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University of Victoria faculty vote to form union

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Professors and librarians at the University of Victoria have voted to certify the faculty association as a labour union.

The faculty decided the issue 448 to 263 in an online vote conducted Wednesday to Friday.

Voter turnout was nearly 83 per cent, with 860 people eligible to cast ballots.

The administration and the union will now begin negotiating a first contract.

The two sides issued a joint statement saying they are "committed to continue our mutual efforts to maintain a positive and supportive working environment for faculty members and librarians within our collegial governance structure."

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