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Board asked to change name to Langara College

The Transition Council voted unanimously Monday to recommend to VCC's Board that Langara Campus be referred to as Langara College, effective April 1.

The name change will not at this time be used for legal purposes, but will familiarize people with Langara's independence from VCC, planned for April 1, 1994. The Board meets Feb. 25.

The new name will appear on stationery, brochures, business cards and Langara's annual calendar, but not on legal documents such as transcripts and diplomas. The name change motion was brought to the TC by Langara's Acting Principal Linda Holmes on behalf of the Langara Council.

Speaking in favour of the motion, Richard Pearce, Acting Director of College Resources, said: "We should honour the spirit of the separation by beginning the process of recognizing Langara's new identity."

Nick Rubidge, Director of Urban Colleges and International Education for the Ministry of Advanced Education, told the TC that VCC is the legal entity. Langara College will not become a legal entity until separation is approved in detail by the cabinet. At this time, separation has been approved in principle by the cabinet.

Rubidge said he hoped to attend TC meetings on a regular basis, perhaps once a month. He described the job facing the TC over the next 14 months as an "enormous task."

Meanwhile, the TC rearranged its list of six objectives for separation. This was done to provide more recognition for the objective of "total participation of all college consti-

ties in the process of the development of two colleges from one." The only objective that ranks above "total participation" is "...the effective management of the college through the period of transition."

TC meetings, which are "open" to the college community, will be held every Monday starting at 10:30 a.m. When a Monday is a holiday, there will be an attempt to hold the meeting on the previous Friday. The Feb. 15 meeting will be held at KEC.

Tuition increase to be considered

Advanced Education Minister Dr. Tom Perry has announced that there will be no percentage increase in the grant for colleges this year and that there will be a 9.75% cap on tuition increases.

The VCC Board voted during its January meeting to table a proposed student fee increase of 9.5% for 1993-94. This action, which postponed the issue until the February 25 Board meeting, was taken after the Board heard from a total of 10 student leaders from around the Lower Mainland.

The college's last fee increase was in August of '91. Because tuitions were frozen by the ministry in 92-93, colleges received a special offsetting grant, but that only made up part of what was needed.

The zero-inflationary increase from the government comes at the same time that VCC is facing serious financial strains because of wage and VMREU classification increases, as

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well as inflation, according to Fred Wylie, Acting Bursar and Director of Administrative Services.

All other colleges are also looking at tuition increases. UBC had voted to raise its fees by as much as 12 per cent before Perry announced the cap.

Wylie told the Monday TC meeting that VCC's deficit must, by ministry decree, be eliminated by April 1, 1995. He cautioned that a start must be made in the '93-94 budget year to avoid even more severe restraint measures in the '94-95 budget.

New harassment issues co-ordinator

VCC's new Harassment Affairs Adviser is Lawyer Heather MacFadgen.

MacFadgen, who also has job experience in the educational field as a former Learning Materials Co-ordinator for the provincial government, can be reached Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at 871-7040. All calls are strictly confidential. Once she is settled in her new position, MacFadgen will have an office at all three campuses. The Exchange will provide more information at that time.

If you have any comments or questions, please send them to Chuck Poulsen, Manager, The Exchange, in care of College Administrative Services.