

MIAMI UNIVERSITY PROPOSAL TO FAM/AAUP-AFT

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BENEFITS

A. Medical, Vision, Dental and Other Insurance

The University shall continue to offer bargaining unit faculty members access to group insurance plans (hospitalization, basic medical, major medical, healthcare savings account, dental, life and accidental death and dismemberment) as approved by the Board of Trustees on the same terms and conditions applicable to other full-time non-bargaining unit employees, to the extent permitted by law. The University will contribute to the monthly premium cost and healthcare savings account, where applicable, of the bargaining unit faculty member's medical plan of choice on the same basis and in the same amounts it does for other full-time non-bargaining unit employees, and bargaining unit faculty member monthly medical insurance premium contributions shall be made on a pre-tax basis. The terms and conditions of group insurance shall be governed by the applicable plan documents, as they may exist from time to time.

The University reserves the right to amend the plans referenced above, including the amount of premium contributions paid by bargaining unit faculty members, at its sole discretion and without negotiation with the Union.

The University shall comply with all federal and state requirements, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, related to the confidentiality of bargaining unit faculty medical information.

B. Flexible Spending Accounts

The University shall continue to offer bargaining unit faculty members access to participate in voluntary flexible spending accounts (FSA) to pay for certain medical and/or dependent daycare expenses, on the same terms and conditions applicable to other full-time non-bargaining unit employees, to the extent permitted by law. The terms and conditions of FSA participation shall be governed by the applicable plan documents, as they may exist from time to time.

C. Employee Assistance Program

Miami University and FAM reserve the right to add to, delete from, or modify any proposal herein prior to final agreement. Any withdrawal of a proposal is without prejudice to the University. Any tentative agreements reached between the parties on any proposals shall not become final until (1) the parties have reached final agreement on a full collective bargaining agreement, (2) the Union membership has ratified the full collective bargaining agreement, and (3) the University Board of Trustees has approved the full collective bargaining agreement.

The University also reserves the right to amend or withdraw any proposal that conflicts with pending legislation, including S.B. 83 - Ohio Higher Education Enhancement Act.

The University shall continue to offer bargaining unit faculty members access to confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services on the same basis as other full-time non-bargaining unit employees.

D. Employee Health Programs

The University will continue to offer bargaining unit faculty members access to the Employee Health Center on the same basis as other full-time non-bargaining unit employees. The University reserves the right to determine the terms of Health Center services offered, including costs to bargaining unit faculty members, at its sole discretion.

E. Retirement Benefits

Bargaining unit faculty members shall be entitled to participate in the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), and the University's Supplemental Retirement Benefit plans, to the extent and on the same terms offered to other full-time employees of the University, subject to applicable law and regulation.

At the time of hire, bargaining unit faculty members may elect to participate in the Ohio Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP), rather than the STRS, to the extent and on the same terms offered to other full-time employees of the University, subject to applicable law and regulation. Bargaining unit faculty members who fail to (1) submit the retirement plan election form, (2) set up an account, and (3) choose a vendor within one hundred and twenty (120) days after their date of hire, will automatically default into the STRS plan.

F. Education Benefits

The University will continue to offer eligible full-time bargaining unit faculty tuition fee waivers for themselves and eligible spouses and dependent children, on the same basis as other full-time non-bargaining unit employees, in accordance with applicable University policy. The University reserves the right to modify University policy providing for education benefits, at its sole discretion during the term of the Agreement, and will provide the Union with notice of any such changes.

G. Miami Recreation Center

The University will offer bargaining unit faculty members access to all Miami Recreation Centers at all campuses, on the same basis as other full-time non-bargaining unit employees and in accordance with University policy. The University reserves the right to determine the terms of

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Recreation Center membership and programs offered, including costs and fees, at its sole discretion.

H. Travel Expenses

Reimbursement for travel expenses and other use of University funds related to travel within a bargaining unit faculty member's professional duties shall be in accordance with University policy.

I. Professional Development Funds

Available professional development funds will be distributed in accordance with the policies and procedures of each academic unit, at the University's sole discretion.

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