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St. Jerome's University and its Academic Staff Association ratify their first collective agreement.

WATERLOO, Ont. (Friday, March 25, 2011) – At its meeting last night, the University's Board of Governors approved the Collective Agreement between the St. Jerome's University Academic Staff Association (SJU-ASA) and the Board of Governors of St. Jerome's University. The agreement was ratified (96%) by the SJU-ASA earlier in the week and is effective March 24, 2011.

The four-year agreement takes effect immediately and covers the period from May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2013. Ratification of this agreement signifies a new era in faculty / administration relations at St. Jerome's University. The administration and the SJU-ASA look forward to working in this new relationship.

The Board of Governors and the SJU-ASA extend their appreciation to the members of both bargaining teams who worked cooperatively and diligently in preparing the agreement. Appreciation is also extended to provincial conciliator Greg Long.

Cyntha Struthers, Acting President of the SJU-ASA, said, "Throughout these long negotiations, the membership has consistently supported our executive and the bargaining team. We are pleased to have reached a fair agreement that serves the good of the whole University community." At the Board meeting last night, David Perrin, President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Jerome's University noted this historic event, offering his own personal thanks and gratitude to all concerned. "This is a positive development in the life of St. Jerome's University as we move forward with major plans in celebration of our 150th anniversary in 2015."

The SJU ASA represents all full-time faculty members and the University librarian at St. Jerome's University. St. Jerome's University is a public Roman Catholic university federated with the University of Waterloo.

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