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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is initiated between Central Washington University, the Employer, hereinafter referred to as the “University,” and United Faculty of Central/UFC, hereinafter referred to as the “Union,” in support of the University’s mission.

Central Washington University’s mission is to prepare students for responsible citizenship, responsible stewardship of the earth, and enlightened and productive lives. The University and the Union both recognize that an effective and harmonious working relationship will facilitate achievement of common objectives and provide an environment conducive to academic excellence.

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 “Academic Year” means the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters.
- 1.2 “Financial Exigency” means a severe financial circumstance, such that the University must discontinue or reduce programs, or which may result in layoffs of faculty.
“Financial Exigency” as used in this Agreement is to be interpreted according to this definition, and no other.
- 1.3 “Substantive Academic Judgment” means a decision regarding a non-tenure-track faculty member’s promotion to Senior Lecturer or a tenured or tenure-track faculty member’s workload (as defined by the provision of Article 17 -Workload), reappointment, promotion in rank, tenure, or post-tenure review that may be the subject of a Complaint but may not be the subject of a Grievance, as those terms are defined in Article 29 - Grievance and complaint procedure.
- 1.4 “Summer Session” means the self-supported instructional programs and courses offered between the end of the Spring quarter and the beginning of the Fall quarter.
- 1.5 One “Workload Unit” of service or scholarship is the equivalent of 30 hours of work.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION

- 2.1 Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41.76 RCW, the University recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for the bargaining unit defined in Section 2.2 for the purpose of bargaining with the University on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- 2.2 The bargaining unit shall consist of those classifications as certified by the Public Employment Relations Commission in Case 17439-E-03-2833, Decision 8127-C as follows:

All full-time and regular part-time employees of Central Washington University who are either designated with faculty status by the Faculty Code, or perform faculty duties as defined in the resolution adopted by the Faculty Senate, excluding casual or temporary employees as defined in WAC 391-35-350, administrators, confidential employees,

graduate student employees, postdoctoral and clinical employees, and employees subject to Chapter 41.06 or 41.56 RCW.

- 2.3 In the event a tenure-track or tenured faculty member's assignment changes in a manner that alters their bargaining unit status, the University will notify the Union of the proposed change in status at least ten (10) working days prior to the date the change of assignment will take effect. The Union will inform the University if it disagrees with the change in status within the ten-day notice period. Upon such notification the parties will meet and confer, and if no mutual agreement is reached, the Union is free to pursue any appropriate recourse.

ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 3.1 The University retains its rights to the general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of expenditures from the institution's funds. The University has the legal responsibility to carry out the educational mission of the institution. The University reserves and retains solely and exclusively all rights to manage, direct, and supervise all work performed and retains solely its management rights and functions.
- 3.2 Such rights are, by way of illustration, but not limited to:
- 3.2.1 Determination and supervision of all policies, operations, methods, processes;
 - 3.2.2 Determination of duties and responsibilities of bargaining unit members, size and type of academic and nonacademic staff, standards of employment-related performance evaluation, assignments, responsibilities to be performed, scheduling of these responsibilities, persons employed, promotion, transfer, non-appointment, non-renewal, reassignment, suspension, termination, or layoff of bargaining unit members;
 - 3.2.3 Planning, establishment, modification, reorganization or abolition of programs and courses of instruction;
 - 3.2.4 Determination of the acquisition, location, relocation, installation, operation, maintenance, modification, retirement, and removal of all its equipment and facilities and control of its property;
 - 3.2.5 Determination of the means, methods, budgetary and financial procedures and personnel by which the University's operations are to be conducted; and
 - 3.2.6 Determination of rules, regulations, and policies not inconsistent with this Agreement, and therewith to require compliance.
- 3.3 These rights shall be exercised so as to not conflict with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION RIGHTS

- 4.1 The Union shall have the right to have deducted from the salary of its members an amount equal to the fees and dues required for Union membership. Dues deductions shall begin upon written authorization by the faculty member. The Union shall provide written notice to the payroll office of the Union's dues for each level of membership for that academic year no later than September 15th. Dues deductions shall be made in equal installments throughout the academic year, with deductions beginning with the first payroll immediately following timely submission of the deduction authorization.
 - 4.1.1 Once a faculty member on a quarterly or annual contract has had deductions taken, any deductions in subsequent contract periods shall automatically begin with the first pay period.
 - 4.1.2 Deductions shall remain in effect until such time as the individual faculty member is no longer an employee of the University, or until revoked by written authorization by the individual faculty member.
 - 4.1.3 Dues deducted shall be remitted to the Union within a reasonable time after the issuance of the payroll checks, along with a list of enrolled members and the amount deducted.
 - 4.1.4 The Union will indemnify and hold the University harmless against any liability which may arise by reason of any action taken by the University to comply with the provisions of this Article, including reimbursement for any legal fees or expenses incurred in connection with such action.
- 4.2 The University shall provide the Union with a roster of all bargaining unit members each quarter. The University shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that such rosters include information requested by the Union and relevant to its operation, such as names, faculty status (i.e., rank or title), length of contract, and dates of hire. The Union shall be notified of those faculty members who have withdrawn membership.
- 4.3 The Union and its representatives shall have the right to schedule the use of University facilities to transact Union business subject to standard facilities use policies and procedures. Where standard facility charges exist, the Union will pay the same rate as any other outside, non-University, client.
- 4.4 The University will allow the Union to lease a suitable office space on campus for the duration of this Agreement. The lease shall be drafted to cover all expenses associated with the office space.
- 4.5 Duly authorized representatives of the Union shall be permitted to transact official Union business on University property at all reasonable times. Such Union business will be conducted in a manner that is not disruptive to University operations.
- 4.6 At its election and expense, the Union may have installed and may maintain bulletin boards in University buildings frequented by faculty members for purposes of

communicating with its members. Installation of any such bulletin boards shall be arranged with the University in advance. Materials placed on Union bulletin boards must be identified as Union literature.

- 4.7 Union officers and stewards may make de minimis use of University-owned or operated e-mail, campus mail, fax machines, the Internet, or intranets for the exclusive purpose of administering this Agreement. University-owned or University-provided equipment, services or supplies may not be used for conducting internal Union business.
- 4.8 The agenda, minutes, and other public information assembled for the regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees will be posted on the University website as provided by RCW 42.30 – Open Public Meetings Act, where they may be accessed by the Union. Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish the President’s right to privileged correspondence for discussion in executive session. The Union shall have the right to appear at all open meetings of the Board of Trustees and to propose appropriate matters for the agenda consistent with applicable procedures.
- 4.9 The Union may, at its discretion, purchase up to ninety (90) workload units per academic year. The number of workload units and the dollar amount represented will be assessed annually, and the Union will be invoiced each academic quarter for one third (1/3rd) of the total. To accomplish this, by June 15th the Union will provide the Office of the Provost with a list of those individuals whose time it will be buying for the upcoming academic year and the number of workload units allocated per individual.
 - 4.9.1 If the University does not receive an updated list by June 15th, the invoice will be based on the information provided for the last academic year for which an active list was received.
 - 4.9.2 The University will generate all invoices in good faith, and any errors or changes will be dealt with by both parties in good faith.
 - 4.9.3 For any such individuals, the Union will only be responsible for paying the salary cost of the affected member; the University will remain responsible for all benefit costs.
 - 4.9.4 The Union will remit payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for such purchase of workload units.
- 4.10 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Union and the University, the University will post a copy of the current contract and any memos of understanding (MOUs) on its website within ten (10) business days of the last required signature.
- 4.11 With prior approval from the Office of the Provost, Union officers and stewards may be allowed time off without pay to attend Union-sponsored meetings, training sessions, conferences, and conventions; provided that the time off does not interfere with University operating needs or unduly disrupt the officer’s or steward’s assigned duties.

- 4.12 When requested, the Union may appoint representatives to serve on University committees. Service on committees when requested, service on a joint Labor-Management Council created to administer the terms of the Agreement, and service on the Union's bargaining committee, will count as University service and will be considered in determining workloads. UFC shall receive twenty (20) workload units to distribute among the members of the bargaining committee for this service in academic years during which the Union and the administration actively participate in formal contract negotiations. Faculty members on the Labor-Management Council shall receive two (2) workload units for this service.
- 4.13 Service workload units purchased by UFC or provided by CWU (bargaining team or Labor-Management Council) shall be included in faculty workload plans.

ARTICLE 5 - FACULTY SENATE AND SHARED GOVERNANCE

- 5.1 The University and the Union are committed to the principle of shared governance, subject to applicable law and Board of Trustees policy. As an illustration of shared governance, the parties recognize that a Faculty Senate has been established by the University's Board of Trustees.
- 5.2 The parties recognize that, when a collective bargaining representative has been recognized, the University functions best when the Union represents faculty interests on wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment and when a Faculty Senate addresses the academic and intellectual concerns of the faculty. Should these roles overlap, the Union will endeavor to work collegially with the Senate.
- 5.3 The Senate shall be concerned with making recommendations to the Board of Trustees, or its designee, on academic matters and issues relating to the intellectual life of the University, which are, by way of illustration, but not limited to:
- 5.3.1 Curricular, grading, and other issues of academic standards.
 - 5.3.2 Standards and policies for the admission, retention, and graduation of students, including transfer students.
 - 5.3.3 Standards and policies for the granting of honorary degrees and awards for students.
 - 5.3.4 Policy for minimum residence requirements for awarding a Central Washington University degree in a major field.

ARTICLE 6 - ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- 6.1 The University and the Union agree to recognize and adhere to the principles described in this Article. The parties acknowledge that the American Association of University Professors monograph entitled Policy Documents and Reports was used as a source from which these principles were primarily drawn.

- 6.2 Faculty members are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline. Faculty members, in exercising speech as citizens, are entitled to precisely the same freedom and are subject to the same responsibility as attaches to all other citizens. However, as scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times strive to be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinion of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.
- 6.3 Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing subjects of expertise, in the conduct of scholarship in their fields of competence, and in the dissemination of the results of their scholarship. However, they should be careful not to introduce matter into their teaching and assessment strategies that has no relation to their subject.
- 6.4 Faculty members are responsible for maintaining high professional standards of scholarship and instruction in their fields of competence. In the conduct of scholarship, faculty members shall adhere to legal and ethical standards and procedures. The commitment to academic freedom in the conduct of scholarship does not imply that a faculty member's scholarship is not subject to critical review and judgment as to its quality and significance.

ARTICLE 7 - PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT & WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

- 7.1 The University and the Union are committed to the principles of equal employment and educational opportunity as expressed in University Equal Opportunity Policies and Programs (CWUP 2-35).
- 7.1.1 As described in WAC 106-72-004 (Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination), the University will:
- (a) Recruit, hire, train, and promote persons in all job titles, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.
 - (b) Ensure that all personnel actions such as compensation, benefits, transfers, terminations, layoffs, return from layoff, reduction in force (RIF), University-sponsored training, education, tuition assistance, and social and recreation programs, will be administered without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.
- 7.1.2 Central Washington University is committed to affirmative action for Asians, Pacific Islanders, Blacks, Hispanics, American Indians/Alaska Natives, women,

persons forty years of age or older, persons of disability, and protected veterans. This commitment is expressed through the University's efforts to eliminate barriers to equal employment opportunity and improve employment opportunities encountered by these protected groups.

- 7.2 It is the policy of the University to maintain a work and academic community which is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment violates state and federal law and will not be tolerated. The University maintains and will continue to maintain, written policy that outlines the University's procedures for dealing with sexual harassment (see CWUP 2-35-050). As stated in this policy, sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or career advancement; submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment decision or academic decision affecting such individual; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or academic environment
- 7.3 The University is committed to maintaining a work environment that is as free as possible from acts or threats of violence or intimidation. The University will make reasonable efforts to ensure the safety and security of the University's employees, students, and faculty. The University maintains and will continue to maintain, written policy that outlines the University's procedures for dealing with domestic violence (see CWUP 2-30-040) and violence in the workplace (see CWUP 2-30-280).
- 7.4 In the event that the provisions of the Washington Administrative Code or University policy referenced in this Article are changed or amended, the University will provide written notice of such changes to the Union, and such changes will be incorporated into the Agreement.
- 7.5 Complaints alleging discrimination and/or sexual harassment will be directed to Human Resources, and will not be the subject of grievances under ARTICLE 29-GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE. Faculty members may, at their option, have Union representation at any meeting related to a complaint of discrimination or harassment under the University policy.

ARTICLE 8 - APPOINTMENTS

- 8.1 The available faculty ranks or titles shall be:

8.1.1 Tenured/Tenure-track faculty ranks:

Assistant Professor
Associate Professor
Professor

8.1.2 Non-tenure-track faculty titles:

Lecturer
Senior Lecturer
Research Associate
Clinical Faculty
Senior Clinical Faculty
Visiting (fill in current title)

Coaches:

Assistant Coach
Senior Assistant Coach
Head Coach
Senior Head Coach

Honorary titles:

Emeritus Professor
Distinguished (fill in current rank) of Teaching/Scholarship/Service

8.2 The minimum qualifications for academic ranks and titles shall be as listed below. The rank or title, and salary assigned to a new faculty member will be established by the Dean based on consideration of the position, the minimum qualifications, the candidate's credentials, the University's needs and resources, and the recommendation of the department. Credit for prior professional academic experience shall be determined by the Provost, with input from the Dean and department. Normally, new faculty members will be credited with no more than a total of two (2) years of prior experience towards tenure. All degrees referred to in this section must be granted by United States accrediting association approved institutions or equivalent. With approval of the Provost, professional experience and/or national reputation may be deemed equivalent to the minimum degree or professional academic experience requirements, but not both.

8.2.1 Assistant Professor: The terminal degree relevant for the discipline. ABD candidates may be appointed to the assistant professor rank if there is reasonable expectation that degree requirements can be completed within one year of start date.

8.2.2 Associate Professor: The terminal degree relevant for the discipline and six (6) years of professional academic experience.

8.2.3 Professor: The terminal degree relevant for the discipline and ten (10) years of professional academic experience.

8.2.4 Lecturer: At least a master's degree relevant for the discipline.

- 8.2.5 Senior Lecturer: A minimum of five (5) years' faculty experience at the University, completion of at least one-hundred thirteen (113) workload units, and demonstrated excellence as determined through a substantive review of the faculty member's cumulative performance conducted by the department and Dean. Lecturers who have met or will meet the experience requirements at the conclusion of Spring Quarter may apply for Senior Lecturer status during Spring Quarter according to the timelines established in the Academic Calendar. If granted, Senior Lecturer status shall take effect the following Fall Quarter.
- 8.2.6 Research Associate: At least a master's degree relevant for the discipline as well as a demonstrated record of exceptional independent research as determined by the department of appointment and approved by the appropriate Dean. Research Associates are non-salaried appointments.
- 8.2.7 Clinical Faculty: At least a master's degree relevant for the discipline, and licensure, certification, professional experience, all as specified by the department of appointment.
- 8.2.8 Senior Clinical Faculty: A minimum of five (5) years' faculty experience at the University, completion of at least one-hundred thirteen (113) workload units, and demonstrated excellence as determined through a substantive review of the faculty member's cumulative performance conducted by the department and Dean. Clinical Faculty who have met or will meet the experience requirements at the conclusion of Spring Quarter may apply for Senior Clinical Faculty status during Spring Quarter according to the timelines established in the Academic Calendar. If granted, Senior Clinical Faculty status shall take effect the following Fall Quarter.
- 8.2.9 Visiting (fill in title): This title is used when title is retained from another institution or a tenure-track vacancy is filled on an interim basis by a full-time non-tenure-track faculty member.
- 8.2.10 Head or Assistant Coach: A combination of academic qualifications and professional experience suitable for the duties to be performed.
- 8.2.11 Senior Head Coach or Senior Assistant Coach: A minimum of five (5) years' experience coaching at least one-half time on an annualized basis at the University and demonstrated excellence as determined through a substantive review of the coach's performance as conducted by the Director of Athletics, the supervisor (if other than the Director) and an elected personnel committee made up of head coaches. The review will be based on standards established by the department. Coaches who have met or will meet the experience requirements at the conclusion Spring Quarter may apply for senior status during Spring Quarter according to the timelines established in the Academic Calendar. If granted by the Director of Athletics, senior status shall take effect the following Fall Quarter.

8.2.12 Honorary titles: The following honorary titles are conferred according to the terms and process described in the Faculty Code: Emeritus, Distinguished Professor, and Non-Tenure-Track Distinguished Faculty.

8.3 A shared appointment is one in which two persons share the responsibility for performing the duties of one full-time tenure-track or tenured position that would normally be filled by one individual. If approved by the Provost, an appointment may be shared between any two faculty members who contractually agree to share the single faculty position. The contracts of such appointments shall clearly specify the responsibilities, rights and benefits of each party.

8.3.1 Shared appointments may only be made within single departments.

8.3.2 Shared appointments shall be for one (1) full-time position.

- (a) Each party to the shared appointment must be fully qualified for the responsibilities of the full-time position.
- (b) In order to assure that each party to the shared appointment is eligible for full employee benefits, each appointee shall be responsible for one-half (½) of the normal load according to ARTICLE 17 -WORKLOAD of this Agreement.
- (c) In University and departmental elections, each party to a shared appointment shall have one-half (½) of a single vote.

8.3.3 Each party to a shared appointment shall be evaluated individually for the purposes of assigning rank, reappointment and the award of tenure, merit and promotion. Consistent with the 50% appointment level, each individual will be evaluated according to the criteria and procedures listed in the appropriate sections of this Agreement as well as any additional criteria developed by departments. Parties to the shared appointment shall not evaluate each other.

8.3.4 In the event that one party to a shared appointment terminates or is terminated from the position, the remaining appointee shall have the option of continuing in that position as either a half-time or a full-time faculty member.

8.4 The terms of initial appointment for any faculty member will be consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Where there is a conflict between the terms of an offer or initial appointment letter and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall be controlling. Where an initial appointment includes credit for prior service towards tenure and/or promotion as permitted by Sections 24.4.3(a) and 24.3.4, the amount of that credit must be specified in the initial appointment letter.

ARTICLE 9 - TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

9.1 Appointments to a tenure-track position shall be considered probationary. A probationary appointment is an appointment with a fixed term and no right to reappointment. A probationary employee has the right to serve the specified term of the appointment and

may not be terminated without just cause during that term. Reappointment of probationary appointees follows the procedures as established in ARTICLE 24 - REAPPOINTMENT, TENURE, PROMOTION, & POST-TENURE REVIEW of this Agreement.

9.1.1 The circumstances under which a continuing probationary tenure-track appointment may be non-renewed at the expiration of any year-to-year term of such appointment are:

- (a) Unsatisfactory performance at the time of the initial review; or
- (b) Failure to make satisfactory progress toward tenure in the period between reviews by not remedying noted serious deficiencies, so that meeting professional standards for tenure awarded by the end of the probationary appointment is not likely. Such progress will be evaluated in accordance with department and college criteria as described in ARTICLE 24 - REAPPOINTMENT, TENURE, PROMOTION, & POST-TENURE REVIEW of this Agreement.

Where such an appointment is not renewed in these circumstances, then written notice of nonrenewal shall be given by the Office of the Provost.

9.1.2 The circumstances under which a continuing probationary tenure-track appointment may be terminated at any time during its course are:

- (a) Failure to achieve the terminal degree in a timely manner as stipulated by the terms of the appointment. The stipulated period may be extended for good cause with written approval of the Dean and Provost;
- (b) Dismissal for just cause;
- (c) Disability, in accordance with appropriate federal and state statutes;
- (d) Layoff; and
- (e) Resignation.

Termination due to the circumstances described in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above shall be effective on the date the University's final decision is given to the faculty member.

9.2 Tenure is the right to continuous appointment at the University with an assignment to a specific department until such time as the faculty member resigns, retires, abandons duties, is discharged for just cause, or is laid off in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE 27 -RETRENCHMENT of this Agreement. Such continuous appointment shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Tenure is awarded by the Board of Trustees through the normal procedures set forth in ARTICLE 24 - REAPPOINTMENT, TENURE, PROMOTION, & POST-TENURE REVIEW of this

Agreement. In addition, the Board of Trustees retains the right to award tenure on its own authority. Prior to confirming an award of tenure in an initial appointment, the University will first provide an opportunity for input from faculty in the affected department.

ARTICLE 10 - NON-TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

10.1 Non-tenure-track faculty are not eligible for tenure. Contracts offered to all non-tenure-track faculty shall be presented in a Letter of Appointment that states the effective dates of the appointment, the salary, the workload units of teaching (or other assigned responsibilities as outlined in ARTICLE 15 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES), or other work (including the campus and mode of delivery for anticipated instruction), and any agreed special stipulations. In the event that course offerings are changed in a way that would: (a) reduce the workload anticipated in a faculty member's Letter of Appointment; (b) require the faculty member to teach at a different campus; (c) require the faculty member to teach through a different mode of delivery; or (d) require alteration of a special stipulation contained in the Letter of Appointment, the department chair will discuss with the affected faculty member whether there are unassigned courses available that the faculty member is qualified to teach which can be substituted for the course(s) anticipated in the Letter of Appointment. In the event of a change impacting non-teaching duties, where possible, those duties shall be replaced by other similar responsibilities. The Letter of Appointment will be revised, with approval of the Dean, to reflect any mutually agreed upon substitutions, or to reduce the agreed workload units if no such alternative is found. Non-tenure-track faculty will not be expected to perform duties that are not outlined in the Letter of Appointment.

10.1.1 Letters of Appointment will be provided to faculty members as early as practicable, but no later than the beginning of the pay period in which their start date falls. Exceptions shall be permitted for individual study courses (*e.g.*, applied music, student supervision), and other emergency or unforeseeable circumstances (*e.g.*, new courses/sections, reassignment).

10.1.2 A full-time workload for non-tenure-track faculty shall be forty-five (45) workload units per academic year or fifteen (15) workload units per quarter (*see* ARTICLE 17 -WORKLOAD). For full-time non-tenure-track faculty working on an eleven (11)-month contract (including those paid over twelve (12) months), the workload shall be fifty-five (55) workload units. NTT faculty members who receive additional assignments shall receive an additional contract, compensated at no less than the minimum rate for degree and title. These additional contracts may be paid at a rate higher than the minimum, as allowed by Section 18.15.

10.1.3 The parties agree that hiring non-tenure-track faculty on an annual or multi-annual basis is preferable when doing so is consistent with the University's needs and resources. In addition to the circumstances described below, annual or multi-year contracts may be offered to non-tenure-track faculty at the discretion of the Dean upon the recommendation of the department chair whenever appropriate. Positions consistently filled by faculty on a quarterly or annual basis will be

evaluated by the Dean, with input from the department, to determine if an annual or multi-annual contract would be appropriate.

- (a) Senior Lecturers/Senior Clinical Faculty who have held senior status for four (4) or more years, and who have had an FTE of 0.50 or greater in a college for four (4) or more consecutive years, will be issued a contract with a minimum term of two (2) years. Contracts will be issued by the college in which the faculty has sustained senior status at an FTE based on enrollment needs. Any such contracts that are based on external funding will be terminable at the point that funding is reduced or eliminated.
- (b) Lecturers who have been employed on an annual or multi-annual contract and who have been approved to teach at least thirty-six (36) workload units in the following academic year will be given an annual contract rather than multiple quarterly contracts.

10.1.4 If a course is cancelled within ten (10) working days after the quarter begins, and the University determines not to reassign the faculty member to another course, the faculty member will be paid for the portion of the quarter worked.

10.1.5 The University will use its best efforts to avoid reducing non-tenure-track annual or multi-annual contracts due to changes in enrollment or course offerings, including assignment of alternate sections or courses or, if applicable, adding service assignments.

10.2 Non-tenure-track faculty on annual or multi-annual contracts shall be evaluated by their department chair and personnel committee at least once per academic year. Evaluations shall be based on the contracted work performed since the previous review period or date of hire, whichever is more recent. Performance of contract responsibilities which fall outside of a department will be evaluated by the appropriate supervisor and forwarded to the Dean for review. Non-tenure-track faculty are expected to submit a Professional Record including all documentation required by department, college or University criteria in advance of their review.

10.2.1 The non-tenure-track faculty member will be permitted five (5) working days to review the letters of recommendation submitted by the department personnel committee and the department chair. In the event that either letter contains errors of fact or raises issues of insufficient documentation of accomplishments claimed by the faculty member, the faculty member may submit a letter correcting the errors of fact and/or provide requested documentation to confirm accomplishments from the review period identified in the Professional Record. The department chair will acknowledge receipt of any such letter and/or documentation in writing and will notify the candidate and the department personnel committee of any action taken as a result. The letters of recommendation from the personnel committee and chair, along with any correspondence/confirming documentation submitted by the candidate, will be added to the Professional Record, which will then be submitted to the Dean.

- 10.2.2 Upon request, a non-tenure-track faculty member may meet with the department chair and/or department personnel committee (where applicable) to discuss any concerns regarding their evaluation. Faculty wishing to submit a written response or schedule a meeting regarding their evaluations are expected to do so within ten (10) working days of receiving their evaluation.
- 10.2.3 The Union, on behalf of a non-tenure-track faculty member, may request a meeting with the Dean (or designee), the department chair and the affected faculty member to discuss a negative performance review or the denial of senior status where the Union contends that the review/decision was based on information that is demonstrably false or is otherwise arbitrary and capricious. The parties agree to use their best efforts to complete meetings pursuant to this paragraph within thirty (30) days of the day the faculty member receives an evaluation or determination.
- 10.2.4 Non-tenure-track appointments automatically expire at the time set forth in the Letter of Appointment. The University will provide as much notice as practical to non-tenure-track faculty regarding its intent to rehire the faculty member for a subsequent contract period.
- 10.2.5 Non-tenure-track faculty shall be listed in all directories. Such listing does not imply the right to continued employment beyond the contract period.
- 10.2.6 Non-tenure-track faculty will be assigned titles in accordance with ARTICLE 8 - APPOINTMENTS.
- 10.3 Promotion to Senior Status and Senior Lecturer Merit Award.
- 10.3.1 Applicants for promotion to senior status or for an award of merit should submit, along with their Professional Record, a letter outlining how they have met their relevant department standards for promotion to senior status or for a merit award. Applicants with duties in more than one department shall be judged according to the standards in the department to which the majority of their workload units have been allocated during the period under review.
- 10.3.2 Applicants for senior status or Senior Lecturer Merit shall be reviewed by the chair, the department personnel committee and the Dean according to department standards. The standards for senior status or Senior Lecturer Merit will be used to evaluate teaching, though scholarship/creative activity and service may be included if that is in the faculty member's letter of appointment. The chair and the department personnel committee shall each write letters either endorsing or rejecting the application for senior status or Senior Lecturer Merit and stating the reasons for the decision. The letters shall be considered by the Dean when deciding whether to grant senior status or Senior Lecturer Merit.
- 10.3.3 Reviews for promotion to senior status or Senior Lecturer Merit will result in one of the following actions:
- (a) Granted

(b) Denied

ARTICLE 11 - COACHES

- 11.1 Coaches are not eligible for tenure. Contracts offered to coaches shall be presented in a Letter of Appointment that states the effective dates of the appointment, the salary, and the assigned responsibilities. Coaches' work schedules shall be based on the needs of the Department, taking account of the demands of the season and role of the coach, as determined by the Director of Athletics and/or the Head Coach, where appropriate. [NOTE: The parties recognize that the work performed by coaches involves many tasks and functions that occur outside of an office setting, and that the fact that they are not present in their offices does not mean they are not working.]
- 11.2 Coaches are normally contracted for a term of service not to exceed one (1) year. Coaches may be hired on a multi-year contract not to exceed three (3) years. Contracts may include a period of unpaid leave that can be used at times consistent with operational needs, as approved by the Director of Athletics or designee. Unpaid leave has no cash value, may not be converted to compensation, and may not be carried forward from one year to the next. Coaches' contracts automatically expire at the time set forth in the Letter of Appointment. The Director will provide as much notice as practical to coaches regarding intent to rehire for a subsequent contract period.
- 11.3 Based on positive evaluations and available resources, a coach's contract may be renewed for additional terms.
- 11.4 Evaluation of coaches will be completed annually by the Director of Athletics or designee based on standards established by the Department.
- 11.5 The Department of Athletics shall elect a personnel committee made up of three (3) head coaches. All head coaches and assistant coaches will be eligible to vote. The personnel committee will conduct reviews of the department personnel standards and applications for Senior Head/Assistant Coach status and merit as provided in Article 11.6 below.
- 11.6 Application for and Promotion to Senior Head Coach or Senior Assistant Coach or Senior Status Merit Award.
- 11.6.1 Applicants for Senior Head Coach or Senior Assistant Coach or Senior Status Merit Award should submit, along with their Professional Record, a letter outlining how they have met their relevant department standards for promotion to Senior Head Coach or Senior Assistant Coach/for a merit award.
- 11.6.2 Applicants for Senior Head Coach or Senior Assistant Coach/Senior Status Merit will have their files reviewed by the Department of Athletics personnel committee. The committee will either recommend or not recommend the promotion to Senior Status/Senior Status Merit, and will forward its recommendation to the Director of Athletics who will conduct a review and make the final decision.

11.6.3 Reviews for promotion to Senior Assistant Coach or Senior Head Coach/Senior Status Merit will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Granted
- (b) Denied

ARTICLE 12 - DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

12.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Department Chairs. Department chairs are leaders among the faculty in developing strong student advising, teaching, research, public service, and academic programs within their departments. In matters of selection, retention, tenure, promotion, and work assignments of faculty and department personnel, and in preparation and administration of departmental budgets, department chairs are responsible to their Dean. Department faculty speaking collectively are expected to advise the department chair on any tasks expected of the chair.

12.2 Terms of Appointment.

12.2.1 Department chairs are appointed upon the joint recommendation of the appropriate Dean and department based on the process established in Section 12.3.1.

12.2.2 Department chairs are appointed to a four-year term, with a term running Fall quarter through Spring quarter. A chair who takes University-approved leave of more than one (1) quarter or twelve (12) weeks may, upon return to the University, serve an additional year as chair and become eligible for a merit salary increase as provided in Section 18.9. For the purposes of chair merit, a chair who takes one (1) quarter or twelve (12) weeks of University-approved leave during their term will have completed all four years of their elected term when the term expires.

12.2.3 Department chairs will receive annual contracts of at least ten (10) months, typically spanning from September 1 through June 30.

12.2.4 Department chairs may also receive an additional contract to serve as chair during the summer, according to University policy. The University will first provide written notice to the Union and, if requested, bargain prior to making changes to its existing policy regarding compensation for summer chairs.

12.3 Election and Removal of Department Chairs.

12.3.1 Election of Department Chairs.

- (a) For internal searches, each department holds an election to select its chair using a process supervised by the appropriate Dean. The nomination of a candidate for chair is subject to the approval of the Dean and the Provost. If a faculty member is not allowed to run, the Dean will meet with the Provost or

designee, the faculty member and a UFC representative to explain the reasons for disqualifying them.

- (b) Unless approved in writing by the Provost, only tenured faculty are eligible to serve as department chair.
- (c) Only eligible faculty in a department shall vote. Eligible faculty include tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, and senior lecturers with annual or multi-annual contracts teaching one-half time or more in that department. All eligible faculty shall be given a minimum of five (5) business days' notice of the ballot date. Reasonable effort should be made to include by proxy vote or absentee ballot, eligible faculty who are in off-campus positions or on leave.
- (d) The election result shall be determined by absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters. Ballots must be cast in person, by certified proxy, or by absentee ballot.
- (e) In the case where three (3) or more candidates are running, if no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters, there will be a runoff vote for the candidates receiving the two (2) highest vote totals. If two (2) or fewer candidates are running and no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters, the election will be considered a failed election. In such failed elections the Dean, in consultation with the Provost, may appoint an acting chair or chairs for a period not to exceed two (2) years.
- (f) In consultation with the department faculty eligible to vote and the Provost, the Dean may initiate an external search for a chair. An external search for a chair must follow University hiring policy and procedure.
- (g) Departments may elect an individual to serve as department chair or two (2) individuals to serve as co-chairs. The latter may have varying responsibilities and terms within a calendar year (*i.e.*, academic year chair and summer term chair). Prior to the election, roles and responsibilities of each co-chair will be delineated in consultation with the Dean and must specifically address and delineate which one has the responsibility for department management decisions such as budget, personnel, and curricular matters.

12.3.2 Removal or Replacement of Department Chairs.

- (a) At any time, a majority of faculty eligible to vote for department chair may request in writing that the Dean review the chair's effectiveness.
- (b) If after the review, the Dean, in consultation with the Provost, determines that a vote to recall and/or remove a department chair is warranted, the Dean shall assure that a vote is conducted by secret ballot. The chair shall not participate in the balloting. All eligible faculty shall be given a minimum of five (5) business days' notice of the ballot date. Reasonable effort should be made to

include by proxy vote or absentee ballot, eligible faculty who are in off-campus positions or on leave.

- (c) The Dean may remove a chair at any time if, in the judgment of the Dean, removal is in the best interest of the department or the University. Prior to removing a chair pursuant to this paragraph, the Dean will consider, where appropriate, input provided by department faculty. Before a chair is removed, the Dean will meet with the Provost or designee, the chair, and a UFC representative to explain the reasons for removing them.

12.3.3 Filling Temporary Chair Vacancies.

- (a) When a chair is to be absent from the campus for a period of less than a full academic year, the appropriate Dean, in consultation with the department faculty eligible to vote for department chair can appoint an acting chair. When a chair is to be absent from campus for a period of a full academic year or longer, the department shall elect an acting chair, in accordance with Section 12.3.1.
- (b) When the chair is to be on leave for more than one (1) academic year, the chair must resign and a new chair or acting chair will be elected.
- (c) An elected acting chair may serve for a period of up to two (2) years.
- (d) The chair role should be held by a faculty member except temporarily and in rare cases when a suitable faculty member is unavailable. If the Dean believes that it is necessary to install an administrator as chair, they will provide notice to the Union president. Any such appointment will last no more than one (1) quarter before an election is held. Department faculty may, by election, select an administrator to serve as an acting chair for a term of no more than one (1) year, but may be renewed by election.

12.4 Responsibilities and Leadership Roles of Department Chairs. The chair, with appropriate consultation with department faculty and staff, is responsible to the department, the college, and the University for performing the following duties:

12.4.1 Faculty Activities: Engage in teaching, scholarship, and service activities at the appropriate levels, as determined by their workload.

12.4.2 Curriculum: Provide leadership in the planning, scheduling, delivery, assessment, accreditation, improvement, and development of the academic curriculum in the disciplines housed in the department.

12.4.3 Faculty Personnel: Conduct evaluations, manage workloads, oversee annual activities reports, and other department personnel matters. The department chair will not serve on the department personnel committee.

12.4.4 Faculty Recruitment and Hiring: Initiate and oversee search committee activity.

- 12.4.5 Support-Staff Personnel: Recruit, supervise, and evaluate support staff.
- 12.4.6 Students and Academic Policy: Apply academic policy and respond to student needs; participate in student recruitment and retention.
- 12.4.7 Planning and Budgets: Coordinate department development, review, and revision of the department strategic plan; prepare the department budget request; and monitor departmental budget expenditures.
- 12.4.8 Facilities and Equipment: Oversee the use and maintenance of department facilities and equipment.
- 12.4.9 External Relations: Develop and maintain relationships with units and individuals external to the department.
- 12.4.10 Other Administrative Duties: Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Dean; provided that any material changes to a chair's duties will result in appropriate changes to the chair's compensation and/or workload plan.
- 12.5 Evaluation of Department Chairs. The Dean shall evaluate the chair no later than the 6th quarter of their term (no later than the end of the second academic year for the Library chair), and meet with the chair to discuss the results of the evaluation. Additional evaluations may be requested by the chair. Department faculty shall provide input into the evaluation through the process described in the college evaluation plans. Based on the evaluation, the Dean, in consultation with the chair, will develop performance goals. (See Section 18.9 for Merit Awards for Chairs.)
- 12.6 Compensation and Stipends of Department Chairs.
 - 12.6.1 In addition to the extended contracts described in Section 12.2.3, as compensation for their chair duties, department chairs will receive re-assigned time and an annual stipend in amounts determined by the Dean as described below. In determining the amount of re-assigned time and annual stipend, the Dean will consider the number of faculty and staff in the department, the budgetary size of the department, the complexity of its programs, and historical work demands in the department.
 - 12.6.2 Department chairs will receive a minimum of eighteen (18) workload units of re-assigned time for their chair duties during the academic year. Chairs receive an additional two and one-half (2.5) workload units for their administrative role during the portion of their contract prior to the beginning of the academic year, and an additional two and one-half (2.5) workload units for their administrative role during the portion of their contract following the end of the academic year.
 - 12.6.3 The range of available chair stipends will be from \$3700 to \$8000 during a ten (10) month contract.

12.6.4 Individuals serving as co-chairs or assistant chairs will have all compensation and stipends pro-rated at the amount reflective of their annual assignment.

12.7 Assistant Chairs. The Dean may create assistant chair positions for departments whose size or complexity make it appropriate to delegate some department chair duties to an assistant chair. Duties may include scheduling classes, organizing public events, working with majors and minors, and other comparable activities. Chairs, not assistant chairs, perform faculty evaluations, lead faculty recruitment and hiring, mediate disputes between faculty members, and fulfill other duties that are best handled by the head of the department, such as budget, personnel, and curricular matters.

12.7.1 Assistant chairs are selected by their chair and approved by the Dean and Provost.

12.7.2 Assistant chairs may be removed based on the process established in Section 12.3.2.

12.7.3 Assistant chairs are appointed to a two-year term, but may be removed by the chair after consultation with the Dean. If the current chair has one (1) year remaining in their term as chair, the Dean may (after consultation with the chair) approve a one-year term for the assistant chair.

12.7.4 Assistant chairs do not receive separate contracts. They receive at least five (5) workload units of reassigned time.

ARTICLE 13 - STRUCTURED INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM DIRECTORS

13.1 Definition. Structured Interdisciplinary Programs (“SIDPs”) are majors or minors that embody a content area that integrates information, methodologies, skill sets, and/or theoretical perspectives from multiple disciplines. SIDPs focus on interdisciplinary perspectives throughout the entirety of the curriculum and integrate traditional academic disciplines. Usually SIDPs have an introductory course that integrates content from multiple disciplines while upper division courses in the program integrate multiple ways of knowing into the course content.

13.2 Expectations of Structured Interdisciplinary Program Directors. SIPD directors are leaders among the faculty in developing strong student advising, interdisciplinary teaching, interdisciplinary research, public service, and interdisciplinary academic programs. In matters of selection and work assignments of faculty and in preparation and administration of program budgets, program directors are responsible to the Dean of the college in which the program resides.

13.3 Terms of Appointment.

13.3.1 SIDP directors are appointed upon the joint recommendation of the appropriate Dean and program faculty based on the process established in Section 13.4.1.

13.3.2 SIDP directors are appointed to a nine (9) month, four-year term.

13.3.3 SIDP directors may also receive an additional contract to serve as director during the summer (*see* 13.7.4).

13.4 Election and Removal of SIDP Directors.

13.4.1 Election of SIDP Directors.

- (a) For internal searches, each SIDP holds an election to select its director using a process supervised by the appropriate Dean. The nomination of a candidate for director is subject to the approval of the Dean and the Provost. If a faculty member is not allowed to run, the Dean will meet with the Provost or designee, the faculty member and a UFC representative to explain the reasons for disqualifying them.
- (b) Unless approved in writing by the Provost, only program faculty are eligible to serve as program director.
- (c) Only eligible faculty in a program may vote. Eligible faculty are defined in the program charter. All eligible faculty will be given a minimum of five (5) business days' notice of the ballot date. Reasonable effort should be made to include by proxy vote or absentee ballot eligible faculty who are in off-campus positions or on leave.
- (d) The election result shall be determined by absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters. Ballots must be cast in person, by certified proxy, or by absentee ballot.
- (e) In the case where three (3) or more candidates are running, if no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters, there will be a runoff vote for the candidates receiving the two (2) highest votes. If two (2) or fewer candidates are running and no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes cast by eligible voters, the election will be considered a failed election. In such failed elections the appropriate Dean, in consultation with the Provost, may appoint an acting director or directors for a period not to exceed two (2) years.
- (f) In consultation with the program faculty eligible to vote and the Provost, the appropriate Dean may initiate an external search for a director. An external search for a director must follow University hiring policy and procedure.
- (g) Programs may elect an individual to serve as director or two (2) individuals to serve as co-directors. The latter may have varying responsibilities and terms within a calendar year. Prior to the election, roles and responsibilities of each co-director will be delineated in consultation with the Dean and must specifically address and delineate which one has the responsibility for program management decisions such as budget, personnel, and curricular matters.

13.4.2 Removal or Replacement of SIDP Directors.

- (a) At any time, a majority of faculty eligible to vote for program director may request in writing that the appropriate Dean review the director's effectiveness.
- (b) If after the review, the appropriate Dean, in consultation with the Provost, determines that a vote to recall and/or remove an SIDP director is warranted, the Dean shall assure that a vote is conducted by secret ballot. The director shall not participate in the balloting. All eligible faculty shall be given a minimum of five (5) business days' notice of the ballot date. Reasonable effort should be made to include by proxy vote or absentee ballot, eligible faculty who are in off-campus positions or on leave.
- (c) The appropriate Dean may remove a director at any time if, in the judgment of the Dean, removal is in the best interest of the program or the University. Prior to removing a chair pursuant to this paragraph, the Dean will consider, where appropriate, input provided by program faculty. Before a director is removed, the Dean will meet with the Provost or designee, the director, and a UFC representative to explain the reasons for removing them.

13.4.3 Filling Temporary SIDP Director Vacancies.

- (a) When an SIDP director is to be absent from the campus for a period of less than a full academic year, the appropriate Dean, in consultation with the program faculty eligible to vote for SIDP director can appoint an acting director. When a director is to be absent from campus for a period of a full academic year or longer, the program faculty shall elect an acting director, in accordance with Section 13.4.1.
- (b) When the director is to be on leave for more than one (1) academic year, the director must resign and a new director will be elected.
- (c) An elected acting SIDP director may serve for a period of up to two (2) years.
- (d) The SIDP director role should be held by a faculty member except temporarily and in rare cases when a suitable faculty member is unavailable. If the Dean believes that it is necessary to install an administrator as director, they will provide notice to the Union president. Any such appointment will last no more than one (1) quarter before an election is held. Department faculty may, by election, select an administrator to serve as an acting director for a term of no more than one (1) year, but may be renewed by election

13.5 Responsibilities and Leadership Roles of Program Directors. In general, each SIDP director, with appropriate consultation with program faculty and staff, is responsible to the program, the college of residence, and the University for performing the following duties:

- 13.5.1 Faculty Activities: Engage in teaching, scholarship, and service activities at the appropriate levels, as determined by their workload.
- 13.5.2 Curriculum: Provide leadership in the planning, scheduling, delivery, assessment, accreditation, improvement, and development of the structured interdisciplinary academic curriculum housed in the program. This includes collaboration with multiple disciplinary departments and the program's advisory committee.
- 13.5.3 Faculty Personnel: Conduct evaluations and provide evaluation letters at the request of program faculty and for NTT faculty who teach exclusively in the program, and manage workloads within the program and in consultation with chairs of program faculty's home departments.
- 13.5.4 Faculty Recruitment: The SIDP director recruits appropriate faculty with interdisciplinary expertise and interest to teach in their respective structured interdisciplinary programs.
- 13.5.5 Support-Staff Personnel: Recruit, supervise, and evaluate support staff, as needed.
- 13.5.6 Students and Academic Policy: Apply academic policy and respond to student needs, participate in student recruitment and retention, and advise students enrolled in program.
- 13.5.7 Planning and Budgets: Coordinate SIDP development, review, and revision of the program strategic plan and charter; prepare the program budget request; and monitor programmatic budget expenditures.
- 13.5.8 External Relations: Develop and maintain relationships with units and individuals external to the program.
- 13.5.9 Facilities and Equipment: Oversee the use and maintenance of program facilities and equipment, as needed.
- 13.5.10 Other Administrative Duties: Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Dean of the college of residence; provided that any material changes to a director's duties will result in appropriate changes to the director's compensation and/or workload plan.

The SIDP charter delineates specific duties within these categories required of the program director.

- 13.6 Evaluation of SIDP Directors. The appropriate Dean shall evaluate the program director no later than the sixth (6th) quarter of their term and meet with the SIDP director to discuss the results of the evaluation. Additional evaluations may be requested by the director. Program faculty shall provide input into the evaluation through the process described in the college evaluation plans. Based on the evaluation, the Dean, in consultation with the director, will develop performance goals.

13.7 Re-Assigned Time and Compensation for Program Directors.

- 13.7.1 SIDP directors will receive re-assigned time to perform the duties described in University policy and the program charter. In determining the amount of re-assigned time, the appropriate Dean will consider the size, complexity (# of Center locations, # of departments involved, # academic programs, # of students), and extent of the director's duties relevant to the program.
- 13.7.2 Interdisciplinary program directors will receive a minimum of five (5) workload units of re-assigned time for their director duties during the academic year.
- 13.7.3 Individuals serving as co-directors will have all compensation pro-rated at the amount reflective of their annual assignment.
- 13.7.4 In addition to compensation for teaching, SIDP directors who provide program administration in the summer will, with the approval of the appropriate Dean, receive compensation for administrative activities during the summer. In the event a current program director is not available for summer, the college Dean, in consultation with the program director may appoint a person to serve as acting director for the summer.

ARTICLE 14 - FACULTY PROGRAM COORDINATORS

- 14.1 Many faculty have programmatic duties that fall outside the Department Chair or SIDP Director roles defined in this Agreement. These faculty serve their degree programs, minors, and certificates as program coordinators, graduate coordinators, or in similar roles within their academic departments.
- 14.2 Faculty program coordinators perform a variety of duties, including serving as the primary contact for the degree program, managing/coordinating curriculum, maintaining appropriate specialized accreditation, coordinating program assessment and evaluation, maintaining industry boards, and other programmatic duties.
- 14.3 Faculty program coordinators will receive workload to perform the duties described in their department or college guidelines. In determining the amount of workload, the appropriate Dean will consider the size, complexity (# of Center locations, # of departments involved, # academic programs, # of students), and extent of the coordinator's duties relevant to the program.

ARTICLE 15 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 15.1 Faculty are bound to observe in all official acts the highest standards of ethics consistent with the State of Washington statutes, the regulations of the Executive Ethics Board and its advisory opinions, the policies of the University Board of Trustees, and the policies of the University Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- 15.2 The primary professional responsibilities of tenured and tenure-track faculty members are teaching, scholarship, and service.

- 15.3 The professional responsibilities of non-tenure-track faculty are instructional (including maintaining reasonable posted office hours), program management, research, or other duties as approved by the Dean/Appointing Authority and described in the faculty member's Letter of Appointment.
- 15.4 Tenured and tenure-track faculty have additional professional responsibilities including, but not limited to: advising students; attending classes as scheduled; participating on University committees; attending department and college meetings; attending required training sessions; maintaining their official Professional Record; maintaining reasonable posted office hours; working collaboratively and productively with colleagues; participating in conferences and seminars; participating in accreditation and program reviews; and preparation and participation in traditional academic functions, including graduation and convocation ceremonies and the President's State of the University address. It is understood that a faculty member's other obligations may preclude them from completing one or more of the professional activities identified in this Article in a given academic year.
- 15.5 Faculty members are responsible for adhering to University policies not referenced in the Agreement; however, faculty members must have been reasonably notified of the policies that apply to them. Issues or concerns regarding misapplication of University policy may be raised by the Union through the Labor-Management Council process described in Article 28 -Labor-Management Council.
- 15.6 Faculty are expected to fulfill their teaching, governance and related commitments on their assigned campus. Arrangements permitting a faculty member to teach in a fully online capacity, or to meet governance and related commitments through remote participation, must be approved by the department chair and the Dean.

ARTICLE 16 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 16.1 "Conflict of interest" shall mean:
- 16.1.1 Any conflict between the private interests of the faculty and the public interests of the University, the Board of Trustees, or the State of Washington, including conflicts of interest specified under Washington statutes; or
 - 16.1.2 Any activity which interferes with the full performance of the faculty's professional or institutional responsibilities or obligations.
- 16.2 A faculty member's professional responsibilities to the University shall be given precedence over any other professional obligations.
- 16.3 Active participation by faculty members in external research and consulting that enhance their professional skills or constitute public service are encouraged as long as these activities are not so substantial or demanding of the faculty member's time and attention as to interfere with the primary University responsibilities.

- 16.4 Conflicts of interest are prohibited. When such a conflict of interest arises, faculty are responsible for resolving such conflicts of interest by working in conjunction with the Dean and the Provost.
- 16.5 Faculty who anticipate a potential conflict of interest shall report, in writing, to the Dean, with a copy to the Provost, the details of such activity prior to engaging the activity. If the Dean determines that this may constitute or may create a conflict of interest, the Dean will notify the faculty member of that fact and, if requested, meet with the faculty member to determine if such conflicts can be reasonably avoided.
- 16.6 Faculty shall not use the facilities, equipment, or services of the University in connection with any activity creating a conflict of interest.
- 16.7 Faculty shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that the outside employer or other recipient of services understands that the faculty member is engaging in such activity as a private citizen and not as an employee, agent, or spokesperson of the University.
- 16.8 Faculty will comply with the University's confidentiality obligations with respect to information disclosed to them in the course of their job duties.
- 16.9 The relationship faculty have with students carries the added responsibility to both the student and the University that the relationship not involve abuse of power, or the appearance of abuse of power. Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Dean, faculty shall not grade, supervise, or direct the educational endeavors of students with whom they have or have had a family or intimate relationship. Any relationship a faculty member has with such a student shall be disclosed, in writing, to the Dean. Failure to disclose a relationship will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- 16.10 No faculty member shall participate directly in any recommendation or decision relating to grant funding, sabbatical appointments, other appointments, reappointment, promotion, or tenure at the University of any relative or person with whom the faculty member has or has had a family or intimate relationship. A faculty member shall withdraw from participation in any personnel recommendation or decision involving potential conflict of interest.
- 16.11 Administrators will abide by the University's Conflict of Interest in Relationships Policy (CWUP 2-40-070), and will not participate directly in any recommendation or decision relating to grant funding, sabbatical appointments, other appointments, reappointment, promotion, or tenure of any faculty member with whom the administrator has or has had a family or intimate relationship. An administrator shall withdraw from participation in any personnel recommendation or decision involving a faculty member that creates a potential conflict of interest.

ARTICLE 17 - WORKLOAD

- 17.1 For the purposes of this Article, workload is defined as the activities tenured and tenure-track faculty shall be required to perform to meet the requirements of their employment contract.

- 17.2 A faculty member's workload shall be described in writing. The written workload plan will include the specific activities that faculty shall accomplish in a specified period of time (i.e., quarter, academic year, calendar year, multi-year period) to fulfill professional obligations to the University. The determination of faculty workload is considered a substantive academic judgment; however, workloads must be consistent with the express terms of this Agreement.
- 17.3 The workload will typically consist of three parts: teaching, scholarship, and service.
- 17.3.1 Normally, the workload will consist of a balance of these professional activities which are measured in workload units. It is understood that a tenured faculty member or library faculty may or may not participate in all of these activities during a given academic year, and this understanding must be approved and documented by the department chair and Dean in the workload plan.
- 17.3.2 Teaching/Librarianship.
- (a) Teaching: classroom, studio, laboratory, continuing education, online, and distance delivery instruction in regular academic courses with assigned workload units; development and coordination of special undergraduate and graduate seminars; preparation of student materials for classes; preparation of a new course or substantial revision of an older course; general advising of undergraduate students; supervision of student mentorships; supervision of graduate student theses and research/creative projects; supervision of undergraduate theses and research/creative projects; supervision of directed study through individualized courses; non-credit educational programs on-campus or elsewhere; supervision and management of teaching facilities; and other activities benefiting students' academic development. Guidelines for determining workload units of teaching are described in APPENDIX A - INSTRUCTIONAL AND SERVICE WORKLOAD.
- (b) Librarianship: reference and instructional services; collection development and curation; bibliographic organization, intellectual access to and control of collection; working with faculty and students to support development of information literacy; meeting assigned service schedules; information system design and implementation, and library management.
- 17.3.3 Scholarship/Creative Activity: all professional activities leading to publication, performance, or formal presentation in the faculty member's areas of expertise, or leading to external funding recognizing the faculty member's current or potential contribution to the faculty member's areas of expertise. Such activities include: manuscript submission; grant proposal submission; supervision of externally funded research projects; development of patentable inventions; and other original contributions, performances, exhibitions, or concerts appropriate to the faculty member's areas of expertise.

17.3.4 Service: Guidelines for determining workload units of service are described in APPENDIX A -INSTRUCTIONAL AND SERVICE WORKLOAD.

- (a) Public service: such as organized, non-remunerative, educational and consultative activities that relate to a faculty's professional expertise and further the mission, vision, and values of the University.
- (b) University service: such as department chair, director, program coordinator, or governance assignee; accreditation; program development; work on recognized administrative, department, college, school or university committees; work on advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; and other tasks as deemed necessary by the University.
- (c) Professional service: such as on grant, journal, or accreditation review boards, or as an ad hoc reviewer, in the faculty's area of expertise; as an officer in a professional society; organizing and/or chairing conferences, symposia, seminars, etc.; and teaching short courses, seminars, etc. that are not regular academic courses.

17.4 Workload Composition.

17.4.1 The composition of professional duties and responsibilities of faculty will be determined by the faculty member and department chair, and approved by the Dean/executive director after consultation with the department chair and faculty as provided in Section 17.5.

17.4.2 In the determination of a faculty's workload, consideration shall include those items listed in Section 17.3 and the following factors: instructional needs of the department; accountability measures set by the Legislature or accreditors; needs of departmental faculty; historical workloads; the missions and goals of academic units, including unit criteria developed for the evaluation of faculty; the level, duration, and mode of delivery of a workload activity; the requirements of externally funded contracts and grants; and whether an activity requires individual or group activity or extended time commitments.

17.4.3 Faculty shall be responsible for forty-five (45) workload units per academic year. A workload in excess of forty-five (45) workload units per academic year shall constitute an overload and must be agreed to by the faculty member and approved in advance by the Dean/executive director and the Provost.

- (a) Teaching is generally expected to account for thirty-six (36) of the forty-five (45) total workload units, which translates into thirty-six (36) credits of teaching or equivalent (*see* APPENDIX A – INSTRUCTIONAL AND SERVICE WORKLOAD) per year. Administrative release time provided to department chairs/assistant chairs and SIDP Directors will be subtracted from the expected teaching workload of the affected faculty member.

- (b) The non-teaching components of workload are generally expected to account for nine (9) workload units of a faculty member's effort. In collaboration with the chair, faculty are expected to apportion their time between scholarship/creative activity and service in a manner that meets department needs and allows the faculty member to meet department, college and University expectations for tenure, promotion, and post-tenure review.
- (c) Tenure-track faculty will be provided a minimum of six (6) workload units of scholarship per year. Any exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the faculty member, the chair and the Dean and recorded, along with an explanation for the exception, in the faculty member's workload plan.
- (d) Tenured faculty will typically be provided six (6) workload units of scholarship and three (3) workload units of service per year. Consideration of the factors identified in Section 17.4.2 above may result in divergence from the typical allocation of workload units for teaching, scholarship, and service.
- (e) Once a faculty member's workload has been approved, any addition to service obligations (*e.g.*, additional committee work) requires agreement between the faculty member, chair, and Dean.
- (f) Faculty and chairs are not expected to assign workload units to individual components of their scholarship/creative activity and service obligations, but are instead expected to identify the activities they expect to perform in each area as part of their annual workload.

17.4.4 Library Faculty.

- (a) All library faculty will enjoy full faculty status with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities. Professional library faculty shall constitute a department for administrative purposes.
- (b) Library faculty members' workload plans will be determined in light of the library's needs and the needs of the faculty members to properly prepare for and complete their duties within the library as well as their instructional, service, and scholarly duties. A library faculty member's work schedule shall be based on the library's staffing needs (as determined by the Dean of Libraries in consultation with the chair and members of the library faculty) and the faculty member's responsibilities as specified through the process described in Section 17.4.1.
- (c) Library faculty receive unpaid leave during each contract year as described in Section 20.8.

17.5 Workload Determination Procedure.

17.5.1 Timeline.

- (a) Individual tenured and probationary faculty shall consult with the department chair and prepare in writing the proposed workload for each quarter of an academic year, or other specified time period. The proposed workload shall account for factors including those specified in Section 17.3 and be completed and submitted to the department chair on or before April 15th.
- (b) The department chair shall submit the following information to the Dean/executive director on or before May 15th: all the proposed faculty workloads for the department, a summary of the courses proposed for the coming year, and a summary of the scholarship and service to be performed by the department. The chair will notify the faculty member electronically when the chair has approved the workload plan and submitted it to the Dean.
- (c) By June 15th, the Dean/executive director will review and accept or reject the workload plans for each tenured and tenure-track faculty member. The faculty member will be notified electronically when the workload plan is accepted or rejected. If the plan has been rejected, the faculty member will be notified of the reason. Colleges may accelerate these timelines as necessary.
- (d) When workload negotiations or revisions occur after June 15th, both the faculty member and the Dean/executive director have fifteen (15) working days to respond to these changes. Faculty members will notify the department chair and Dean/executive director by email when a revised workload plan has been submitted. Should the Dean/executive director fail to respond to the revised workload plan within fifteen (15) working days, the last workload plan proposed by the faculty member shall be adopted. Should the faculty member fail to respond to a rejected or revised workload plan within fifteen (15) working days, the department chair and the Dean/executive director will finalize the workload plan.

17.5.2 Workload components of individual faculty within a department may vary from quarter to quarter and/or academic year to academic year to permit variations in emphasis across teaching, scholarship, and service responsibilities.

17.5.3 Faculty workload shall be determined with the expectation that tenured and tenure-track faculty will have the opportunity to meet the established criteria for reappointment, promotion, tenure, and post-tenure review.

17.5.4 Faculty members who have externally funded research and/or service commitments shall be guaranteed the opportunity to purchase workload units (including overload) as required to meet the commitments; provided that the overall teaching, scholarship, and service needs of the unit can be met, as determined by the department chair and approved by the Dean/executive director.

17.5.5 The Union recognizes the University's need for flexibility in determining faculty members' workloads as a result of unanticipated or emergency situations. When the need arises, a faculty member's workload may need to be revised. There will

be consultation with the department chair and the faculty member before a faculty member's workload is revised.

- (a) Workloads regularly shift in response to unanticipated changes in teaching, scholarship, and/or service responsibilities. Any alteration which results in a shift in teaching, scholarship, or service loads by three (3) or fewer workload units within a category may be handled at the department chair's discretion without requiring the formal submission of a revised workload plan.

ARTICLE 18 - COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

18.1 Establishing Base Wages. The University will determine the salary or compensation for newly hired faculty members, provided that no faculty member will be hired at a rate less than the minimum salary or compensation for their rank or title as described below.

18.2 2023-2024 Base Wage Increases.

18.2.1 Effective September 1, 2023, all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will receive a four percent (4.0%) increase in their base salary.

18.2.2 The minimum salaries for the academic ranks for the 2023-2024 academic year will be as follows:

- (a) Assistant Professor: \$60,193
- (b) Associate Professor: \$70,473
- (c) Professor: \$83,320

18.2.3 The minimum remuneration for the non-tenure-track titles for the 2023-2024 academic year will be:

- (a) Lecturer: \$1,154 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$922 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.
- (b) Senior Lecturer: \$1,269 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$1,013 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.

18.2.4 The minimum remuneration for full-time coaches (with an eleven (11) month contract) for the 2023-2024 academic year will be as follows. These amounts will be prorated for part-time coaches or coaches with contracts shorter than eleven months:

- (a) Assistant Coach: \$50,713
- (b) Senior Assistant Coach: \$53,249

(c) Head Coach: \$55,785

(d) Senior Head Coach: \$58,573

18.3 2024-2025 Base Wage Increases.

18.3.1 Effective September 1, 2024, all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will receive three percent (3.0%) increase in their base salary.

18.3.2 The minimum salaries for the academic ranks for the 2024-2025 academic year will be as follows:

(a) Assistant Professor: \$61,999

(b) Associate Professor: \$72,587

(c) Professor: \$85,820

18.3.3 The minimum remuneration for the non-tenure-track titles for the 2024-2025 academic year will be as follows:

(a) Lecturer: \$1,188 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$950 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.

(b) Senior Lecturer: \$1,307 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$1,044 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.

18.3.4 The minimum remuneration for full-time coaches (with an eleven (11) month contract) for the 2024-2025 academic year will be as follows. These amounts will be prorated for part-time coaches or coaches with contracts shorter than eleven months:

(a) Assistant Coach: \$52,234

(b) Senior Assistant Coach: \$54,847

(c) Head Coach: \$57,458

(d) Senior Head Coach: \$60,330

18.4 2025-2026 Base Wage Increases.

18.4.1 Effective September 1, 2025, all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will receive three percent (3.0%) increase in their base salary.

18.4.2 The minimum salaries for the academic ranks for the 2025-2026 academic year will be as follows:

- (a) Assistant Professor: \$63,859
- (b) Associate Professor: \$74,765
- (c) Professor: \$88,395

18.4.3 The minimum remuneration for the non-tenure-track titles for the 2025-2026 academic year will be as follows:

- (a) Lecturer: \$1,224 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$979 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.
- (b) Senior Lecturer: \$1,346 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$1,075 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.

18.4.4 The minimum remuneration for full-time coaches (with an eleven (11) month contract) for the 2025-2026 academic year will be as follows. These amounts will be prorated for part-time coaches or coaches with contracts shorter than eleven months:

- (a) Assistant Coach: \$53,801
- (b) Senior Assistant Coach: \$56,492
- (c) Head Coach: \$59,182
- (d) Senior Head Coach: \$62,140

18.5 2026-2027 Base Wage Increases.

18.5.1 Effective September 1, 2026, all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will receive two percent (2.0%) increase in their base salary.

18.5.2 The minimum salaries for the academic ranks for the 2026-2027 academic year will be as follows:

- (a) Assistant Professor: \$65,136
- (b) Associate Professor: \$76,260
- (c) Professor: \$90,163

18.5.3 The minimum remuneration for the non-tenure-track titles for the 2026-2027 academic year will be as follows:

- (a) Lecturer: \$1,248 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$999 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.
- (b) Senior Lecturer: \$1,373 per workload unit for faculty with terminal degrees; \$1,097 per workload unit for faculty without terminal degrees.

18.5.4 The minimum remuneration for full-time coaches (with an eleven (11) month contract) for the 2026-2027 academic year will be as follows. These amounts will be prorated for part-time coaches or coaches with contracts shorter than eleven months:

- (a) Assistant Coach: \$54,877
- (b) Senior Assistant Coach: \$57,622
- (c) Head Coach: \$60,366
- (d) Senior Head Coach: \$63,383

18.6 2027-2028 Base Wage Increases. Effective September 1, 2027:

18.6.1 The salary or compensation paid to all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will be increased by the amount allocated to the University by the Washington State Legislature and approved by the Governor for general wage increases during fiscal year 2028, plus an additional one percent (1.0%). For example, if the Legislature and the Governor approve a three percent (3.0%) wage increase, salaries will be increased by four percent (3.0% + 1.0% = 4.0%).

18.6.2 The minimum remuneration identified in Sections 18.5.2 (tenure-track and tenured faculty), 18.5.3 (non-tenure-track faculty) and 18.5.4 (coaches) will be increased by the amount allocated to the University by the Washington State Legislature and approved by the Governor for general wage increases during fiscal year 2028, plus an additional one percent (1.0%). For example, if the Legislature and the Governor approve a three percent (3.0%) wage increase, the minimum remuneration values will be increased by four percent (3.0% + 1.0% = 4.0%).

18.7 2028-2029 Base Wage Increases. Effective September 1, 2028:

18.7.1 The salary or compensation paid to all tenured faculty, tenure-track faculty, non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts (who are rehired), quarterly senior lecturers (who are rehired) and all coaches will be increased by the amount allocated to the University by the Washington State Legislature and approved by the Governor for general wage increases during fiscal year 2029. For example, if the Legislature and the Governor approve a two percent (2.0%) wage increase, salaries will be increased by two percent (2.0%).

- 18.7.2 The minimum remuneration calculated through the provisions of Section 18.6.2 will be increased by the amount allocated to the University by the Washington State Legislature and approved by the Governor for general wage increases during fiscal year 2029. For example, if the Legislature and the Governor approve a two percent (2.0%) wage increase, the minimum remuneration values will be increased by two percent (2.0%).
- 18.8 Merit Salary Increases for Full Professors. Full professors will be eligible for merit salary increases as follows:
- 18.8.1 Those full professors who are judged at the conclusion of their Post-TR to be excellent teachers or to have excelled in scholarship/creative activity will receive a three percent (3.0%) increase in their base salary.
- 18.8.2 Those full professors who are judged at the conclusion of their Post-TR to be excellent teachers AND to have excelled in either scholarship/creative activity or service responsibilities will receive a five percent (5.0%) increase in their base salary.
- 18.8.3 Faculty members who qualify for salary increases through the Post-TR process will receive their increases effective the beginning of the academic year following their review. Merit increases will be added to salaries after first adding any base wage increases provided by this Agreement.
- 18.8.4 In the event of a negative outcome on the determination of merit that is at odds with the recommendation of the department personnel committee, the faculty member may challenge the decision through the complaint process.
- 18.9 Merit Salary Increases for Chairs. Department chairs will be eligible for merit salary increases as follows:
- 18.9.1 Chairs may apply for a merit increase in the fourth (4th) year serving as chair. As provided in Section 12.2.2, a year will not count towards eligibility for chair merit if the chair missed more than one (1) quarter or twelve (12) weeks of University-approved leave. Those chairs who are judged to be excellent in chairpersonship will receive a three percent (3%) increase to their base salary.
- 18.9.2 Individuals serving as co-chairs are eligible for merit and will have the merit increase pro-rated at the amount reflective of their annual assignment (but with a combined total of no more than three percent (3%)). Assistant chairs are not eligible for chair merit.
- 18.9.3 Chairs who qualify for salary increases through the process will receive their increases in Fall Quarter following their review. Merit increases will be added to salaries after first adding any base wage increases provided by this Agreement.
- 18.9.4 Applications for chair merit will be submitted to the College Personnel Committee and the Dean, who will make recommendations to the Provost. In the

event of a negative outcome on the determination of merit that is at odds with the recommendation of the College Personnel Committee and/or the Dean, the faculty member may challenge the decision through the complaint resolution process (*see* ARTICLE 29 – GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE).

- 18.10 Merit Salary Increases for Those Holding Senior Status. Non-tenure-track faculty and coaches holding senior status may apply for a merit-based increase after completing at least five (5) years and at least one hundred thirteen (113) workload units while in senior status. Applicants judged to have met the department standards for receiving a merit award will receive a four percent (4.0%) increase to their base rate of pay. Following an application for merit, a faculty member/coach with senior status will not be eligible to apply again for a merit award until the faculty member has completed an additional five (5) or more years and an additional hundred thirteen (113) workload units while in senior status. Merit increases will take effect in Fall Quarter following their award.
- 18.11 Salary Upon Promotion.
- 18.11.1 Tenure-track and tenured faculty who are promoted to a higher rank will receive, at a minimum, a salary increase to the minimum salary level for the new rank as provided above, or a salary increase of ten percent (10%) of their current salary, whichever is greater. Based on considerations such as market factors, personal achievement and other equitable factors, the Provost may provide a salary increase at promotion greater than the required minimum. The salary increase will be added after first adding any base wage increases provided by this Agreement.
- 18.11.2 Non-tenure-track faculty and coaches who are promoted to senior status will receive, at a minimum, a salary increase to the minimum salary level for senior status associated with the applicant's degree as provided above, or five percent (5%) of their current salary, whichever is greater.
- 18.11.3 Promotional increases will take effect Fall Quarter following their award and will be added to salaries after first adding any base wage increases provided by this Agreement.
- 18.12 Retention Increases. Salary increases for purposes of retention will be handled in accordance with CWUP 2-30-090 Faculty and Exempt Staff Retention.
- 18.13 Overload. Minimum compensation for overload for tenure-track and tenured faculty will be the minimum rate per workload unit paid to Senior Lecturers with a terminal degree. Minimum compensation for overload for full-time Non-tenure-track faculty will be the minimum compensation per workload unit associated with the faculty member's title and degree. At the discretion of the Dean/director and with approval of the Provost, overload can be paid at a rate higher than the minimum rate.
- 18.14 Summer Session. Salaried faculty who are contracted to teach during the Summer Session will be paid one forty-fifth (1/45th) of their base salary per workload unit. Ten (10) workload units is considered full-time employment during summer session for tenured or tenure-track faculty. Tenured and tenure-track faculty will receive overload

pay at the rate specified in Section 18.13 for any workload units beyond a full-time load. Non-tenure-track faculty paid by the workload unit will receive at least the minimum remuneration described in Sections 18.2 through 18.7 (according to year) for contracts during the summer. All summer compensation is subject to proration in accordance with the Summer Session Faculty Salary Proration Policy (see APPENDIX C).

18.15 Self-Support Programs and Additional Employment.

18.15.1 Pay for faculty who are contracted to teach a self-support course (*e.g.*, International Studies and Programs and Continuing Education courses) may be prorated where the course schedule is shorter/longer than a full quarter or in the event of low enrollment.

18.15.2 Faculty members may accept an assignment to perform work in a self-support or other program/function (*e.g.*, grants, contracts, consulting, works for hire, festivals) that is in addition to the faculty members' workload plan. Faculty members will receive separate contracts for any such additional employment, which will describe the expectations of the assignment and the compensation to be paid (which may exceed the overload rate in Section 18.13). Faculty members will not be permitted to accept an additional assignment that would obligate them to work more than one hundred thirty-four percent (134%) of full-time.

18.16 Faculty Development Funds.

18.16.1 The University will make available \$1200 per fiscal year in faculty development funds for each tenured and probationary faculty member. The amount shall be pro-rated for faculty working less than full-time. Faculty development funds are intended to support meaningful professional growth and academic engagement. Funds may be used for travel, expenses, and purchases that enhance scholarship, teaching, and professional development that support tenure, promotion, and post-tenure review. The funds are not intended for general office supplies, standard computing equipment, furniture, or other routine operational expenses typically covered by departmental or institutional budgets. All spending must comply with applicable University policies. Requests falling outside typical development-related uses may be submitted with justification for review. Unused funds will not be transferred or carried over into another fiscal year; provided that, on a one-time, non-precedential basis, any unused development funds from Academic Year 2025-26 will be rolled forward for use in Academic Year 2026-2027.

18.16.2 Effective September 1, 2025, the University pool to support travel for the purpose of presenting scholarship or creative activity will be funded in the amount of \$25,000 per fiscal year and limited to use by tenure-track faculty. Funds will be distributed by the Office of the Provost following an application process.

18.16.3 Effective September 1, 2025, the separate fund to support professional development for senior lecturers and full-time non-tenure-track-faculty will be

funded in the amount of \$25,000 per fiscal year. Funds will be distributed by the Office of the Provost following an application process.

18.17 Insurance Benefits.

18.17.1 Long Term Disability Insurance. The University will reimburse eligible and qualified probationary, tenured, and non-tenure-track annually contracted faculty for the costs associated with purchasing long-term disability insurance, with a 90-day benefit waiting period, through the Washington State Health Care Authority (“WSHCA”). Eligibility and qualification shall be determined by the rules applicable to the long-term disability insurance plan. In the event a faculty member chooses, or can only qualify for, a WSHCA long-term disability insurance with a longer benefit waiting period, the University will reimburse the cost of such plan. Faculty members who elect a WSHCA long-term disability insurance plan with a benefit waiting period of less than ninety (90) days shall be responsible for paying the additional costs associated with their choice of plan.

18.17.2 Health Insurance. Faculty members will receive contributions toward their health insurance premiums in accord with the rates and policies determined by the WSHCA.

18.18 Retirement Contributions. For those faculty who participate in the University’s retirement plan, the University will continue to make retirement contributions at the rate in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this Agreement. For those faculty members who participate in another retirement plan administered through the Washington State Retirement System, and who elected at the time of hire to continue participating in such plan, the University will make the retirement contribution required by the respective plan.

ARTICLE 19 - SICK LEAVE/DISABILITY LEAVE

19.1 Sick Leave.

19.1.1 Departments shall handle internally time off for short-term absences of faculty from classes or other University obligations for up to two (2) work weeks in duration for illness, injury or disability by covering classes or other such methods as will meet department needs. The department chair shall be informed by the absent faculty member any time the faculty member will need a short-term sick leave absence.

19.1.2 Non-tenure-track faculty with quarterly contracts shall be entitled to up to two (2) workweeks of paid sick leave during the term of their contract. Any leave taken beyond two (2) workweeks in a quarter for the reasons described in Section 19.1.4 shall be unpaid and may, upon the recommendation of the department chair and at the discretion of the Dean, result in termination of the faculty member’s contract.

19.1.3 Non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts, probationary and tenured faculty shall be entitled to paid sick leave of up to two (2) workweeks for each separate occurrence for the reasons described in Section 19.1.4.

- 19.1.4 Sick leave may be used during the period of a faculty member's appointment for the faculty member's own illness, injury or disability (including disability related to pregnancy); the need to care for a child under eighteen (18) years of age, or an older child incapable of self-care, with a health condition requiring treatment or supervision; and the need to care for the faculty member's spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law or grandparent with a serious health condition or emergency condition.
- 19.2 For absences of three (3) or more days, the University may require written medical verification of the reason for the faculty member's absence.
- 19.3 Short-Term Disability.
- 19.3.1 Absences due to a condition described in Section 19.1.4 that cause a faculty member to miss all or part of the University obligations in each work day in a period longer than two (2) consecutive workweeks will be considered short-term disability leave. Full time non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts, probationary and tenured faculty shall be entitled to short-term disability leave as provided in this Section.
- 19.3.2 Eligible faculty members must notify their department chair and the Dean's office when they become aware of the need for any disability leave, and must provide any required written medical verification of the reason for the leave. The Dean must approve all short-term disability leave.
- 19.3.3 Amount of Short-Term Disability Leave.
- (a) Full-time non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts shall be entitled to take short-term disability leave for ten (10) workweeks, or until the end of the contract year in which the disability occurs, whichever period is shorter.
 - (b) Probationary faculty shall be entitled to take short-term disability leave for ten (10) workweeks, or until the end of the academic year in which the disability occurs, whichever period is shorter.
 - (c) Tenured faculty shall be entitled to take short-term disability leave for ten (10) workweeks during any academic year.
- 19.3.4 Pay During Disability Leave. Faculty members shall receive their normal salary for the academic year in progress during any period of short-term disability leave.
- 19.3.5 Unpaid Leave. Any disability leave permitted beyond the paid leave provided in this Section will be unpaid. Following all paid and any permitted unpaid disability leave, the Dean may, at the Dean's discretion, terminate the contract of a non-tenure-track faculty member.

19.3.6 Interaction with Family Medical Leave. Sick leave and short-term disability leave will run concurrently with any Family Medical Leave for which the faculty member is eligible.

19.4 The parties agree to jointly explore ways in which they can reduce the impacts of sick leave and short-term disability leave on students, other faculty and the University.

ARTICLE 20 - OTHER LEAVES OF ABSENCE

20.1 Family Medical Leave.

20.1.1 Faculty members who have been employed by the University for at least one (1) year, and who are full-time or who worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1250) hours during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the commencement of leave, are eligible for Family Medical Leave as provided below.

- (a) An eligible faculty member is permitted up to twelve (12) weeks of Family Medical Leave during any twelve (12) month period for: (i) the birth and care of a newborn child; (ii) the placement of a child with the faculty member for adoption or foster care; (iii) the care of the faculty member's spouse or domestic partner, child, or parent with a serious health condition; (iv) a serious health condition of the faculty member that prevents the faculty member from being able to perform the faculty member's job; (v) a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a reserve or retired military member who is on active duty, or has been notified of an impending call to active duty in support of a contingency operation. Leave for the birth and care of a newborn, foster or adopted child must be commenced and completed within twelve (12) months after the birth or placement of the child.
- (b) An eligible faculty member is permitted up to twenty-six (26) weeks of Family Medical Leave during any twelve (12) month period to care for a covered servicemember who is the employee's spouse, parent, child or next of kin. A covered servicemember is a current member of the Armed Forces, including National Guard or Reserves members, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty that may render the servicemember medically unfit to perform the duties for which the servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy; or is in outpatient status; or is on the temporary disability retired list. For purposes of leave under this paragraph, the twelve (12) month period begins with the first day the employee takes leave. The combined total of leave taken under this paragraph and any other Family Medical Leave taken by an eligible faculty member may not exceed twenty-six (26) weeks in the applicable leave year.

- 20.1.2 While on Family Medical Leave, faculty members continue to receive insurance benefits provided by the University on the same basis as during regular employment. Faculty members who do not return to work and remain employed with the University until the end of their appointment or for at least thirty (30) calendar days following a period of Family Medical Leave, whichever period is shorter, will be responsible for reimbursing the University for insurance premiums paid on behalf of the faculty member during any such unpaid leave.
- 20.1.3 Faculty members are required to provide the University with as much notice as possible of their need to take Family Medical Leave. Faculty members requesting Family Medical Leave must provide to the University a completed medical certification form within fifteen (15) days of receiving the form from the University.
- 20.1.4 Faculty members must use any available paid sick or disability leave as part of their Family Medical Leave. Once all available paid sick and disability leave has been exhausted, any remaining period of Family Medical Leave shall be without pay. Paid leave is available under this section if its use is permitted for the type of absence for which the faculty member has taken Family Medical Leave.
- 20.1.5 Pursuant to applicable law, a faculty member returning from Family Medical Leave shall be assigned to his or her original position. In the event the original position no longer exists, or the faculty member is no longer able to perform the essential functions of the original position, the faculty member will be assigned to an equivalent position.
- 20.1.6 Nothing in this section will extend the period of appointment, or the period for which paid benefits are provided by contract, for non-tenure-track faculty members.
- 20.2 Maternity-Related Disability Leave. Pregnant faculty members may take unpaid leave for the entire period of any maternity-related disability. Such leave may, at the pregnant faculty member's election, be taken in addition to the twelve (12) week leave to care for a new-born child under the federal Family Medical Leave Act, if the faculty member is eligible for Family Medical Leave. Faculty members taking maternity-related disability leave are required to use any paid sick or disability leave before taking unpaid leave. While faculty members remain on paid leave, the University will continue providing paid health insurance to the faculty member on the same basis that those benefits are provided during regular employment. Once paid leave is exhausted, faculty members on unpaid maternity-related disability leave may continue their health insurance coverage by paying the full premium cost for that insurance.
- 20.3 Parenting Leave. Tenured, tenure-track and full-time non-tenure-track faculty with annual or multi-annual contracts will be entitled to take up to one (1) full quarter of paid parenting leave to care for a newborn child, a newly adopted child, or a child newly placed into foster care. If used during a period of disability associated with pregnancy, parenting leave will run concurrently with any available sick or short-term disability

leave; parenting leave will also run concurrently with any available Family Medical or Washington Paid Family Medical Leave. *[NOTE: The University expects the disability phase of a normal pregnancy, for which sick leave and short-term disability leave are available to eligible faculty, to last six weeks from the birth of the child. Faculty members who remain disabled for more than six weeks following the birth of the child may be eligible for additional short-term disability, but may be required to provide verification from a health care provider of the need for additional leave.]* Parenting leave must be taken within one (1) year of the child's birth or placement. With approval of the Dean, faculty members may extend their parenting leave by taking time off without pay. Faculty members are expected to provide at least thirty (30) days' notice of the need for parenting leave, when possible.

20.4 Military Leave.

20.4.1 Paid Leave.

- (a) Faculty shall be entitled to military leave with pay not to exceed twenty-one (21) days during each year, beginning October 1st and ending the following September 30th, in order to report for active duty, when called, or to take part in active training duty in such manner and at such time as they may be ordered to active duty or active training duty in the Washington National Guard or the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps reserve of the United States or any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States. Such leave shall not result in any reduction of benefits, performance ratings, privileges or pay. During paid military leave, the faculty member shall receive his or her normal salary.
- (b) Faculty members required to appear during working hours for a physical examination to determine physical fitness for military service shall receive full pay for the time required to complete the examination.

20.4.2 Unpaid Leave.

- (a) In addition to paid military leave provided by this section, faculty members shall be granted a military leave of absence without pay for service in the armed forces of the United States or the State of Washington, to the extent required by applicable state (RCW 73.16) and federal law.
- (b) Unless prohibited by military necessity, faculty members must provide the University with a copy of their orders at the time they request military leave. Requests for military leave shall be made as soon as reasonably practical after the faculty member learns of the need for such leave.

20.5 Court-Required Services. Faculty members subpoenaed to serve on juries or as witnesses in legal actions shall attempt to arrange their court obligations to minimize interference with their classes and other University responsibilities. When it is not possible for a faculty member to meet some or all of the faculty member's University duties because of required service as a juror or witness, the faculty member will retain full pay and status

during such periods, excluding time in compensated service as an expert witness. Any compensation paid to an employee for jury or witness service, excluding expert witness fees, other than reimbursement for expenses, must be paid to the University. Faculty members serving as a juror or witness are expected to work with their department chair to arrange coverage for their classes and other University responsibilities during any period of such leave.

- 20.6 Bereavement Leave. Faculty members may take up to ten (10) working days off with pay for traveling to, making arrangements for, and attending a funeral or memorial service, or handling related estate business for the death of individuals in their immediate families (spouse or domestic partner, and any of the following relatives of the faculty member, spouse or domestic partner: child, parent, stepparent, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent). With the approval of the Dean/director, a faculty member may also take off a maximum of one (1) day with pay to attend the funeral of an individual outside their immediate family. Faculty members requesting bereavement leave are expected to work with their department chair to arrange coverage for their classes and other University responsibilities during any period of such leave.

20.7 Leave of Absence Without Pay.

20.7.1 In addition to the circumstances specified elsewhere in this Agreement, the University, at its discretion, may approve a leave of absence without pay for tenured faculty, and for tenure-track faculty members with one (1) or more years of service with the University. Leaves of absence without pay may be granted for a period of time up to one (1) year upon recommendation of the chair, Dean, and approval of the Provost. With recommendation of the chair and Dean, and approval by the Provost, leaves may be extended; provided that leaves of longer than two (2) years will not be approved absent exceptional circumstances. Normally, requests for leave must be made at least one (1) quarter in advance of the requested beginning of the leave. Any request for extension of leave shall follow the same time frame.

- (a) Tenured and probationary faculty members granted a leave of absence without pay shall receive a written statement from the Provost indicating the times when the leave is to begin and end, and for probationary faculty, whether or not the leave period counts toward the period of service for promotion and/or tenure.
- (b) Faculty members on an approved leave of absence without pay may continue their insurance benefits during their period of leave by paying the full cost of those benefits.

20.7.2 Faculty members taking extended leave under any of the provisions of this Article may request a one-year extension of upcoming review(s), and that time spent on leave be excluded from the accumulation of time towards mandatory review, promotion or tenure.

- 20.7.3 Tenured and probationary faculty members may request a partial leave of absence for a reduced workload of up to fifty percent (50%) per quarter for up to three (3) quarters. Salary will be prorated according to the workload retained. Normally, requests for leave must be made one (1) quarter in advance of the requested beginning of the leave. Any request for extension of leave shall follow the same timeframe.
- 20.8 Leave for Library Faculty. Tenured library faculty normally hold continuous appointments with 12-month duty, which includes one month (22 work days) of unpaid leave. Tenure-track library faculty normally will be provided with an eleven- (11) month contract, which is paid over twelve (12) months and includes one month (22 work days) of unpaid leave. Library faculty are expected to plan with the Dean of Library Services the use of unpaid leave at times consistent with operational needs. Library faculty who do not use all of their unpaid leave during the fiscal year may carry over a maximum of eight (8) days of unpaid leave to a subsequent fiscal year. Unpaid leave has no cash value, and may not be converted to compensation.
- 20.9 Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave. The Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Act ("WPFML") is a separate benefit established by law and administered by the State of Washington, and is therefore independent of this Agreement. Information about eligibility, benefits, and application procedures for WPFML can be found at: <https://paidleave.wa.gov>. The granting of any leave under the terms of this contract does not preclude a faculty member from seeking leave through WPFML.

ARTICLE 21 - SABBATICAL

- 21.1 Purpose. The purposes of sabbatical leave are to enhance the University educational environment and to promote the professional development of eligible faculty members by affording opportunities for sustained periods of concentrated scholarship and/or creative activity free from regular on-campus obligations. The University and the individual faculty member share joint responsibility to ensure the effective use of sabbatical leave to achieve these purposes. Sabbaticals are granted at the sole discretion of the University for the purpose of providing opportunities for scholarship, to enhance teaching effectiveness, broaden fields of competency, or acquire other valuable professional experience. The University recognizes that the granting of sabbatical leave is an important part of the development of faculty and the enhancement of the mission of the University. The University acknowledges its responsibility regarding resources and support necessary to assure opportunities for sabbatical leave for eligible faculty as set forth in RCW 28B.10.650.
- 21.2 Membership of Sabbatical Leave Committee. There will be a five (5) person sabbatical leave committee, constituted of tenured faculty members, selected by the Provost from a list created by the Faculty Senate. The list will include at least two (2) names for each open position. Each committee member will serve a three (3) year term, with two (2) or three (3) (depending on the year) members being replaced each year, so as to ensure a continuance of policy application. The membership of the committee shall be fairly and broadly representative of the colleges.

- 21.3 Duties of Sabbatical Leave Committee. The Sabbatical Leave Committee shall have the following duties:
- 21.3.1 To select its own chair.
 - 21.3.2 To receive all applications from the Office of the Provost.
 - 21.3.3 To decide on the eligibility of candidates and to evaluate all eligible applications according to the following criteria:
 - (a) Academic or scholarly significance
 - (b) Soundness of design, procedure, or operational plan, including clear objectives
 - (c) Relationship of the planned activity to the individual's area of study
 - (d) Expected Category A, B and/or other outcomes and dissemination of results
 - (e) Evaluation of the feasibility of the proposed activities
 - (f) Value of the project in terms of benefit to the institution upon the candidate's return from sabbatical leave
 - 21.3.4 To present a list of acceptable applications to the Provost for consideration including an assessment of the strength and weakness of those applications. Applications which do not meet timelines or do not include the material listed in 21.6.1 shall be considered unacceptable and will not be forwarded to the Provost for consideration.
 - 21.3.5 To provide suggestions to unsuccessful candidates about ways to improve their applications in the future.
 - 21.3.6 To consider changes in plans of successful candidates if requested by the candidate.
- 21.4 Eligibility. Tenured faculty will be considered eligible for an initial sabbatical leave if they have been employed by the University in a tenured or tenure-track position for the equivalent of at least six (6) full-time academic years. Tenured faculty are eligible for subsequent sabbaticals if they have remained employed by the University for an equivalent of at least six (6) full-time academic years since their last sabbatical leave.
- 21.4.1 Faculty on administrative re-assignment or on approved paid leave will accrue time toward eligibility for sabbatical leave at the same rate as active faculty. With prior approval from the Provost, time spent on unpaid leave may be counted towards eligibility for sabbatical leave where the unpaid leave was used to perform functions equivalent to a faculty member's normal scholarly responsibilities.

- 21.5 Special Conditions. The following special conditions or provisions shall relate to sabbatical leave:
- 21.5.1 Sabbatical leave will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of RCW 28B.10.650 – Remunerated sabbatical leave for faculty members of an institution of higher education.
 - 21.5.2 While a sabbatical leave may be granted for one (1), two (2) or three (3) quarters, the leave must normally be taken in consecutive quarters of the same academic year.
 - 21.5.3 Upon a faculty member’s return from sabbatical leave, the University shall provide the same employment status and conditions as those enjoyed prior to the sabbatical leave, except in the case of program/department restructuring or elimination. In such cases, every effort will be made to provide similar employment status and conditions.
 - 21.5.4 The granting of any sabbatical leave shall be contingent upon a signed contractual agreement between the University and the faculty member providing that the faculty member shall return to the University following completion of such leave and shall serve in a professional status for a period equal to the amount of leave granted. Failure to comply with the provisions of the sabbatical leave agreement shall constitute an obligation of the faculty member to repay the University all remuneration received from the University during the leave.
 - 21.5.5 All adjustments to salaries granted during the period faculty members are on sabbatical leave shall be applied to their salaries as the salary adjustments occur.
 - 21.5.6 The period of sabbatical leave shall be counted as a period of employment by the University.
 - 21.5.7 Sabbatical leave, once granted by the University, is for a specific purpose, and any changes in plans must be re-evaluated and approved in writing through an amendment to the contractual agreement signed by the Provost and the faculty member.
- 21.6 Application. The application for sabbatical leave shall be filed by the candidate with the department chair, unless the candidate is the chair, in which case it shall be filed with the appropriate Dean. Applications shall be filed before the deadline established in the Academic Calendar, which will be in the fall quarter preceding the academic year in which the candidate desires such leave.
- 21.6.1 The application will include, at a minimum:
 - (a) Assurance of compliance with the special conditions outlined in this Article, including a statement of how the proposal meets the evaluation criteria outlined in 21.3.3;

- (b) General information, including name, department, rank, date of initial service with the University, length of leave desired, a project description, and dates of previous sabbatical leaves;
- (c) A complete listing of grants and stipends other than those granted by the University that will be available to the candidate during the time of sabbatical leave;
- (d) A complete professional CV listing appropriate research, scholarly or artistic achievements and activities;
- (e) A statement regarding the value of the candidate's project in terms of benefit to the University upon return from sabbatical leave;
- (f) (f) An identification of any planned or anticipated compensation from sources outside the University that might create a conflict of interest.

21.6.2 The application may further include, if necessary or applicable:

- (a) A list of any foundations, institutions or other organizations with which the candidate will be affiliated during the sabbatical leave;
- (b) A justification for any travel included in the sabbatical leave, in terms of the proposed project or plan for study;
- (c) Supporting letters from faculty members, or other appropriate individuals not necessarily associated with the University.

21.6.3 Except in the case where the chair is the candidate, the chair shall forward the application with their written recommendation, including an evaluation of the merits of the proposal and the benefits it could provide the faculty member and the programs offered in the Department, to the appropriate Dean on or before the deadline established in the Academic Calendar, which will be in the fall quarter preceding the academic year in which the candidate desires such leave. The chair shall also include a recommendation on how the workload of the department could be met if the leave is granted.

21.6.4 The Dean shall forward the application with their recommendation and (unless the chair is the candidate) the chair's recommendation to the Office of the Provost on or before the deadline established in the Academic Calendar, which will be in the fall quarter preceding the academic year in which the candidate desires such leave. The office of the Provost will forward the entire application to the Sabbatical Leave Committee.

21.7 Final recommendations regarding candidates for sabbatical leave made by the Office of the Provost shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

- 21.8 Reports. The faculty member is responsible for submitting an electronic summary report of the use of the sabbatical leave to the Office of the Provost within two (2) months after the faculty member's return to the University. Copies will be forwarded electronically by the Provost to the Board of Trustees for review. The report will summarize the work completed, the work in progress and how the experience and the new knowledge will be utilized in the faculty member's assignment at the University. The report will then also be submitted in the first performance review following its submission to the Office of the Provost.
- 21.8.1 Faculty members who fail to submit the report required by this Article, following a reasonable reminder to do so, will be required to repay the University any remuneration received from the University during the leave.
- 21.9 While on sabbatical for two (2) or three (3) quarters, faculty shall receive seventy-five percent (75%) of their base faculty salary. While on sabbatical for one (1) quarter, faculty shall receive one hundred percent (100%) of their base faculty salary. While on sabbatical, faculty are not eligible for remuneration for additional assignments funded by the University.
- 21.10 Consistent with the obligations of ARTICLE 16 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, faculty members on sabbatical leave may earn salary in excess of their University-provided sabbatical or regular salary. However, the acceptance of such funding shall not carry with it duties or obligations that hinder the pursuit of the purposes for which the sabbatical was granted.
- 21.11 Faculty members whose Post-TR falls during their sabbatical year may delay their review until the following academic year. The delayed review shall cover the original 5-year time-frame. Further, the delay will not alter the original timetable of Post-TR: the faculty member's next Post-TR will occur in the 4th year following the delayed review, and will cover the sabbatical year.

ARTICLE 22 - FACULTY FILES

- 22.1 There will be two (2) official files maintained by the University for each faculty member: a personnel file and a medical file. Official files are maintained by Human Resources.
- 22.2 Personnel files contain copies of all communications with the faculty member regarding appointment and contract; transcripts and hiring forms; official letters of evaluation; letters of expectation and documentation of disciplinary actions; and external letters regarding performance.
- 22.3 Materials placed in a faculty member's personnel file regarding performance or discipline shall be made available to the faculty member. A faculty member may add written responses to material included in the faculty member's Personnel file.
- 22.4 Faculty members may review, and/or request a copy of, their personnel file. Faculty members may authorize, in writing, the Union or one of its representatives to review and/or receive a copy of all or part of their personnel file. A copy of the signed

authorization form will be retained in the faculty's personnel file. The faculty member and/or representative may not remove any contents. The University may charge a reasonable fee for copying any materials beyond the first copy requested by the faculty member and/or their representative.

- 22.5 University access to official personnel files will be restricted to administrators who have a legitimate need to know. The need to know will be determined by the Provost. External letters of evaluation, when required, are confidential to the extent allowed by law.
- 22.6 The University will not release evaluative material from faculty member files, unless permitted by state or federal law. The faculty member will be notified in writing of any requests for evaluative material under public disclosure laws at least seven (7) calendar days prior to releasing the information.
- 22.7 Medical files will be kept separate and confidential in accordance with state and federal law, including compliance with HIPAA.

ARTICLE 23 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 23.1 In recognition of the importance of providing uniform policies and procedures for the regulation and administration of intellectual property rights generated by the activities of its faculty, employees, and others associated with the University, such as visiting scholars, the University has adopted and will maintain an Intellectual Properties Policy (see Appendix B). In the event the University wishes to make changes to the Intellectual Properties Policy, it will first provide written notice of its proposed changes to the Union and, if requested, will bargain with the Union over any proposed changes.

ARTICLE 24 - REAPPOINTMENT, TENURE, PROMOTION, & POST-TENURE REVIEW

- 24.1 Criteria.
 - 24.1.1 Reappointment, Tenure, Promotion (hereafter referred to as RTP) and Post-Tenure Review (hereafter referred to as Post-TR) criteria are developed at the University, college and department levels. Any revisions to existing standards will be forwarded to the Provost for review and final approval before implementation. Affected faculty will be notified of any such changes at least one quarter prior to implementation.
 - (a) University criteria for RTP and Post-TR will be aligned with the institutional mission and accreditation standards and will strive to be reflective of the entire spectrum of academic disciplines. When these criteria are reviewed, faculty from all colleges will be invited to provide input.
 - (b) College criteria for RTP and Post-TR will be aligned with University criteria and reflect disciplinary standards for all departments within the college. In addition to student evaluations, criteria for assessing teaching effectiveness will include other qualitative and/or quantitative measures. College criteria

will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised by department chairs and the Dean. Changes to criteria are subject to approval from both the department chairs and the college Dean. Criteria will be submitted to the Provost for final approval prior to implementation. College criteria will be reviewed at least every five (5) years.

- (c) Department criteria for RTP and Post-TR will be aligned with University and college criteria and will articulate disciplinary standards. In addition to student evaluations, criteria for assessing teaching effectiveness will include other qualitative and/or quantitative measures. The criteria will be submitted to the Dean for approval and the Dean will forward the criteria to the Provost for final approval prior to implementation. Department criteria will be reviewed at least every five (5) years.
- (d) While student evaluations of instruction reflect students' learning experiences in the classroom, such evaluations should not be the only criteria for teaching effectiveness.
- (e) Criteria for RTP and Post-TR should consider the potential for bias within student evaluations of instruction for minoritized faculty.

24.2 Evaluations for RTP and Post-TR will be made on the basis of these approved criteria and on the evidence provided in the Professional Record.

24.2.1 For Post-TR, performance in the three elements of professional responsibility is typically expected during any five-year cycle, unless otherwise outlined in the accumulated workload plans. Post-TR evaluations will take into account circumstances where a faculty member has or had an approved or adopted, atypical workload (*e.g.*, no workload assigned for scholarship) during a review period.

24.2.2 The Dean will direct tenure-track faculty to the sites containing University, college and department criteria in the initial contract letter. Absent unusual circumstances (*e.g.*, changing criteria in response to accreditation issues):

- (a) Evaluations for reappointment, tenure, and promotion to associate professor will be based on University, college and department criteria in effect on the start date for the faculty member's tenure-track appointment or, if mutually agreed by the candidate and the Dean, the newest criteria in effect.
- (b) Evaluations for PTR and promotion to Professor will be based on the criteria in effect on the start date for the current PTR review period or, if mutually agreed by the candidate and the Dean, the newest criteria in effect.

24.2.3 Department and college criteria, and a link to existing University criteria, will be available online. Department, college, and University criteria will specify the required material to be included in RTP and Post-TR files.

24.3 Evaluation Cycles.

24.3.1 Probationary tenure-track faculty will be evaluated during the second (2nd), fourth (4th), and sixth (6th) years of their probationary period. A third (3rd) and/or fifth (5th) year evaluation may be required by the department personnel committee, the department chair, the Dean or the Provost, and a fifth (5th) year evaluation may be required by the college personnel committee, if a faculty member's performance is judged to be substandard or deficient during a reappointment review. In exceptional circumstances, a first (1st) year evaluation (to be done in winter or spring quarter) may be required by the department personnel committee, the department chair, the Dean or the Provost. Any time an evaluation results in a finding of "reappointment with 3rd or 5th year review", the faculty member will meet with their chair and department personnel committee and develop a strategy for rectifying any noted issues. Evaluation for reappointment will occur during fall quarter as established in the Academic Calendar.

24.3.2 Probationary tenure-track faculty who apply for promotion and/or tenure will be evaluated during winter quarter, as established in the Academic Calendar. If tenure is denied during the mandatory review, normally in the sixth (6th) year, the faculty member will be reappointed to a terminal year of employment.

24.3.3 In the fifth (5th) year following the granting of tenure, faculty members will submit their Professional Records for Post-TR during the fall quarter, and every fifth (5th) year thereafter, as established in the Academic Calendar; provided that this requirement will not apply to faculty who have been accepted into Phased Retirement, or who have submitted a signed notice of retirement effective at the conclusion of their review year. Promotion in rank will be considered the equivalent of Post-TR, and a subsequent Post-TR will occur five (5) years following the promotion.

- (a) Within three (3) weeks after notification is received from the Provost, tenured faculty who are "continued with reservations" will construct, in collaboration with their department chair and department personnel committee, a Professional Development Plan ("PDP") to be submitted to the Dean for approval. "Continued with reservations" is the outcome of a personnel evaluation and as such is a substantive academic judgment as defined in ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS.
- (b) Tenured faculty who are "continued with reservations" will be re-evaluated based on the PDP no later than the fourth (4th) academic quarter following their receipt of notice.
- (c) The re-evaluations by the department chair, the department personnel committee, the college personnel committee, the Dean, and the Provost will focus on the goals and remedies outlined in the PDP as well as the portion of the faculty member's subsequent workload plan dealing with the area(s) of

the Post-TR criteria that the faculty member did not meet. The PDP will include the dates of the faculty member's re-evaluations. The re-evaluation will not change the timing of the faculty member's next full Post-TR.

- (d) Upon undergoing a successful review as described in (b) above, a faculty member will be notified by the Dean that their status is returned to "Continued."

24.3.4 Faculty who elect to take parenting leave under the provisions of Article 20 will, upon request, be granted an extension of one (1) year to their tenure and review schedules. Requests must be submitted in writing within one (1) year of the date the parenting leave concludes.

24.4 Eligibility.

24.4.1 Only tenure-track faculty who are appointed to the academic rank of assistant professor or higher are eligible for tenure. Eligible faculty members will stand for tenure no later than the sixth (6th) year of full-time employment with the University. Extensions may be approved by the Provost for reasons such as major illness, extenuating circumstances, or situations that require a faculty member's extended absence from full-time service.

24.4.2 Faculty members with academic rank whose duties are entirely administrative or combine both administrative and part-time teaching responsibilities are eligible for tenure in their capacities as faculty members.

24.4.3 A faculty member may, when circumstances make it justifiable, be considered eligible for tenure prior to the expiration of a six (6) year probationary period with the University under the following situations:

- (a) Faculty members appointed to the academic rank of assistant professor or higher may serve a probationary period of at least four (4) years if, at the time of appointment, they have completed at least two (2) years of appropriate professional activities as recommended by the Dean and approved by the Provost. Any period of prior service must be specified in the initial appointment letter. The tenure decision will be based on performance at Central Washington University during the probationary period.
- (b) Faculty who demonstrate exceptional achievements in all three (3) elements of professional responsibility (teaching, scholarship/creative activities and service) may be considered for tenure and promotion as early as the fourth (4th) year of a six (6) year probationary period, or the third (3rd) year of a four (4) year probationary period, if supported by the department chair and department personnel committee in consultation with the Dean. Faculty may only pursue early tenure and promotion once. In the event that a faculty member is not granted early tenure and promotion, the faculty member will be considered for tenure and promotion again at the conclusion of the probationary period. Refusal to consider or award early promotion and tenure

may not be appealed through the grievance procedure or any other review procedures established in this Agreement.

- (c) Faculty members occasionally may be granted tenure at the time of original appointment. Such appointments will ordinarily be upon recommendation of the Dean and the Provost and must comply with the rank definitions in Section 8.2. Departments will be granted an opportunity to provide input to the Provost prior to the granting of tenure on such occasions.

24.4.4 During or following their fifth (5th) year in rank as an associate professor at Central Washington University, faculty who demonstrate excellent performance in all three (3) elements of professional responsibility (teaching, scholarship/creative activities and service) may be considered for promotion to full professor. A faculty member hired as an associate professor may be eligible for promotion to full professor in less than five (5) years if the faculty member's initial contract specified that prior experience could be counted towards the tenure and promotion timeline. Up to two (2) years can be credited as long as the faculty's member's combined academic experience meets the qualifications specified in Section 8.2.

24.5 The Professional Record will be the basis for evaluation at all levels of review. It is the responsibility of the individual faculty member to make sure that the Professional Record is complete by the deadline for submission to the department. Files will be locked two weeks following the date for submission to the department. The faculty member is expected to notify the chair and department personnel committee of any changes to the file after it is submitted but before it is locked. The Professional Record will contain a current CV, workload plans, performance evaluations, teaching evaluations, evaluation letters from prior evaluation periods, and any additional materials required by departments and colleges. Other material reflective of a faculty member's teaching, scholarship/creative activity, or service may be included at the faculty member's discretion.

24.6 Personnel Committees.

24.6.1 Department personnel committees will be composed of tenured faculty and must include at least three (3) members. Voting committee members must be at or above the rank under consideration. In the case where fewer than three (3) department members are eligible to be on the committee, the committee will include appropriate faculty from another department.

- (a) The personnel committee, including any appropriate faculty from another department, will be elected by the tenured and tenure-track faculty within the department.
- (b) The department personnel committee is responsible for evaluating the Professional Record and providing written recommendations to the Dean.

- (c) The department chair will not serve on the department personnel committee. The chair and the department personnel committee will conduct separate evaluations and make independent recommendations to the Dean.

24.6.2 Except as described in Section 24.6.3, college personnel committees will be composed of at least three (3) full professors, plus one (1) full professor who will serve as an alternate member, with no more than one (1) member from each department. Members of the department personnel committees and chairs are eligible to serve on the college personnel committee, but will be replaced by the alternate member for purposes of the committee's consideration of any issue they reviewed as a member of the department personnel committee or department chair.

- (a) The members of the college personnel committee will be elected by the tenured and tenure-track faculty within the college.
- (b) The college personnel committee is responsible for evaluations relating to reappointments beginning in the fourth (4th) year, tenure, promotion and post-TR. The committee will provide a written recommendation to the Dean.

24.6.3 The college personnel committee for the library will consist of one (1) faculty member from each of the existing college personnel committees in the four (4) academic colleges, to serve as three (3) members and one (1) alternate. The college personnel committees will select their representative for the library personnel committee. The library faculty will elect two (2) additional members, who will not be the department chair or members of the Library department personnel committee, and will be at or above the rank of the faculty member under review. Members of the Library college personnel committee will serve a one (1) year term.

24.6.4 Ad hoc personnel committees will be formed when circumstances warrant. Ad hoc personnel committee members will be nominated by the responsible Dean or Deans, and appointed by the Provost.

24.7 General Procedures.

24.7.1 All reviews will encompass work performed during the previous review cycle.

- (a) For new hires, reappointment and tenure, the review period begins at the start date for the faculty member's tenure-track appointment and includes all teaching, scholarship and service prior to the quarter in which the current application is being submitted.
- (b) For Post-TR the review period begins at the start of the quarter in which the last review application was submitted and includes all teaching, scholarship and service prior to the quarter in which the current application is being submitted.

- (c) For promotion to full professor, the review period begins at the start of the quarter in which the application for tenure file was submitted and includes all teaching, scholarship and service prior to the quarter in which the current application is being submitted.
- 24.7.2 Candidates for any one of these processes must submit an updated, complete Professional Record, to the department chair, according to the dates specified by the Academic Calendar. Updated information on the change in status of any listed item or activity may be forwarded to the chair for inclusion in the file. When preparing the file, faculty are expected to consult the University documentation guidelines, which the Provost will continue to make available on the Provost's website.
- 24.7.3 In a year in which a faculty member has a required review (reappointment or Post-TR), and intends to submit for an optional (early tenure or promotion) review, the faculty member will submit a single file for consideration during both review processes, along with a letter explaining the faculty member's intent to have the file considered for both reviews. The faculty member must submit the file by the deadline for the required review, but may update it with new material completed after the deadline for Post-TR but prior to the deadline for the optional review. The personal statement submitted for the optional review must describe any new material added to the file since the Post-TR submission.
- 24.7.4 During the department review:
- (a) Tenured and tenure-track faculty members in a candidate's department may review and discuss the Professional Record of any and all departmental faculty involved in RTP and Post-TR and may enter into the file written, signed, comments based on approved departmental criteria. Any faculty member who submits a comment is expected to notify the candidate.
 - (b) Directors of interdisciplinary programs in which a faculty member teaches may submit letters of evaluation of the faculty member prior to review by the department personnel committee. Directors must base their evaluative letters on the criteria of the home department of the faculty member under review.
 - (c) The department chair and the department personnel committee will write independent evaluations and recommendations of each candidate by the deadline listed in the Academic Calendar. This documentation, and any written, signed, comments submitted to the chair or the department personnel committee by departmental faculty, will become part of the candidate's Professional Record.
 - (d) The department chair and department personnel committee will work with the faculty member to ensure that the file is complete for the purpose of documentation prior to the date it is locked for review.

24.7.5 After the departmental review period ends:

- (a) The candidate will be permitted five (5) working days to review the letters of recommendation submitted by the department personnel committee and the department chair. In the event that either letter contains errors of fact or raises issues of insufficient documentation of accomplishments claimed by the candidate, the candidate may submit a letter correcting the errors of fact and/or provide requested documentation to confirm accomplishments from the review period identified in the Professional Record. The department chair will acknowledge receipt of any such letter and/or documentation in writing and will notify the candidate and the department personnel committee of any action taken as a result.
- (b) The letters of recommendation from the personnel committee and chair, along with any correspondence/confirming documentation submitted by the candidate, will be added to the Professional Record, which will then be submitted for the college review.

24.7.6 During the college review (for Reappointment as described in Section 24.3.1, Tenure and Post-TR):

- (a) The college personnel committee will review the Professional Record and forward their recommendations for each candidate to the Dean.
- (b) All files will be reviewed by the Dean, who will prepare a letter of recommendation.

24.7.7 After the college review period ends:

- (a) The candidate will be permitted five (5) working days to review the letters of recommendation submitted by the department personnel committee, the department chair, the college personnel committee and the Dean. In the event that a college-level letter contains errors of fact, the candidate may submit a letter correcting the errors of fact. In the event that one (1) or more of the reviewing committees or individuals has not recommended the candidate, the candidate may submit a brief written response to the shortcomings identified in such letter(s). The Dean will provide a written acknowledgement of any letter and/or documentation submitted by the candidate.
- (b) Upon conclusion of the college review process, the Professional Record, the recommendation of the college personnel committee, the Dean's own recommendation and any response letter submitted as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection will be submitted to the Provost.

24.7.8 During the review by the Provost:

- (a) All files will be reviewed by the Provost of the University.

- (b) The Provost will write independent evaluations and submit recommendations of candidates through the President for recommendation of action by the Board of Trustees.
- (c) In cases in which there are significant differences in recommendations, the Provost's letter of evaluation will contain a justification and rationale for the assessment.

24.7.9 Board of Trustees. Promotion and tenure are awarded by the Board of Trustees through the procedures set forth in this Article. In addition, the Board of Trustees retains the right to award promotion and tenure on its own authority.

24.8 Personnel Actions.

24.8.1 Reviews for reappointment will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Reappointment
- (b) Reappointment with 3rd or 5th year review
- (c) Non-retention

24.8.2 Reviews for tenure will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Tenured, with promotion to Associate Professor (if the candidate is an Assistant Professor at the time of review)
- (b) Tenured (if the candidate is an Associate or Full Professor at the time of review)
- (c) Denied (see Section 24.3.3 for those denied tenure in their mandatory year of review and Section 24.3.3(b) for those denied early tenure)

24.8.3 Reviews for promotion to Full Professor will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Promoted
- (b) Denied

24.8.4 Post-TR will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Continued with recognition of excellence as described in Section 18.8
- (b) Continued
- (c) Continued with reservations. Faculty who are in continued with reservations status are ineligible for merit-based salary increases and department chair positions. Being continued with reservations is not discipline, but is rather a

period of time intended to permit a faculty member, with coaching and mentoring as appropriate, to meet the expectations and goals of their position, as outlined in their PDP (*see* Section 24.3.3(a)).

24.8.5 Reviews of faculty who are working under a Professional Development Plan will result in one of the following actions:

- (a) Continued. A faculty member who is returned to continued status after having been on continued with reservations status will be notified by their Dean of the change in status, and will have their eligibility reinstated for merit-based salary increases (at their next regular PTR) and department chair positions.
- (b) Continued with reservations for an additional period. A faculty member who has been continued with reservations for an additional period is one who has shown material progress towards, but has not yet met, the goals of the PDP. Re-evaluations will follow the process and timeline outlined in 24.3.3(b and c). For the purposes of this review, “material progress” is defined as substantive, documented effort on the part of the faculty member to accomplish the goals set out in the PDP.
- (c) Disciplinary action as described in Section 26.2, provided that any such action must meet the just cause standard described in ARTICLE 26 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION/JUST CAUSE (*see* APPENDIX E).

ARTICLE 25 - RETIREMENT

25.1 There is no mandatory retirement age for faculty members.

25.2 Upon recommendation of a chair to the Dean/director, any retired faculty member may be invited to resume employment on a contract basis with the University.

25.3 Phased Retirement allows tenured faculty to retire gradually over a maximum period of two (2) years. Faculty accepted into Phased Retirement will receive a fifty percent (50%) reduction of responsibility for up to six (6) consecutive quarters (excluding summer quarter) prior to full retirement.

25.3.1 Faculty requesting Phased Retirement must be 62 years of age or older.

25.3.2 Applications for Phased Retirement will be submitted to the applicant’s department chair. The chair will forward the application, along with a recommendation regarding the application and a statement of operational impact, to the Dean according to any announced deadlines for the program. Applications must be approved by the Dean, Provost, President and Board of Trustees, and may be denied or delayed based on operational impacts. Approved applicants will receive a Phased Retirement contract.

- 25.3.3 While on Phased Retirement, participants will be compensated based on a 50% appointment, and will remain eligible for University benefits according to plan terms.
- 25.3.4 Once the Phased Retirement period has begun, there is no possibility of re-entering full-time status. Participants retain tenured status during the Phased Retirement period, but will fully retire and relinquish their tenured status at the end of the Phased Retirement period.
- 25.3.5 The two-year Phased Retirement period is a maximum. At any time during the two-year Phased Retirement period, participants may request full retirement according to the regular procedure.

ARTICLE 26 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION/JUST CAUSE

- 26.1 Faculty shall be disciplined or discharged only for just cause. (See Appendix E.)
- 26.2 The University shall apply, where appropriate, the principles of progressive discipline as follows: verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension without pay, and discharge. The University will not be required to apply progressive discipline where the nature of the offense calls for immediate discharge or the imposition of discipline at an advanced step.
- 26.3 Informal meetings between the University and faculty regarding workplace issues are encouraged. This can be facilitated through verbal coaching or written letters of expectation from the University setting/describing expectations. Letters of expectation from the University are not discipline. They are intended to guide and mentor the faculty member.
- 26.4 If prior to, or during, a meeting between the University and a faculty member, the faculty member reasonably concludes that discipline could result, the faculty member shall be entitled to representation by the Union. If necessary, the meeting shall be suspended until such time as representation is available. All disciplinary meetings shall be conducted in private. Settlements reached in cases where the faculty member has chosen to waive the right to Union representation shall be non-precedent setting.
- 26.5 The University has adopted policies and procedures governing the processing and investigation of discrimination complaints, which can be found at CWUP 2-35-070 and CWUR 1-30-050. The University also has guidelines for conducting investigations into alleged misconduct and/or violation of laws, regulations, or policies relevant to the University and its constituents. The current version of these guidelines is housed in Human Resources. UFC shall be notified of any changes or updates to these policies or procedures prior to their inception.
- 26.6 Faculty shall be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to allegations which could result in discipline. Before any investigatory interview, a faculty member will be informed of the nature of the matter or allegations in sufficient detail to reasonably

apprise them of the matter, unless such notice would endanger the investigation. Faculty members have an obligation to participate in investigations conducted by the University.

- 26.7 The Union will be provided a copy of all letters of expectation and documents notifying a faculty member of disciplinary action at the time the document is provided to the faculty member.

ARTICLE 27 - RETRENCHMENT

- 27.1 Tenured faculty may be laid off as a result of financial exigency. Tenured faculty may not be laid off as a result of a program discontinuance or reduction except as provided in Section 27.2.2 below.

27.2 Discontinuance or Reduction of Program.

27.2.1 The University will meet with the Union before implementing discontinuance or reduction of an academic program. Upon written request, the Union shall be provided with the available information regarding the potential program reduction or discontinuance, including a list of faculty whose positions are under consideration for elimination or assignment change.

27.2.2 When the University makes a decision to reduce or discontinue a program or department, any reductions in faculty shall take place in the following order:

- (a) Non-tenure-track faculty within the affected program or department shall be laid off or non-renewed prior to layoff of probationary tenure-track faculty. Length of service to the department or program shall be used to determine the order of layoff of non-tenure-track faculty, when ability, skill, training and other relevant qualifications are approximately equal as determined by the Department and approved by the Dean. Length of service to the department or program shall be defined as the number of workload units (or credits prior to the initial collective bargaining agreement) worked for the department or program in question over the faculty member's entire history of employment at CWU.
- (b) If further reductions of faculty are required within a program or department, probationary faculty within the affected program or department shall be non-renewed according to reverse-order of initial hire to a faculty position at the University, followed by associate professors and then full professors.
- (c) Tenured faculty may not be laid off as a result of a program discontinuance or reduction unless the tenured faculty member has first been given an opportunity to retrain for another faculty position for which the faculty member is qualified. If retraining is not feasible or there is no other position for which the tenured faculty member is qualified, the faculty member may be laid off.

27.3 Financial Exigency Resulting in Layoffs.

27.3.1 In the event a severe financial exigency should occur, the Provost shall prepare and set forth, in writing, the circumstances giving rise to the declaration of a financial exigency, and shall meet with the Union seeking recommendations as to the programmatic impact of the financial exigency. The Provost shall then put forth a final detailed plan as to which programs and departments will be discontinued or reduced in size, as well as the specific names of the individuals to be transferred or laid off. In formulating the plan, the priority of reductions shall be non-tenure-track faculty followed by probationary tenure-track faculty, followed by associate professors and then full professors.

27.3.2 During a period of financial exigency, the University will make every reasonable effort, consistent with federal and state laws regarding fair employment practices, to monitor that the University's diversity goals are not impaired by the application of these layoff procedures.

27.4 Notice. Faculty subject to layoff under this Article will be given appropriate notice, as follows:

27.4.1 Non-tenure-track faculty on annual contracts shall be given at least 3 months of notice prior to the anticipated layoff. Non-tenure-track faculty on multi-annual contracts shall be given at least four (4) months' notice prior to the anticipated layoff.

27.4.2 Within the first year of probationary tenure-track employment, the faculty member shall be notified no later than February 15, for appointments based on the academic year, or three (3) months prior to the end of an appointment for appointments based on an alternative nine (9) month base.

27.4.3 Within the second year of probationary tenure-track employment, the faculty member shall be notified no later than November 15 for appointments based on the academic year, or six (6) months prior to the end of the base appointment for appointments based on an alternative nine (9) month period.

27.4.4 After two (2) or more years of uninterrupted probationary tenure-track service, and for all tenured faculty, the faculty member shall be notified twelve (12) months prior to anticipated action.

27.5 Re-Employment Procedure. Re-employment procedures for laid off faculty shall be as follows:

27.5.1 Tenure-track and tenured faculty who are laid off shall be placed on a re-employment list maintained by the Office of the Provost. Faculty on the re-employment list will be invited to return to their same position, if restored, or to a tenure-track position in the same department for which they are qualified, before the University hires a new faculty member to fill any such position. In the event that more than one faculty member on a re-employment list is qualified for an

open position, the faculty member with greater seniority will be given first opportunity to fill the position. Recall rights shall extend for a period of two (2) years from the layoff date.

27.5.2 Faculty on layoff status who are offered re-employment will be notified of that fact by certified mail. Faculty are responsible, while in layoff status, for providing the Office of the Provost with a current mailing address.

27.5.3 Any faculty member on a re-employment list who cannot be reached or who fails to accept within thirty (30) days of receipt of an offer of re-employment shall be deemed to have declined the offer, and shall be removed from the re-employment list.

27.5.4 Any faculty member re-employed shall be placed at least at the same rank and salary held at the time of layoff.

27.6 Grievances. Declarations of financial exigency, decisions to discontinue or reduce programs or departments, and the scope of faculty reductions that result, are not subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 28 - LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

28.1 Purpose and Scope of Authority. The University and the Union will maintain a Labor-Management Council to provide a forum for communication between the parties and to promote constructive labor-management relations. Council meetings will be used for discussions and shared problem-solving only, including the University's efforts to eliminate barriers to equal employment opportunities and workplace equity encountered by the protected groups identified in ARTICLE 7 – PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT & WORKPLACE VIOLENCE. The Council shall have no authority to conduct any negotiations or modify the provisions of this Agreement.

28.2 Council Composition. The Labor-Management Council will consist of the Union President plus three (3) faculty members selected by the Union, the Provost or designee and three (3) representatives selected by the Provost. Additional individuals may be invited to attend meetings when their expertise is relevant to items under discussion.

28.3 Scheduling of Meetings. Either party may request a meeting of the Labor-Management Council by sending a written request, including a description of the issue(s) to be addressed, to the other party. When requested, a Council meeting will be scheduled at a mutually acceptable time and place.

ARTICLE 29 - GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

29.1 The purpose of this procedure is to provide a process for the prompt and appropriate resolution of grievances. In the interest of promoting harmonious and cooperative relations between the University and the Union, the parties hereby agree to the following terms for the resolution of disputes.

29.2 Definitions.

29.2.1 A “grievance” is an allegation by the Union on behalf of one or more bargaining unit members (*see* ARTICLE 2 -RECOGNITION) or itself, alleging a violation of a specific section of this Agreement.

29.2.2 A “complaint” is an allegation by the Union involving substantive academic judgments in matters of workload, reappointment, promotion, tenure, and post-tenure review.

29.2.3 A “day” is a working day, Monday through Friday, on which the University is open for business, even if classes are not scheduled.

29.2.4 A “filing” or “submission” is the receipt of a written grievance or complaint by the appropriate office.

29.3 General Provisions.

29.3.1 Bargaining unit members shall be entitled to Union representation at all steps of the grievance procedure. In the event that a bargaining unit member waives the right to Union representation in the grievance process, the Union will be notified. A Union representative shall have the right to be present as an observer in all meetings that occur as part of the complaint procedure.

29.3.2 All grievances, complaints and requests for arbitration must be submitted to the Office of the Provost, by hard copy or electronic mail. The University’s responses will be submitted to the Union by hard copy and/or electronic mail to a location or Union email address designated by the UFC President.

29.3.3 The time limits set forth in this Agreement shall be strictly enforced.

29.3.4 Time limits may be waived by mutual written consent of both parties. Requests for a waiver of time limits shall be responded to in a timely manner.

29.3.5 A grievance or complaint may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time.

29.3.6 No bargaining unit member shall be subject to reprisals of any kind for filing a grievance or complaint, for being a witness in a grievance or complaint, or for participating in any way in the grievance or complaint process.

29.3.7 The University shall maintain grievance and complaint files separate from regular personnel files.

29.3.8 The University shall supply the grievant/complainant and the Union with information reasonably needed to process a grievance or complaint.

29.4 Grievance Resolution Process. This grievance procedure is the sole and exclusive process for resolving grievances as defined in this Article. Grievances challenging an act or

omission at a level above the Dean/director shall be initially considered by the Office of the Provost at Level Two.

29.4.1 Level One. The Union, on behalf of the aggrieved faculty member(s), shall submit the grievance in writing within thirty (30) days after the event giving rise to the grievance, or within thirty (30) days of the date the grievant or Union knew or reasonably should have known of the events giving rise to the grievance, whichever is later; provided that disciplinary grievances must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date the UFC is notified of the disciplinary decision. The written grievance shall be signed by the Union representative and shall be submitted using the form in APPENDIX D of this Agreement. If requested by either party, a meeting between the appropriate Dean/director and a UFC representative shall be held within twenty (20) days of receipt of the grievance by the Office of the Provost. The Dean/director will respond to the grievance in writing within fifteen (15) days of its receipt by the Office of the Provost, or within fifteen (15) days of the meeting of the parties, whichever is later.

29.4.2 Level Two. If the Dean's/director's response at Level One fails to resolve the grievance and the Union chooses to appeal the Level One decision, the Union shall submit the grievance at Level Two within ten (10) days of the Union's receipt of the Level One response or within ten (10) days of the day after the response was due, whichever date is earlier. If requested by either party a meeting between the Office of the Provost and a UFC representative shall be held within twenty (20) days. The Office of the Provost will respond to the grievance in writing within fifteen (15) days of its receipt or the meeting between the parties, whichever is later.

29.4.3 Level Three.

- (a) If the Union is not satisfied with the response at Level Two it may advance the grievance to binding arbitration by submitting a written demand for arbitration within ten (10) days of the Union's receipt of the response or within ten (10) days of the day after the response was due, whichever occurs first.
- (b) If within five (5) days after the request is submitted, the parties have not agreed on an arbitrator, the Union shall submit a written request for arbitration to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) and request that the parties be provided with the names of eleven (11) qualified arbitrators with experience in higher education issues. The list shall be limited to arbitrators from the western region unless both parties mutually agree otherwise.
- (c) Within ten (10) days following the receipt of the list of eligible arbitrators, the parties or their representatives shall confer to select an arbitrator. The parties shall each strike five (5) arbitrators from the list in an alternating

order, and the remaining arbitrator shall hear the dispute. The party exercising the first strike shall be the loser of a flip of a coin.

29.4.4 Authority of the Arbitrator. The decision or award of the arbitrator will be final and binding and shall be issued within thirty (30) days of the last hearing date or submission of post hearing briefs, whichever is later.

- (a) The arbitrator will have no authority to rule contrary to, amend, add to, subtract from, ignore or eliminate any of the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall confine the decision solely to the application or interpretation of the express terms of the Agreement.
- (b) Where provisions of the Agreement call for the exercise of substantive academic judgment in matters of workload, reappointment, promotion, tenure, and post-tenure review (including the award of merit-based salary increases associated with the recognition of excellence), the arbitrator shall not have the authority to substitute their judgment for that of the entity or official making such judgment, but shall be confined to whether the procedural steps have been followed. If the arbitrator finds that the procedural steps have not been followed, and that the procedural error was substantially prejudicial to the substantive decision with respect to the grievant, the arbitrator shall remand the case to the level where the error occurred for reevaluation and may extend an appointment not to exceed one year. In no case shall the arbitrator have the authority to grant a remedy which includes an appointment of greater than one year or has the effect of granting retention, promotion, tenure or a merit-based salary increase.
- (c) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties to the extent permitted by the provisions of this Agreement and applicable law.

29.5 Arbitration.

29.5.1 The expenses and fees of the arbitrator, and the cost of the hearing room will be shared equally by the parties.

29.5.2 If the Arbitration hearing is postponed or canceled because of one party, that party will bear the cost of the postponement or cancellation. The costs of any mutually agreed upon postponements or cancellations will be shared equally by the parties.

29.5.3 If either party desires a record of the arbitration hearing, a court reporter may be used. The requesting party will bear the expense of the court reporter. If one party purchases a transcript, a copy will be provided to the arbitrator, free of charge. If the other party desires a copy of the transcript, it will pay for half of the costs of the fee for the court reporter, the original transcript and a copy.

29.5.4 Each party is responsible for the costs of its staff representatives, attorneys, and all other costs related to the development and presentation of their case. When a faculty member is subpoenaed as a witness on behalf of the Union in an

arbitration case, the faculty member may appear without loss of pay if they appear during their scheduled work time, providing the testimony given is related to their job function or involves matters they have witnessed and that are relevant to the arbitration case. A reasonable effort will be made to avoid the presentation of repetitive witnesses. The Union is responsible for paying any travel or per diem expenses for its witnesses, the grievant, and the Union steward.

29.5.5 The Arbitrator's award may include back pay to the grievant(s); provided that no such back pay award shall be retroactive to a date earlier than the date the grievance was filed. No award shall exceed the actual loss to the grievant.

29.5.6 The Union or the University will have the right to request the arbitrator to require the presence of witnesses and/or documents.

29.5.7 Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, challenges to the arbitrability of a grievance shall be resolved in a proceeding separate from and prior to arbitration on the merits of the grievance. Within ten (10) days following receipt of an arbitrator's decision ruling that a challenged grievance is subject to arbitration, the parties will begin the process starting in Section 29.4.3(b) above to select an arbitrator to rule on the merits of the grievance.

29.5.8 Any material placed in the bargaining unit member's personnel file relating to misconduct will be removed when the employee has been fully exonerated of wrongdoing. The University may retain this information in a legal defense file to be used or released only when required by a regulatory agency, or in defense of legal action.

29.6 Complaint Resolution Process. The Complaint Resolution Process shall be the sole and exclusive process for resolving complaints as defined in this Article.

29.6.1 Level One. The Union, on behalf of the complaining faculty member(s), shall submit the complaint in writing within thirty (30) days after the event giving rise to the complaint. The written complaint shall be signed by the Union representative and shall include:

- (a) A statement of the decision being appealed;
- (b) The reasons why the complainant disagrees with the decision;
- (c) The remedy sought;
- (d) The name(s), academic unit(s), telephone number(s), and address(es) at which the complainant(s) shall receive all correspondence related to the complaint; and
- (e) The name, telephone number, and address of the complainant's representative.

At the request of either party, a meeting between the Office of the Provost and a UFC representative shall be held within twenty (20) days. The Office of the Provost will respond to the complaint in writing within fifteen (15) days of its receipt by the Office of the Provost, or the meeting between the parties, whichever is later.

29.6.2 Level Two. If the response at Level One fails to resolve the complaint and the Union chooses to appeal the Level One decision, the Union shall forward the complaint to an appeals board by submitting it at Level Two within ten (10) days of its receipt of the response from the Office of the Provost or within ten (10) days of the day the response was due, whichever occurs first.

- (a) **Composition of the Appeals Board.** Within fifteen (15) days of receipt by the Office of the Provost of the Level Two submission, the Office of the Provost will form an appeals board. The appeals board shall be composed of three (3) unit members to be selected through a process defined by the Union and three (3) University representatives to be determined by the Provost. The Union will select the seventh member of the board who will serve as non-voting chair. Members shall be excused from considering any complaint if they have a professional or personal conflict such that they cannot render an impartial judgment. In the event a member of the board is excused, the original appointing party shall appoint a replacement.
- (b) **Scope of the Appeals Board.** The appeals board shall be empowered to consider complaints involving only those matters defined in the Complaint Resolution Process. The function of the board is to hear the evidence relating to a complaint and to render a majority recommendation. The evidence subject to review by the board is limited to the documentary evidence considered in the original academic decision being appealed. The board may seek testimony from witnesses for clarification of the documentary evidence.
- (c) **Procedures of the Appeals Board.** The board shall conduct its deliberations according to informal and non-adversarial procedures.
- (d) **Recommendation of the Appeals Board.** The board shall, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the complaint from the Provost, prepare a written recommendation addressing each issue included in the complaint presented to the board. The board's recommendation shall be forwarded to the President as the final recommendation on the appealed decision. Members of the board not concurring with the majority opinion may submit a written minority recommendation along with the majority recommendation.
- (e) **Decision by the President.** Upon advance written notice to the chair of the board, the President may meet with the board at any time after receiving its recommendation for the sole purpose of seeking clarification concerning the basis and implications of its recommendation.

- (f) In those cases where the President does not accept the recommendation offered by the Appeals Board, the President shall set forth in writing the reasons for the rejection. The decision of the President shall be rendered in writing within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the board's recommendations. The President's decision is final and binding and not subject to further review. Copies of the board's recommendations and the President's decision shall be transmitted by the Office of the President to the complainant and to the Union within ten (10) days of the decision.

ARTICLE 30 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

- 30.1 The parties agree that there will be no strikes or lockouts for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 31.1 Force and Effect. In the event that any provision of this Agreement, in whole or in part, is declared to be illegal, void, invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any administrative agency having jurisdiction, all of the remaining terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement which are not rendered meaningless, inoperable or ambiguous as a consequence of the declaration shall remain in full force and effect. Either party may request a meeting over those invalid portions for the purpose of achieving a mutually satisfactory replacement.
- 31.2 Conflict of Provisions. Should any conflict exist between the provisions specifically set forth in this Agreement and policies and procedures of the University, the provisions of this Agreement shall be controlling.
- 31.3 Oral Agreements. No one at the University has the authority to make any binding oral promises, assurances, or representations regarding employment status or security. Therefore, no faculty can legitimately rely on any such representation in the future, or continue to rely upon any such representation made in the past. Any such representations made prior to the effective date of this policy are hereby rescinded and superseded by this provision.
- 31.4 Meet and Confer. Representatives of the University and representatives of the Union shall confer at such reasonable times as either party may request to consider problems concerning this Agreement.
- 31.5 Obligation to Bargain Matters Not Covered by this Agreement. Except as provided by this Agreement and applicable law, the University will satisfy its collective bargaining obligation prior to changing any term or condition of employment. Further, the University will satisfy its bargaining obligation regarding the impact of any decisions made by the University in the exercise of its lawful managerial rights which affect faculty wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- 31.6 Office and Facilities. Each faculty member shall be provided with appropriate office space, equipped sufficiently to ensure that the faculty member is able to carry out the

functions and responsibilities of the faculty member's position. Faculty members shall be provided with keys to access their office or work area. Keys shall be handled in accord with the University's key policy.

- 31.7 Implementation. During the first full quarter in which this Agreement is in effect, and periodically as agreed thereafter, the University and the Union will jointly conduct a training session(s) for Deans and department chairs regarding implementation topics, including workload determination and faculty evaluation procedures.

ARTICLE 32 - WORKPLACE SAFETY AND ERGONOMICS

- 32.1 The University will provide a work environment that will continue to comply with state and federal statutes regarding safety in the workplace.
- 32.2 Faculty members shall not be required to work under hazardous conditions or to perform tasks which endanger their health or safety. Protective devices and first aid equipment shall be provided to faculty members who practice in hazardous instructional environments.
- 32.3 Faculty members will comply with all safety practices and standards established by the University, including wearing and/or using provided safety devices, personal protective equipment and apparel. The Union will work cooperatively with the University on safety-related matters and encourage employees to work in a safe manner.
- 32.4 Health and Safety Council.
- 32.4.1 The University will maintain a University-wide joint employee-employer safety committee, the Health and Safety Council, in accordance with WISHA requirements as outlined in WAC 296- 800-130.
- 32.4.2 Faculty shall have at least one (1) representative, designated by the Union, on the Health and Safety Council if they choose to appoint one. The Council will not be restricted in its activities or responsibilities if the Union chooses not to appoint a member.
- 32.5 Workplace Ergonomics.
- 32.5.1 Faculty members may request a review of a workstation for compliance with appropriate ergonomic standards.
- 32.5.2 The University agrees to give serious consideration to ergonomics in the purchase of new or the modification of existing tools, equipment and furniture. Appropriate University agents or representatives are encouraged to seek faculty input regarding such ergonomics considerations when purchasing new or the modification of existing tools, equipment and work stations.

ARTICLE 33 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

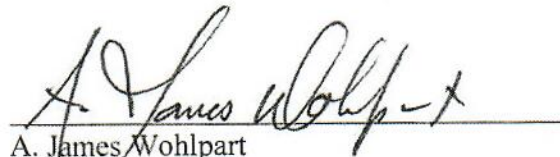
- 33.1 This Agreement, which was updated by the parties in June 2025, shall take effect following ratification by the members of the Union and the Board of Trustees, and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2029.

Executed this 25th day July 2025.

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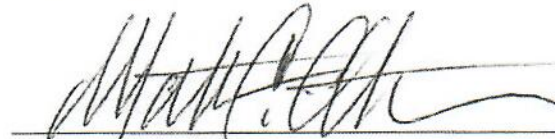
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APPENDIX A – INSTRUCTIONAL AND SERVICE WORKLOAD

1. INSTRUCTIONAL WORKLOAD

- 1.1 In determining the appropriate teaching load in an individual faculty member's overall workload, and in determining the appropriate balance of teaching responsibilities across faculty within a department, faculty members and department chairs shall use the following guidelines for comparing different teaching environments historically used at the University:

1.1.1 Lecture/demonstration/laboratory/activities classes: 1 class hour = 1 workload unit. It is assumed that each workload unit includes an additional 2 hours of preparation time.

1.1.2 Applied Music (individual lessons): 3 class hours = 2 workload units

1.1.3 Student-teaching/field-experience:

(a) Student teaching/field experience

(i) Part-time campus supervisor: 1 workload unit = 15 enrolled student credit hours

(ii) Field supervisor: 1 workload unit = 15 enrolled student credit hours

When non-supervising faculty members are responsible for placement, additional workload units may be negotiated with the chair and Dean and will be dependent upon the expected amount of time on task.

(iii) Faculty student observation: 30 hours spent in observation = 1 workload unit.

(b) Cooperative education supervision: 1 workload unit = 30 enrolled student credit hours

1.1.4 Individual study supervision (*e.g.*, courses titled thesis or equivalent and individual/independent study or equivalent):

(a) Undergraduate level: 12 student credit hours = 1 workload unit

(b) Undergraduate level field and laboratory research: 8 student credit hours = 1 workload unit

(c) 500 level: 6 student credit hours = 1 workload unit

(d) 600-700 level (thesis or equivalent committee chair): 3 student credit hours = 1 workload unit

- (e) 599-600-700 level (membership, other than chair, on thesis or equivalent committee): 6 thesis or equivalent committees = 1 workload unit
- (f) In cases where departments have traditionally had difficulty predicting individual study loads, workload units assigned to a faculty member for individual study supervision may be calculated based upon the average of the faculty member's actual load during the previous three years, excluding time spent on sabbatical or leave.

1.1.5 Low Enrolled Classes.

- (a) In those circumstances when a required class has very low enrollment, the class may be converted to an Arranged Course. For purposes of calculating faculty workload, faculty teaching these Arranged Courses will receive a number of workload units determined by agreement between the faculty member, department chair and Dean, not exceeding that which would have been received for the original, regular class but also not less than the following:
 - (i) for Arranged Courses with one (1) or two (2) students, the workload associated with individual study supervisions described in this Appendix; and
 - (ii) for Arranged Courses with three (3) or more students, the greater of either half (1/2) of the workload units that would have been received for the original, regular class or the workload associated with individual study supervisions described in this Appendix.
- (b) A tenured or tenure-track faculty member whose teaching workload is reduced due to the conversion of a class to an Arranged Course may have the additional workload units distributed, with the approval of the Dean and in consultation with the department chair and faculty member, to scholarship, teaching or service, unless the faculty member is in overload, in which case the overload will be reduced.
- (c) The conversion of a regular class to an Arranged Course requires the consent of the faculty instructor. Faculty may decline to teach the class in the Arranged form, in which case the Dean may then decide whether to reassign the class, cancel it, or make whatever other arrangements the Dean deems appropriate.

1.1.6 Student Advising

- (a) The advising of students is an essential function of faculty. Some advising is expected as a part of normal teaching load. Advising beyond the normal teaching load is recognized as an additional professional responsibility (*see* Article 15 -Professional Responsibilities), and will vary between

departments and faculty based on the needs of students and individual programs.

- (b) Faculty with advising responsibilities greater than those associated with a normal teaching load may be assigned additional workload units for advising by their department chair in consultation with the faculty member and Dean.

2. SERVICE WORKLOAD

- 2.1. All tenured/tenure-track faculty are expected to participate in typical departmental activities (attending faculty meetings, course scheduling sessions, retreats, curriculum discussions, majors fairs, graduation, convocation, etc.) as outlined in Article 13 of the Agreement. In addition, tenured/tenure-track faculty are expected to perform professional, University and/or public service as described in Section 15.3.3 of the Agreement. Workload units associated with service activities are based on 30 hours = 1 workload unit (Faculty Code Section IV.E.1).
- 2.2. Service to the University. Unless otherwise agreed between the faculty member and chair, and approved by the Dean, faculty members fulfilling service to the University through the following activities will receive the workload units described:
 - 2.2.1. Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Committees. Workload for service associated with the Faculty Senate and its committees is described in the Faculty Code Section IV.E.
 - 2.2.2. ADCO Chair. The chair of the Academic Department Chairs Organization (“ADCO”) will receive 9 WLU; the chair-elect will receive 3 WLU.
 - 2.2.3. Search Committees for President/Provost. Release time for faculty serving on committees to select a University president or provost will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis but committee chairs shall be awarded a minimum of 5 WLU, and a minimum of 2 WLU will be awarded to committee members.
 - 2.2.4. Other University-Level Service. Workload units will be provided to faculty members who participate in service on University-wide activities and projects based on the effort required.
- 2.3. Service within the College and Department. The size and scope of the commitment and obligations associated with service activities vary considerably between departments and colleges based on such factors as the scope of activities, the size of the units involved in the activities, and the complexity of the tasks. Determination of the workload units associated with service tasks within departments and colleges will be determined by the departments and colleges, subject to approval of the Deans. The workload units associated with standardized, recurring service activities within departments and colleges shall be described in department and college policies and procedures. College and department policies and procedures will provide, at a minimum, identified numbers of workload units for service on department/college personnel committees, academic

program directors, and department/college search committees. Revised policies and procedures will be submitted to the Dean and Provost for final approval before implementation.

- 2.4. Service activities assigned after workload plans have been approved may require a revision/resubmission of a workload plan (*see* Section 17.5.5) or request for overload.

APPENDIX B – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. Introduction. It is important for Central Washington University (CWU) to provide uniform policies and procedures for the regulation and administration of intellectual property rights generated by the activities of its faculty, employees and others associated with the University such as visiting scholars. The following University Intellectual Properties Policy is therefore established. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to overrule or ignore current law and acceptable use policies regarding existing intellectual properties. This Policy supersedes and replaces all prior intellectual properties policies (2-2.10 Copyrights and Royalties Policy).
2. Definitions. For the purposes of this policy, the definitions of terms are:
 - 2.1 Normal and customary supported works. Those works developed with no more than the normal support provided to employees and students of the university: general computer support, email, library resources, office space, etc. The use of these resources that are ordinarily available to employees shall be regarded as normal and customary support by the University, and shall not entitle the University to exclusive ownership rights in an intellectual property. The University will not construe the provision of personal office, department facilities, library, laboratory, word processing, data processing, or computation facilities as solely of themselves constituting significant use of space or facilities. Nor will CWU construe the payment of salary or CWU-funded faculty research grants, professional leaves, etc., solely of themselves to constitute significant use of funds. Should any controversy concerning this Policy arise, it will be referred to the Intellectual Properties Committee.
 - 2.2 Intellectual Properties (IPs). Intangible properties protectable as to ownership under the laws of patent, copyright, trademark, or trade secret.
 - 2.3 Investigator (also called Principal Investigator). Refers to the author, creator, inventor, whether faculty, staff, administrative exempt employees of the University, visiting scholars, etc. In limited cases, students are specifically included.
 - 2.4 President. President of Central Washington University.
 - 2.5 University. Central Washington University.
 - 2.6 University-assigned works. Those works that are the result of a specific re-assignment for an employee that are explicitly out of the norm of regular duties. In general, the University will have supported this work by reassigned time, special funding of equipment, etc., and such support will be documented in a specifically negotiated agreement/contract. Such assignment does not fall under the category of “other duties as assigned” as referred to in many employees’ position descriptions, nor does such an assignment equate as “works-for-hire” (q.v.).

- 2.7 University-sponsored works. Works resulting almost wholly from University support of equipment, supplies, etc., that is beyond that which would be defined as normal and customary. As a general rule, such works would rely heavily on the expertise and/or facilities provided by the University.
- 2.8 Works-for-hire. Works qualifying as “works made for hire” under the Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, codified at 17 U.S.C. 101 as well as manuscripts, software, patent-able inventions or creations, or other materials produced by persons whose primary employment by the University is specifically to produce such works (*e.g.*, graphic designers, marketing personnel, television producers). Borderline determinations should be documented, when desired, in accordance with this Policy. Should any controversy concerning this Policy arise, it will be referred to the Intellectual Properties Committee.

3. Objectives.

- 3.1 To define, clarify and protect the rights and equities of investigators, the University, governmental or private sponsors of research and creative works, and the public, with respect to inventions and original works, by providing for just and equitable recognition of the legitimate interests of each of the above in such inventions and works.
- 3.2 To enhance the University’s pursuit of research and creative works, education, and public service by promoting recourse to the patenting, licensing, and copyright process and by providing information, support and liaison concerning the procedures and problems involved therein.
- 3.3 To encourage broad utilization of the results of University-based research and creative works and to provide a vehicle for the transfer of new technology and ideas from the University to the community at large, by permitting exploitation (both commercial and otherwise) in the public interest and for the public benefit, in a manner consistent with the integrity and objectives of the academic process, including the goal of public dissemination of the results of research and creative works.
- 3.4 To stimulate innovative and creative scholarship, research and creative works, writing and their recognition, by establishing an administrative process that enables the University to make payments to investigators when the University licenses IP developed by those investigators.
- 3.5 To encourage and assist scholars and researchers in identifying potentially commercializeable IP, to require prompt and early reporting thereof to the Intellectual Properties Committee (IPC) and to promote scholarly publication concerning such IP in a manner that does not prejudice the obtaining of a patent or other forms of IP protection.

- 3.6 To devise and promulgate clear and practicable regulations, procedures and forms for the reporting and disclosure of IP and the timely prosecution of patent applications and copyright registrations in appropriate cases.
 - 3.7 To provide for obtaining legal protection and licensing of IP, where appropriate, through the Intellectual Properties Committee or an IP management organization or publishing entity designated by that Committee.
 - 3.8 To preserve and protect the rights, as agreed, of any government or private sponsors of research and creative works in any invention or work that may be generated by such research and creative works, and to ensure compliance with the statutory or other terms of any such grant.
 - 3.9 To preserve and protect the rights of the University in inventions or other original works which result from the use of University funds or facilities by faculty, employees, students or trainees, in keeping with state law.
4. Policy for Determining Ownership Rights. The principle is hereby recognized that there are usually three interests involved in connection with research and creative work and invention performed in the University by or under the direction of the faculty and staff of the University. The investigator, the University, and the general public, whose taxes and gifts support the University, represent these three interests. If the research and creative work is financed wholly or in part by an outside agency there exists an additional interest.

In general these interests are best served by immediate publication and dissemination of the results. In some cases, however, the interests of all are best protected and furthered by obtaining legal protection for, and commercializing, the results of research and creative works, which include but are not limited to copyrightable materials, information, and tangible materials.

Distribution of net income resulting from intellectual property is detailed in Section 5 of this document.

For Intellectual Properties developed before the creation of this policy, the investigator(s) has(have) the option to (1) continue under the existing agreements made at the time of undertaking work, or (2) request to the Intellectual Properties Committee to have his/her/their work approved and governed by this policy.

Multiple investigators have the requirement to decide for themselves on this matter. Members of the IPC will act as consultants if requested to do so.

- 4.1 Intellectual Properties Resulting from Personal or Private Research and Creative Works (*i.e.*, Normal and customary works). The University shall have no vested interest in intellectual properties clearly resulting from personal or private enterprise, without more than normal and customary cost or expense to, or use of facilities, equipment or staff of, the University. Insofar as faculty members have an obligation to produce scholarly works, they may use university property to create such scholarship. The university has no claim on the revenues generated

from these properties created by individual effort. Revenues generated by intellectual properties created by the individual effort of the faculty member (or members) remain with the faculty member(s).

Such intellectual properties may be voluntarily offered by the faculty member to the Intellectual Properties Committee for the possible securing of a patent or copyright and for subsequent developing, processing and exploitation under University aegis. If such offer is accepted by the Intellectual Properties Committee, the investigator shall assign her/his rights to CWU and shall thereafter receive SEVENTY-FIVE (75%) of the net profits if any (amount received by the University, less costs) derived from any exploitation of the patent or copyright. This policy shall be applied in compliance with all state ethics laws (Cf. RCW 42.52.160, Use of persons, money, or property for private gain).

4.2 Intellectual Properties Resulting from University Sponsorship (i.e., University sponsored and University assigned).

4.2.1 Wholly University Supported. Intellectual properties resulting from research and creative work wholly supported by University funds shall be the property of Central Washington University. The developers of such IPs shall confirm the University's ownership by assigning their rights to Central Washington University and shall execute all other documents as required to enable the University to protect and manage those rights and shall be entitled to receive a share of the net profits (amount received by the University, less costs) derived from any commercial exploitation of the patent, licensing, or copyright of that work. That share is determined according to the schedule included in the procedures implementing this Policy (Cf. Sect. 8).

4.2.2 Multiple funding sources. Intellectual Properties resulting from research and creative work supported by an outside agency or agencies, and with CWU funds, shall be governed by the provisions of the agreement with the sponsoring agency and CWU. In the absence of such provisions, the Intellectual Property rights shall be determined in accordance with this policy.

4.2.3 Online Courses. Faculty members who develop (or developed) online courses for use by the University on or after November 21, 2008, will own the intellectual property for that class, unless otherwise owned by another individual, regardless of whether it was developed as a "normal and customary work" or as a "University sponsored or assigned work. The University shall have the ability to use an online course as follows:

- a. For those online courses developed by a faculty member as "University sponsored or assigned work" under a separate contract that provided additional compensation:

- i. Where courses are developed by faculty members for programmatic purposes by faculty members who have no intention to teach the courses themselves, the University will have an unlimited license to use the original online course material for a period of two (2) years following its initial development.
 - ii. Where courses are developed by faculty members who intend to teach the courses themselves, the University will have a license to use the original online material developed for that course for a period of two (2) years following the completed development of the course, or twelve (12) months following the faculty member's last date teaching the course, whichever period is longer. The faculty member who developed the online course material shall have right of first refusal for any class taught using this material.
 - b. For all other online courses developed as "normal and customary work," the University will have a limited license to use the course for a period of one (1) academic year, or two (2) consecutive full quarters, following the developing faculty member's last date teaching the course. This license shall be for the sole purpose of allowing another faculty member to teach the course due to the unavailability of the faculty member who developed the course.
- 4.3 Intellectual Properties Resulting from Research and Creative Work Supported by an Outside Agency. Intellectual Properties resulting from research and creative work supported by an outside agency or agencies shall be governed by the provisions of the agreement with the sponsoring agency. In the absence of such provisions the Intellectual Property rights shall be determined in accordance with this policy.
- 4.4 Intellectual Properties Produced "for Hire." The University shall be the sole proprietor of any work done "for hire," and may make such disposition of resultant materials as it may choose. Should any controversy concerning this Policy arise, it will be referred to the Intellectual Properties Committee.
- 4.5 Intellectual Properties and Rights of Students.
 - 4.5.1 Coursework assignments. IPs (writings, software programs, artworks, etc.) produced as a result of general coursework assignments are the property of the student or students. Assignments requiring multiple students to participate are the property of those students and they have the requirement to decide for themselves rights and distribution.
 - 4.5.2 Mentor-guided projects. IPs produced as the result or by-product of the guided supervision of a mentor on a specific project are the property of the

mentor. Such work arrangements should also be documented in a separate agreement between the mentor and student(s) involved. This situation applies to cases in which the student is being paid by funds from a mentor's research grant and also in cases in which a student is taking mentor-guided research credit courses (e.g. CHEM 495).

4.5.3 Theses. *The University recognizes that copyright for theses remains with the student.*

The original records (including software) of an investigation for a graduate thesis or dissertation are the property of the University but may be retained by the student at the discretion of the student's major department and faculty mentor.

The University shall have, as a condition of degree award, the royalty-free right to retain, use and distribute a limited number of copies of the thesis, together with the right to require its publication for archival use.

4.6 Asserting or Relinquishing University Rights to Intellectual Properties. The University may relinquish all of its rights to the investigator in the following cases:

4.6.1 Normal and customary works. If the invention is judged by the Intellectual Properties Committee to be the result of personal or private research or creative work, under the rules adopted by the state Executive Ethics Board, and have required no more than Normal and customary support of the University;

4.6.2 Determination to not accept rights offered by investigator. If the University decides not to secure a patent for an invention which is a result of personal or private research or creative work but has been submitted to the Intellectual Properties Committee voluntarily by the investigator for possible development and patent under University auspices as hereafter noted;

4.6.3 Determination not to pursue rights for University-sponsored or university assigned works. If the University determines that it is not in its best economic interest to pursue a patent on an invention, the rights may be released to the sponsoring agency (if such action is required by grant or contract agreement), or to the Investigator;

4.7 Rights when investigator moves to new employment. When an investigator moves to new employment, CWU shall enter into a technology administration agreement ("TAA") with the new employer to enable the orderly administration of rights related to any IP created by the investigator. CWU will retain all rights to commercialize or otherwise license the intellectual property, and rights in

improvements created at the new university will be determined in accordance with that university's intellectual property policy.

5. CWU Distribution Policy and Schedule for Net Revenues from Licenses, Royalties, and Copyright.

- 5.1 Scope and Intent for the distribution and sharing of net revenues. Research, invention, creative endeavors, and other intellectual work shall be encouraged and supported by Central Washington University. For university-sponsored and university-assigned materials a sharing of royalties and income is appropriate because of the investigator's provision of creative efforts on the one hand and the University's specific provision of salary, facilities, administrative support, and other resources on the other.

If there are two or more investigators, each investigator shall share equally in the said share, unless all investigators have previously agreed in writing to a different distribution and have notified the University in writing thereof.

- 5.2 University-sponsored / University-assigned. A portion of the net profits after obligations from the sale or licensing of university-sponsored or university-assigned intellectual property shall be allocated to its investigator(s) to foster a culture of practical innovation. This should be based not only on cash royalties received, but also on stock or other assets received by the university from the sale or licensing of that intellectual property. A portion of the university's share should go directly to the investigators' academic unit (college or department), to encourage future intellectual property development.

- 5.3 Net revenue. Net revenue income is defined as gross income from licensing minus direct costs. For this purpose, direct costs may include:

- 5.3.1 All costs associated with obtaining legal protection for the Intellectual Property;
- 5.3.2 All costs from the marketing and licensing of the Intellectual Property;
- 5.3.3 All legal costs associated with the above or in connection with, or in anticipation of, litigation or controversy between any parties involving rights under such Intellectual Property;

Direct costs shall not include operating costs of CWU's sponsored research office.

- 5.4 Net Revenue distribution for Intellectual Properties. When income generated from various discoveries and creations in teaching, research and creative works is small (under \$25,000), investigators will retain any generated revenue up to and including \$25,000. Sharing beyond that limit for creations in which University resources are instrumental in the production is set forth in the table below. The first \$25,000 in net revenue for any individual item of intellectual property shall be paid to the investigator in full, after which distribution is suggested as follows.

Individual contracts or agreements may vary in detail from this suggested schedule.

Participation	Distribution		
	Investigator	CWU Grad Office	Reinvestment ^[1]
Individual effort	100%	0	0
University-sponsored			
\$0-\$25,000	100%	0	0
\$25,001-\$50,000	75%	15%	10%
\$50,001-\$100,000	60%	20%	20%
\$100,001 and greater	50%	25%	25%
University-assigned ^[2]	20%	50%	30%

1. This specific percentage of royalty funds will be reinvested in the investigator's scholarly activities or that of the department or college.
2. Excluding employees whose primary duties include creation of intellectual properties (*e.g.*, promotion publications in print, video, and digital formats produced for hire. Cf. Sect. II, definitions).

5.5 Distribution process. Distribution of the investigator's share shall be made annually from the amount of net royalties if any, received during the previous fiscal year.

- 5.5.1 Prior to the determination of the distribution of net income, the investigator shall receive a statement of direct expenses charged against the gross income derived from an agreement.
- 5.5.2 Investigators shall have 30 working days to challenge the statement of direct expenses.
- 5.5.3 After resolution of such challenge, if any, the distribution of funds will occur.
- 5.5.4 Distributions to investigators are final and shall not be affected by unanticipated expenses 90 days after distribution.
- 5.5.5 Adjustments may be made to correct a clerical error.
- 5.5.6 In the case of the death of the investigator, any unpaid royalties shall be paid to the investigator's estate unless otherwise specified.
- 5.5.7 In the event of any litigation, actual or imminent, or any other action to protect patent rights, distribution of royalties will be withheld until resolution of the dispute.

6. Procedure with Respect to Outside Employment and Avoiding Conflict of Interest. *See* relevant CWU policies. (Cf. Policy Manual, 2-2.7 Ethics, 2-2.9 Conflict of Interest; state law and regulations (RCW 42.52 Ethics in Public Service)).
7. Criteria Governing Outside Commercial Sponsorship of Research and Creative Work. Contracts and other arrangements between the University and outside commercial sponsors of research and creative work must comply with the following criteria.

Research investigators and the University shall be free to disseminate and publish the results of sponsored research and creative works, provided that in order not to jeopardize applications for patents the University may agree that any proposed publication will be submitted to the sponsor with notice of intent to submit for publication and that unless the sponsor in writing requests a delay within TWO (2) months from the date of such notice, the investigators or the University shall be free to proceed with immediate publication. However, if the sponsor requests a delay, the submission of the manuscript will be withheld for the period requested, but in no event for longer than SIX (6) months from the date of the notice of intent to submit for publication and only in order to permit the sponsor to prepare and file the necessary application.

The University shall retain the right to take title to any patentable inventions or discoveries arising from the undertaking of sponsored research, except that the University may grant an exclusive license to the sponsor for an agreed-upon period and generally bearing a royalty to be agreed upon. Such licenses shall also be subject to a reservation of rights to the University to allow the University to continue to make and use the IP in its own research and education.

Any agreement or arrangement with the commercial sponsor shall not impose any restrictions upon the University in conflict with its established policies and practices, but shall permit performance of the research, creative work or other investigation in the same manner and subject to the same administrative requirements applicable to research financed with the University's own funds.

Requirements of granting agencies will be complied with (*e.g.*, NSF Grant Policy Manual, Sect. 7 <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2002/nsf02151/gpm7.htm>).

8. Procedures for the Administration of Intellectual Properties Policy.
 - 8.1 The Intellectual Properties Committee. The Intellectual Properties Committee (IPC) shall be vested with authority to administer this Policy and reports to the President.
 - 8.2 Membership of IPC. The IPC shall consist of the following persons:

Voting:	1 faculty member of each college
	Dean of Library Services
	AVP of Grad Studies or designee
Non-voting:	Legal counsel
Chair:	Elected by voting members

Quorum: Majority

- 8.3 Meetings of IPC. The IPC shall meet as often as the Chair deems necessary, but at least quarterly based on the fiscal 12-month calendar.
- 8.4 Powers and Duties of IPC [BOT approved 01/17/06]. The IPC shall have the following *delegated authority*, powers and duties.
- 8.4.1 To interpret and apply the Intellectual Properties Policy, in keeping with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
 - 8.4.2 To evaluate inventions for patentability and economic feasibility, and where desirable to seek expert advice to assist it in making such determinations.
 - 8.4.3 To decide on the category into which an invention or original work falls for the purposes of determining who has or shares the equity therein.
 - 8.4.4 To assign inventions to outside organizations for the evaluation, patenting and licensing of inventions, and to procure the receipt of royalties or other benefits by the University.
 - 8.4.5 To release patent rights to the investigator in the absence of overriding obligations to outside sponsors of research, in cases where it is deemed equitable or appropriate to do so, subject to the written approval of the President or a person designated by the President.
 - 8.4.6 To submit its decisions on patent and copyright matters to the President of the University, or to a person designated by the President for such purposes.
 - 8.4.7 To provide assistance and advice to faculty and other research personnel concerning all aspects related to the patenting and licensing of inventions and the copyright in original works.
 - 8.4.8 To ensure an effective system of patent and copyright administration by means of an ongoing review of applicable policies and procedures and to make reports and recommendations for improvement when appropriate to the President.
 - 8.4.9 To take the actions necessary to achieve the objectives and goals of the Intellectual Properties Policy, without being limited by the specific powers and duties enumerated above.
 - 8.4.10 To determine the patent or related rights or equities of the University to other interested parties in an invention and to decide on the appropriate division of royalties.

- 8.5 Procedure for Early Notification and Reporting Intellectual Properties. All employees of the University, all non-employees who use University research facilities and those who receive grant or contract funds through the University shall promptly report any ideas for and/or reduction to practice of a potentially patentable invention or discovery, or copyrightable work that may be commercializeable, to the IPC. The purpose of such a report is two-fold: (1) determination of ownership rights, and (2) determination by the University to assert its rights or release them (Cf. Sect. 4).

A faculty or staff member who writes or produces a work which they believe may be commercially exploitable shall notify the IPC in writing (IPC Form 1). Works developed and intended to be published or distributed from the university and with substantial use of university facilities are subject to this notification requirement.

Example 1. Investigator develops a shareware program and wishes to distribute it via the campus network.

Example 2. An author wishes to publish and distribute a chapbook of poetry

However, publications of manuscripts as commercial monographs, textbooks, or in academic periodicals, collections and conference proceedings, are not subject to this notification requirement. (Cf. Sect. 4)

The report (IPC form 1) shall be submitted at the earliest opportunity to the IPC (IPC Form 1). Such a report is filed when the investigator first sets to work on a project to develop an IP, or later in the process when the investigator realizes that development of IP is probable.

The IPC may forward the report to the department chair or the immediate supervisor of the investigator for evaluation. The department chair or immediate supervisor to whom the report is submitted shall review it and shall return an evaluation to the IPC within THIRTY (30) days after receipt, together with a written opinion regarding the accuracy of the investigator's statement and the reasons for such opinion.

The Chair and members of the IPC shall take steps needed to assure and preserve the confidentiality of all documents. (*See* confidentiality agreement, IPC Form 2.)

The investigator shall be notified of meetings of the IPC and may be invited to attend the meetings at which her/his report will be considered.

The IPC shall within NINETY (90) days of the submission of the report and required statement notify the President of the University, or a designated agent, the investigator and the departmental head or immediate supervisor of its decision with respect to the disposition of the matter and the respective rights or equities of any interested parties.

The President or designated agent may overrule in writing the decision of the IPC, but failing such action within THIRTY (30) days of submission of the decision to the President or such agent the decision of the IPC shall be binding on all parties, unless appealed within that time.

The investigator shall be notified in writing of the final decision of the University within THIRTY (30) days.

If the administration of CWU decides not to pursue development of the Intellectual Property, or takes no specific action that indicates intent to do so, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the receipt of the IPC Form 1 by the Office of Graduate Studies, all rights shall revert to the investigator upon written claim of the Investigator.

If the University pursues development of the Intellectual Property, it shall take action within two hundred seventy (270) days after the issuance of the final, written recommendation of the IPC. If the University fails to act within this period, all rights shall revert to the Investigator upon written claim.

- 8.6 Execution of Necessary Documents. Shared copyright registration, the purchase of an ISBN, where appropriate, and marketing and distribution methods will be based on a mutually negotiated agreement between the investigator and the University.

A suitable technology transfer agent (TTA) may be selected by mutual agreement of the investigator and the IPC for patent filing and other agreed upon actions. The investigator will submit a detailed disclosure form to the TTA with a copy to the IPC. The investigator will then work directly with the TTA on submission of the patent.

APPENDIX C – SUMMER SESSION FACULTY SALARY PRORATION POLICY

The following policy provisions will apply to Summer Session operations. Unless otherwise provided, the summer salaries for regular faculty teaching in addition to their regular contract shall be computed as one forty-fifth (1/45th) of the salary for the previous academic contract year per workload unit, with ten (10) workload units considered as a full load during summer session.

1. Letters of Appointment for Summer Session will be provided to faculty members as early as practicable, but no later than the beginning of the pay period in which their start date falls. Exceptions shall be permitted for individual study courses (e.g., applied music, student supervision), and other emergency or unforeseeable circumstances (e.g., new courses/sections, reassignment).
2. Proration will be based upon individual faculty salaries on a breakeven basis. If revenue from a faculty member's course fails to surpass the full cost of the course, then the faculty member's salary will be reduced until the breakeven point is achieved. Full costs include instructional salary, benefits, contribution to department and college overhead, and contribution to University overhead. Faculty shall be provided the breakeven point in the Letter of Appointment. At the end of spring quarter of every year, the University will provide the Union with the formulas used to calculate breakeven points.
3. The course may be canceled if fewer than twenty (20) students are enrolled in a lower division course, twelve (12) students are enrolled in an upper division course, or eight (8) students are enrolled in a graduate course. The decision to cancel a course will be made by the Dean in consultation with the faculty member and the department chair.
4. In some instances in order to meet the goal of summer session to "provide appropriate course and programmatic offerings in order for students to meet their academic needs and interests," exceptions either to the proration or to minimum enrollment may be made at the discretion of the Dean and department chair and as agreed to by the faculty member.
5. An individual faculty member, in consultation with the Dean and department chair, has the discretion to not teach at a prorated salary. If the faculty member decides to not teach the course at the prorated salary, then the teaching assignment may be offered to another faculty member as demand warrants. Notice of the determination of the need to prorate will be made by the close of business on the first (1st) business day following the add/drop deadline.

APPENDIX D – OFFICIAL GRIEVANCE/COMPLAINT FORM

Check one: ☐ Grievance ☐ Complaint Grievance / Complaint # _____
Check one: Level: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 1 ☐ 2

OFFICIAL GRIEVANCE / COMPLAINT FORM

United Faculty of Central

Directions: Any faculty who desire to file a grievance or complaint must consult with a Union Representative, who will complete this form and sign it, in accordance with the grievance or complaint procedure.

Local: UFC Agency or Higher Education Institution: CWU Date filed: _____

Name(s) of Grievant(s) / Complainant(s): _____

Classification: Faculty College(s)/Dept(s): _____

Chair(s): _____ Dean(s) or Director(s): _____

Article(s) and Section(s) of the CBA violated: _____

NATURE OF THE GRIEVANCE OR COMPLAINT, AND FACTS UPON WHICH IT IS BASED:

State briefly but fully pertinent information such as date, place, who caused the action objected to (if known) and relevant inequitable or unfair treatment. Use additional documents if necessary. **Number of attached documents:** _____

See attached.

SPECIFIC REMEDY REQUESTED:

See attached.

Signature of Union Representative Date

Grievant's / Complainant's Signature Date

Name & Title of Employer
Representative Receiving Grievance Date

Signature of Employer Representative Date

Distribution: Employer Representative(s); Grievant(s) / Complainant(s); Union representative(s); Dean; Provost and Vice President for Academic & Student Life

APPENDIX E – JUST CAUSE GUIDELINES

Just cause guidelines commonly used by arbitrators are as follows:

1. **NOTICE:** "Did the Employer give to the employee forewarning or foreknowledge of the possible or probable consequences of the employee's disciplinary conduct?"
2. **REASONABLE RULES OR ORDER:** "Was the Employer's rule or managerial order reasonably related to (a) the orderly, efficient, and safe operation of the Employer's business, and (b) the performance that the Employer might properly expect of the employee?"
3. **INVESTIGATION:** "Did the Employer, before administering the discipline to an employee, make an effort to discover whether the employee did in fact violate or disobey a rule or order of management?"
4. **FAIR INVESTIGATION:** "Was the Employer's investigation conducted fairly and objectively?"
5. **PROOF:** "At the investigation, did the judge obtain substantial evidence or proof that the employee was guilty as charged?"
6. **EQUAL TREATMENT:** "Has the Employer applied its rules, orders and penalties even-handedly and without discrimination to all employees?"
7. **PENALTY:** "Was the degree of discipline administered by the Employer in a particular case reasonably related to (a) the seriousness of the employee's proven offense, and (b) the record of the employee in his service with the Employer?"

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