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At a meeting held on campus today to vote on the University's Contract Proposal, U.B.C support staff, clerical and library workers voted an overwhelming 80% in favour of rejecting the University's wage package offer. Attendance was over 84% of the total membership.

Ed Sims, provincially appointed mediator, concludes hearings tomorrow, reporting to Labour Minister Bill King. A final counter-proposal will be given to him by the union in the morning.

The Association of University and College Employees has been certified to represent clerks and library staff on campus. They entered into mediation after finding the University offer of \$38.00 a month completely inadequate.

The University can no longer compete on the open market. They are currently understaffed by over one hundred employees. Take home pay is well under \$500.00 per month and the base rate for many is \$408.00 gross.

A decision to hold a referendum strike vote was taken, and strategy for closing the University was planned.

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