

APPENDIX II: LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1

Between St. Francis Xavier University (hereafter referred to as the University)

And

St. Francis Xavier Association of University Teachers (hereafter referred to as the StFXAUT)

Teaching Credit for Master's Thesis Supervision

The University and the StFXAUT have recognized the importance of the role of thesis supervision with a teaching release credit system. Supervision of Master's theses outside of the Faculty of Education were excluded from the system. As obtaining credit for Master's thesis students is a priority for StFXAUT members and as the tuition waiver system represents an important consideration in obtaining major research funding, the University and the StFXAUT agree to establish a committee to investigate existing graduate studies support systems. The committee will develop recommendations for revision to these systems that will promote research, support graduate students, and allow for a Master's thesis teaching credit release program.

The committee will be composed of the Associate Vice-President of Research, the Dean of Science, and three faculty members at least two of whom supervise Master's students. At least one of these faculty members will be from the Faculty of Arts and another from the Faculty of Science. The committee will report their findings and recommendations to the Academic Vice-President and Provost by May 1, 2017.

Signed at Antigonish, Nova Scotia this 14 day of December, 2016.



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