LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

and the

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Re: Teaching Evaluations under Article 31 of the Collective Agreement for WLUFA Full-time Faculty and Professional Librarians

- 1. The Parties agree that it is important, for the purpose of improving teaching and learning, that faculty obtain valuable feedback from students on the courses they teach and pedagogy used in performing their teaching duties.
- 2. In an effort to improve the University questionnaire for obtaining such feedback, the Parties agree to strike a bi-lateral committee by June 15, 2012, comprising three representatives of the University and three representatives of the Association. All committee members shall have academic appointments and have experience as university teachers. One of the Association representatives shall be a member of the Contract Academic Staff bargaining unit. One representative of the University and one representative of the Association shall serve as co-chairs of the committee.
- 3. The Parties agree that the bilateral committee will make every effort to jointly develop a new teaching evaluation form and may use the teaching evaluation form presented to both Parties by Dean Colleen Willard-Holt at the bargaining table on November 8, 2011, as the starting point for its deliberations.
- 4. The Parties agree that the bi-lateral committee may seek information and advice from experts, including: academic administrators, Teaching Support Services staff and Members with expertise in the design and administration of teaching evaluations and specific teaching pedagogies.
- 5. The Parties agree that the bi-lateral committee will present its recommendations for a new teaching evaluation form to the Joint Liaison Committee by January 7, 2013, with the goal of having the form tabled at the first meeting of Senate, Winter 2013.

Max Blouw, President, WLU

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Judy Bates, President, WLUFA

July 30, 2012