UCC Report - CAAT-A Local 653 2022-2023

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As per Article 7, the Union College Committee (UCC) is effectively a communication and dispute resolution catch-all joint committee for all matters falling outside the scope of Articles 11.01, 11.02, 32, and 33. It is a forum in which the college can disseminate information to the local specifically and faculty in general (e.g., draft policies, staffing changes), in which the local can address questions and concerns to the college, and in which the college and the local can work to informally resolve disputes. This academic year matters discussed at the UCC table have included;

- Article 27.12 staffing lists.
- Fall timetables
- Access to SWFs
- Article 11.01 H PD Days
- Elective PD Sessions
- Right to Representation
- International Students: Fifth Estate Report
- Health and Safety
- Digital Transformation
- Partial Load Registry
- Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Progressive Discipline Corrective Action Policy
- GN1443 Indigenous Culture and Awareness Concerns
- Pures College Partnership
- 7-1-7 Semester Model
- Transition to Blackboard Ultra
- EAP Transition

The more collegial atmosphere at UCC meetings has continued through the current academic year. The regular monthly meetings have been invaluable for information and communication purposes and they continue to reduce the number of disputes that otherwise would have been addressed through Articles 32 and 33. The two sides will never fully agree on all matters but there has been a noticeable shift towards attempting to work together to solve matters internally.

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