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Strike Vote Passes at Vancouver Community College

Faculty at Vancouver Community College have voted two to one (66%) in favour of giving their union, the VCC Faculty Association, a mandate for job action.

The official strike vote was completed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and the Labour Board has been informed of the result.

The College and the Union have been bargaining for most of a year to renew their Collective Agreement which expired in March 2010.

“There’s been next to no progress at the table,” said VCCFA President Frank Cosco.
“We feel it would be a waste of time to continue the unproductive type of talks we have been having. We hope that this strong mandate can bring renewed energy and focus to the table.”

He added that at this time the union is focused on upcoming, previously-scheduled bargaining days next week and is not issuing strike notice at this time.

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The VCCFA represents over 600 faculty, librarians and counselors at VCC’s campuses at Victory Square and on East Broadway. VCC has well over 10,000 students.