

**Bulletin 08-07**  
**October 21, 2008**

**To All Members:**

## **VCCFA asks Ministry to put a stop to further cuts at VCC**

On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>, during the annual FPSE meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education, Murray Coell, and the Deputy Minister, Robin Ciceri, I had a chance to speak directly to both of them about what appears to be a prediction of another set of cuts at VCC.

In a VCCFA package they were copied on Dale Dorn's Budget Update #1 which anticipates a \$2.3 million deficit, there was a chart titled "A Decade of Financial Extremes and Trauma at VCC," which you can find on the back, and they received a short memo outlining key features of the last 10-15 years at VCC. That memo is on our website. Headings included:

**The Creation of Langara College**  
**Overproducing Years**  
**Block Funding and the First Round of Cuts**  
**Operating Surpluses, Growing Senior Administration, and Capital Needs**  
**The Second Round of Cuts**  
**International Education has been Mishandled**  
**Threat of a Third Round of Cuts**  
**Transition in Leadership**  
**Why is VCC so Different?**  
**There should not be a Third Round of Cuts**

Under the last heading we asked that the Ministry impose a moratorium on further funding and programming cuts at VCC at least until a set of multi-party talks that included the union could explore the funding realities of VCC and propose solutions that would continue to allow programming to prosper.

We will follow up with the Ministry and advise you of any developments. We have asked for Ministry assistance in the past but not in such a formal way. We do not want to raise hopes unduly. The Ministry has not shown much inclination lately to get involved with such interventions. Nevertheless, we felt it was important that we try.

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### A Decade of Financial Extremes and Trauma at VCC

	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
Admin	27	32	29	32	31		42	47	49	
Job Loss			+50 reg/+50 term					+50 reg/+50 term		???
Surplus			+2m	+4.8m	+4m					
Break Even	+1k					+31k	-118k	-5.2m*		
Deficit		-2.25m							-1.3m est	-2.3m est

**Admin** = the number of administrators whose salary end rates are about or above that of top step faculty

**Job Loss** = the number of regular and term faculty affected by layoff, voluntary departure incentives that are not replaced and the loss of appointment opportunities

**Surplus / Break Even / Deficit** = Rounded dollar positions in millions or thousands for VCC at March 31 year-end. For each fiscal, these numbers are the sum of three account or fund reports: the operating fund, the contract services fund, and the ancillary services fund. They are all from published reports of the College's audited statements.

\* This large number in deficit was the result of an accounting change not an actual deficit. We understand that 07/08 was actually a break-even year with a small positive balance.