility for Indigenous Employee-specific opportunities shall, for the interim, continue to rely on a process of self-identification, where candidates or applicants are asked to provide a statement in a cover letter or otherwise indicate their belonging to a specific community. Candidates or applicants are not required to provide information verifying their relationship to an Indigenous Nation or community.
- iii. When Indigenous lived experience and community connection is required in the membership of a selection committee, such representation shall be drawn from those who self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.
- iv. Fraudulent and negligent assertions of Indigenous citizenship and belonging shall be addressed through existing University policies.
- v. This MOU shall take effect upon ratification of the July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2028 Collective Agreement. It shall remain in effect until the University-wide process for affirming declarations of Indigenous citizenship or membership is completed and implemented, at which time this MOU shall expire and be removed from the Collective Agreement.

Jonathan Withey
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Board of Governors

Guy Obrecht
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Mount Royal Faculty Association

29 September 2025

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Re. the implementation of changes to Article 12

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the terms and timelines for the implementation of changes to Article 12.

1. Effective date

- i. The new provisions in Article 12 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.
- ii. Preparatory measures and implementation shall occur during a transition period, which shall run from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.
- iii. This MOU shall expire on June 30, 2028 and be removed from the Collective Agreement.

2. Transition to biennial performance review

2.1 Final annual review

- i. The last annual report submitted by Employees in the F180 Annual Reporting System shall be in Fall 2025.
- ii. The final annual review process of Tenured and Permanent Employees shall be completed during the 2025/26 Academic Year, following the provisions of the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024 Collective Agreement.

2.2 Biennial review implementation

- i. Effective July 1, 2026, Tenured and Permanent Employees shall transition to a two-year review cycle per the updated provisions of Article 12 of the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028 Collective Agreement.
- ii. Tenured and Permanent Employees subject to review in consecutive years during the transition period shall receive guidance on how their performance during the transition will be evaluated to ensure fairness and consistency.
- iii. In the non-review year during the transition period, Tenured and Permanent Employees shall submit an updated CV to the Dean with a copy to the Chair by the first Tuesday in September, as specified in Article 12.1.2 of the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028 Collective Agreement.

3. Development of the Faculty Activity Report template

- i. A Joint Committee shall be established within 30 Days of the signing of the July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028 Collective Agreement.
- ii. The committee shall be composed of three representatives appointed by the Board and three representatives appointed by the Association.
- iii. The committee shall:
 - Refine the Faculty Activity Report template, ensuring alignment with Article 12.2.3.
 - Arrange pilot testing of the Faculty Activity Report template with Deans, Vice-Deans, and a representative sample of Full-time Employees, including Tenurable and Tenured Employees, Senior Lecturers, and Laboratory Instructors.
 - Review feedback from the pilot participants and propose any necessary modifications to the Faculty Activity Report template.
 - Within 60 Days of the committee's establishment, recommend the finalized Faculty Activity Report template to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the President of the Association for approval in accordance with Article 12.2.1.

4. Training

- i. Once the Faculty Activity Report template has been approved, at least two joint orientation sessions shall be held by the Board and the Association to introduce the new provisions of Article 12. There shall be one session in May 2026 and one in August 2026.

5. Oversight

- i. The Joint Committee shall remain active for the duration of the transition period to address any emerging concerns, evaluate progress, and recommend adjustments as needed.

Jonathan Withey
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Board of Governors

Guy Obrecht
Chair, Negotiating Committee
Mount Royal Faculty Association

29 September 2025