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## LOCAL 15, VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION

### LOCAL RESOLUTION #1

BECAUSE the federal government has cancelled the Canada-BC Immigration Agreement and all funding flowing from it through the Ministry of Advanced Education; and

BECAUSE, as a result, the provincial government has in effect issued a notice of termination for all English as a Second Language Programs for adult immigrants and citizens offered in post-secondary institutions; and

BECAUSE many FPSE locals teach ESL programs and are committed to continuing to serve their communities; and

BECAUSE the provincial government is mandated through the College & Institute Act to offer adult basic education and English as a Second Language training;

1. **FPSE WILL continue its campaign to have government funding for ESL maintained as part of ongoing annual grants to institutions; and**
2. **FPSE WILL, in addition to funding allocated in 2013/14, allocate up to \$200, 000 in 2014/15 from the Defence Fund in support of the campaign; and**
3. **FPSE WILL work with allies in order to further the reach of the campaign, and consider all relevant mechanisms for ensuring that the campaign expands to every sector of the economy.**

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### LOCAL RESOLUTION #2

BECAUSE the current BC government and the BC Federation of Labour are exploring mutually beneficial ways to consult on current issues such as the BC Jobs Plan, ITA, and new government initiatives such as the proposed LNG plants; and

BECAUSE the BC Federation of Labour represents a very large portion of the workers impacted by these economic issues; and

BECAUSE FPSE is a member of the BC Federation of Labour and is involved in the training of workers for these industries; and

BECAUSE many adult immigrants and citizens will require English as a Second Language, basic adult education and skills training;

1. **FPSE WILL seek to be represented on any government/labour initiatives convened for the purpose of consulting on current issues affecting employability, training and post-secondary education.**

### LOCAL RESOLUTION #3

BECAUSE post-secondary education is chronically underfunded and therefore not able to adequately fulfill its mandate of providing ongoing training for adults; and

BECAUSE the post-secondary 'system', more than 50 years after the MacDonald Commission recommended the establishment of community colleges to offer adult basic education, career/technical programs and university transfer programs, continues to struggle to be funded in a manner that meets the needs of adult learners; and

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BECAUSE the trend in government funding for post-secondary institutions is to be more privately funded;

- 1. FPSE WILL convene a conference reflecting on the state of the post-secondary system in BC after 50 years and on the importance of a comprehensive, accessible and appropriately funded post-secondary system.**