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Chris Ebbehøj new Transition Controller

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Think of the stories you've heard about unhappy divorce settlements and you'll have just the scenario which Chris Ebbehøj intends to avoid.

Ebbehøj (pronounced EBB-E-HOY) is the College's new Transition Controller. His job will be to help us divide the assets, and liabilities, between the soon-to-be Langara College and VCC

"Unlike some divorces where neither side cares whether the other can operate when it's all over, everyone at the College has a job to do and when all is said and done they will still need assets to do it with," said Ebbehøj. "We need an attitude on everyone's part that calls for the fairest possible distribution of those assets

"I want a win-win situation as opposed to a compromise where people end up with something they may not need or want. Hopefully everyone involved will be thinking about what others want and need. If everyone comes in with that mindset--and a whole lot of trust--then I can facilitate a fair allocation which will flow in a consistent and logical way."

Ebbehøj, who is on a term appointment until June 30, 1994, has a Bachelor of Commerce degree and is a Chartered Accountant. His primary focus has been on the design and implementation of management and information systems. His public practice experience was gained with two of the largest CA firms in Canada, where he developed a background in auditing, taxation, and the division and sale of assets and properties

"He has a strong computer background and is an energetic problem solver with a proactive, common sense approach," said Fred Wylie, Acting Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services.

When the College Board agreed to the separation of the College it was recognized that the two new institutions must both be educationally and economically viable. Thus, the Transition Controller will help make sure that there is a fair and impartial division of the capital assets, the financial assets and the liabilities, and any deficits that may need to be carried forward

He will also help ensure that both Langara and VCC have sound administrative and financial systems in place when separation occurs on April 1, 1994. His contract with the College is being funded by the Ministry

Ebbehøj reports to the Administration and Finance Committee of the Board on matters of policy and principles, and to the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services on operational matters

He began working with an introduction to the Transition Council members on Monday. On Tuesday his computer was up and running and the task had begun.

"This is going to be probably the biggest job I've ever undertaken," said Ebbehøj. "I think it's going to be fun."

Otherwise, the College now has two councils, although they consist primarily of the same members. The Transition Council,



which was recently expanded to include representatives from the three student groups, deals with matters of separation. The Administration Council, less the students, handles the day-to-day business of the College. In Administration Council business Monday

* It was announced that the VCC Issues Forum, which is part of the planning process for the new VCC, will be held on May 27-28. More information on how individuals may attend will be made available soon.

* Council voted unanimously to support the initial steps in forming a committee to explore a race and ethnic relations policy. Details will follow.

* Council was told that the College Board has approved a structure for Langara which calls for two Deans of Instruction, instead of three Deans, which had earlier been discussed. Each Dean would have responsibility for both career and arts and science programs.

* It was announced that the successful candidates for the positions of Vice President of Instruction and Student Services are Dale Dorn, for KEC, and Linda Martin for City Centre.

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