

Faculty Alliance of Miami, AAUP-AFT Counter to Miami University

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Compensation

X.1. 2023-2024 Academic Year (FY2024)

- X.1.1. First, (1) bargaining unit members that received a promotional increase in FY23 and FY24 shall receive an increment equal to the difference in the promotional increase actually received and the promotional increases listed in section X.6, in no case shall this entail a reduction in the amount paid to the faculty member; then (2) all bargaining unit members' salaries will be adjusted, if necessary, to meet minimum salary requirements in section X.9.1.; this is the base salary used in X.1.2.
- X.1.2. A 4.0% increase shall be applied to the base annual salary of bargaining unit members calculated in X.1.1, effective July 1, 2023.
- X.1.3. The difference between what was actually paid in F2024 and this updated contract shall be paid in a lump sum within 90 days of the ratification of this contract.

X.2. 2024-2025 Academic Year (FY2025)

- X.2.1. Order of application of the increases shall be: (1) promotional increase (X.6); (2) adjustment, if necessary, to meet minimum salary requirements (X.9.1); and (3) all other increases calculated on the July 1, 2024 base salary, i.e. increases in X.2.2.1, X.2.2.2, X.2.2.3. The amount after (1) and (2) but before (3) shall be called the adjusted FY2024 base salary.
- X.2.2. A pool of 9.5% of total adjusted FY2024 base salary will be made available for annual salary increases.
- X.2.2.1. Each bargaining unit member will receive an increase of 6.0% of their adjusted FY2024 base salary.
- X.2.2.2. A 2.0% pool will be split evenly across all bargaining unit members.
- X.2.2.3. A 1.5% pool shall be allocated for merit-based increases to the base annual salary of bargaining unit members according to procedures outlined in section X.5.

X.3. 2025-2026 Academic Year (FY2026)

- X.3.1. A pool of 6.5% of total FY2025 base salary will be made available for annual salary increases.
- X.3.1.1. Each bargaining unit member will receive an increase of 3.75% of their FY2025 base salary.
- X.3.1.2. A 1.25% pool will be split evenly across all bargaining unit members.

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41 X.3.1.3. A 1.5% pool shall be allocated for merit-based increases to the base
 42 annual salary of bargaining unit members according to procedures
 43 outlined in section X.5.

44 X.3.2. Order of application of the increases shall be: (1) Increases in X.3.1, (2)
 45 Promotional Increases, (3) adjustment, if necessary, to meet minimum salary
 46 requirements (X.9.1).
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48 **X.4. 2026-2027 Academic Year (FY2027)**
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50 X.4.1. A pool of 6.5% of total FY2026 base salary will be made available for annual
 51 salary increases.

52 X.4.1.1. Each bargaining unit member will receive an increase of 3.75% of their
 53 FY2026 base salary.

54 X.4.1.2. A 1.25% pool will be split evenly across all bargaining unit members.

55 X.4.1.3. A 1.5% pool shall be allocated for merit-based increases to the base
 56 annual salary of bargaining unit members according to procedures
 57 outlined in section X.5.

58 X.4.2. Order of application of the increases shall be: (1) Increases in X.4.1, (2)
 59 Promotional Increases, (3) adjustment, if necessary, to meet minimum salary
 60 requirements (X.9.1).
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62 **X.5. Procedures for allocation of merit pool**

63 X.5.1. Each year each department shall receive a proportion of the total merit pool
 64 amount for that year in (X.2.2.3 in FY2025, X.3.2.3 in FY2026, and X.4.2.3 in
 65 FY2027) equal to the department's proportion of total bargaining unit adjusted
 66 base salary. If a department does not have a merit procedure, or a procedure that
 67 does not adhere to the criteria articulated in X.5.3, they must create and finalize a
 68 policy based on the criteria articulated in X.5.3 before March 1, 2025.

69 X.5.2. All department merit evaluation procedures, criteria, and policies must adhere to
 70 the following principles:

71 X.5.2.1. Procedures must be structured so that bargaining unit members are
 72 provided a comprehensive, single evaluation of whether the faculty
 73 member either "does not meet expectations" or "exceeds expectations" or
 74 "meets expectations" based on the totality of the faculty member's
 75 professional and educational activities. No one receiving a "Meets
 76 expectations" rating shall receive a merit increase of less than 1% of their
 77 previous fiscal year adjusted base salary ($\frac{2}{3}$ of the 1.5% average merit
 78 raise). No one receiving an "Exceeds expectations" rating shall receive
 79 more than a 6% merit increase based on their previous year's adjusted
 80 base salary. Bargaining unit members receiving a comprehensive
 81 evaluation of "does not meet expectations" are not eligible for merit
 82 increases.

- 83 X.5.2.2. Ensure that all bargaining unit members have an equal opportunity to earn
 84 merit for accomplishments in all professional activities, including
 85 teaching, research, service, and advising.
- 86 X.5.2.3. The department may specify procedures to differentiate merit increases
 87 within the “meets expectations” and “exceeds expectations” evaluation
 88 categories.
- 89 X.5.2.4. The procedures must be written through a democratic process (including
 90 all ranks and positions types) and approved by the bargaining unit
 91 members of the department using simple majority voting rules.
- 92 X.5.2.5. The procedures must include a provision for faculty to bring appeals or
 93 complaints before a departmental body for discussion and possible
 94 resolution of questions or conflicts.
- 95 X.5.2.6. The merit allocations must be based on the “meets expectations” and
 96 “exceeds expectations” evaluations. No departmental procedure can deem
 97 that merit will be *a priori* equally divided either in terms of dollars or
 98 percent of salary.
- 99 X.5.2.7. Each member will receive written notification of their merit categorization
 100 and amount by April 1st of the fiscal year.
- 101 X.5.3. The decision on merit evaluations shall be made by the Chair, following the
 102 written procedures approved by the Department, with written justification
 103 provided to each bargaining unit member. The Chair’s decisions on merit
 104 evaluations may not be overruled unless necessary to ensure compliance with the
 105 department’s procedures as required by this Agreement; however, the Dean may
 106 choose to award an additional merit increase to any bargaining unit member using
 107 additional funds from outside the pools described in this article.
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- 109 **X.6. Promotional Increase.**
- 110 X.6.1. Each member of the Bargaining Unit receiving a promotion during the term of
 111 this Agreement shall receive an additional increase equal to the larger of 1.)
 112 fifteen percent (15%) of base salary, or 2.) a promotional increase minimum based
 113 on rank and title.
- 114 X.6.2. **Promotional increase minimum**
- 115 X.6.2.1. Assistant to Associate - \$10,000
- 116 X.6.2.2. Associate to Full/Senior - \$15,000
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- 118 **X.7. Effect of Administrative Appointment on Faculty Salary.**
- 119 X.7.1. A Faculty Member who accepts an administrative appointment, and who
 120 subsequently returns to the Bargaining Unit, shall be returned to the salary they
 121 would have earned, including any MU/AAUP Contract mandated increases, had
 122 they remained a Bargaining Unit member. During the period of administrative
 123 appointment, the faculty member will accrue merit increases equal to the
 124 percentage rate given to the bargaining unit in articles X.2.2.3, X.3.2.3, and
 125 X.4.2.3. If management deems the returning member deserves an additional merit
 126 increase, they will inform FAM of that decision.

127 X.7.2. In cases where initial appointment to a faculty title is accompanied by an
 128 administrative appointment, the appointment letter must specify the base salary
 129 that the appointee would have earned had the appointment been solely a faculty
 130 appointment. In such cases, should the appointee subsequently leave the
 131 administrative position and become a member of the Bargaining Unit, their base
 132 salary shall be the base salary specified in the initial appointment letter, plus any
 133 MU/AAUP Contract-mandated increases occurring during the time of the
 134 administrative appointment.
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136 **X.8. Compensation for Summer and Winter Semester Teaching**

- 137 X.8.1. Summer and Winter Term teaching is equally available to all full-time members
 138 of the faculty in a department.
- 139 X.8.1.1. No rank will be systematically discriminated against in the selection of
 140 eligible faculty.
- 141 X.8.1.2. Non-visiting full-time faculty will be given priority over visiting, full-time
 142 faculty and over part-time faculty.
- 143 X.8.1.3. Faculty members may not be required to teach during the Summer or
 144 Winter Term.
- 145 X.8.1.4. Use of “guaranteed” Summer or Winter Term teaching cannot be used as a
 146 recruiting inducement.
- 147 X.8.2. Faculty Members who teach during the Summer and Winter Semesters shall
 148 receive additional compensation as prescribed in this Article, provided such
 149 teaching responsibilities have not been assigned and accepted in a written
 150 agreement by the Faculty Member in lieu of teaching responsibilities during the
 151 Spring or Fall Semesters in a previous or ensuing year.
- 152 X.8.3. **Summer/Winter Semester Teaching Rate.** Additional compensation for
 153 Summer and Winter Semester teaching shall be based on semester credit hours
 154 taught and shall be calculated on the Faculty Member’s annual base salary and
 155 upon class enrollment(s) as of the first day of classes of the Summer/Winter
 156 Semester. Compensation shall not be less than 4.00% per credit hour with
 157 enrollment of 16 students or more.
- 158 X.8.4. **Calculation of Pro-Ration.** The minimum enrollment for full compensation for
 159 Summer and Winter Semester courses is 16 students. If the enrollment is below
 160 16 students, the compensation for the class will follow the following schedule:
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Enrollment	% Compensation per Credit Hour
16	4.00%
15	3.75%
14	3.50%
13	3.25%
12	3.00%
11	2.75%
10	2.50%

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9	2.25%
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X.8.5. **Notification of Pro-ration.** If a course enrollment is under 16 students seven days before the start of the course, the faculty member must be notified of the amount of the potential pro-ration. The faculty member has the right to not teach the course when the enrollment drops below 12 as long as they notify their chair within 48 hours of being notified of the potential proration. If the administration fails to notify faculty of the potential pro-ration, they will receive full-compensation.

X.9. Minimum Salaries

X.9.1. The minimum academic base salary for all Bargaining Unit members shall be as follows:

Minimum 9-month salary by rank (applies to all bargaining unit employees of that rank)

Rank	
Full/Senior	\$ 105,000
Associate	\$ 85,000
Assistant	\$ 70,000

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X.9.2. The minima defined in this Article shall apply to bargaining unit members on a pro-rated basis proportional to the percent of appointment to bargaining unit positions.

X.10. Overloads, Extra Compensation

X.10.1. Overload teaching assignments are voluntarily accepted assignments by a Faculty Member in excess of their regular work or teaching load as assigned by their Academic Unit Head in accordance with the Academic Unit’s Workload Policy. No faculty member shall be penalized for refusing an overload assignment. Additional compensation for overload teaching shall be based on semester credit hours taught and shall be calculated on the Faculty Member’s annual base salary as of the first day of classes of the semester. Compensation shall not be less than 4.0% per credit hour or, at the option of the faculty member, an equivalent course reduction within the following 2 academic years.

X.10.2. Should the overload assignment occur for a portion of a semester, the payment will be pro-rated accordingly.

X.10.3. Overload and/or adjunct teaching must be approved in advance by the Dean or designee, with such approval being copied to the Provost. Whenever a Faculty Member agrees to overload teaching, the Chair shall provide the Faculty Member

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197 with a written letter of agreement before the Faculty Member begins to teach the
 198 course.
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200 **X.11. Additional Compensation**

201 X.11.1. In the event that the University wishes to make salary or benefit adjustments
 202 which are more favorable than those called for in this Agreement to any
 203 individual member of the Bargaining Unit, it may do so for one or more of the
 204 following purposes: (1) matching a bona fide offer from another institution, (2)
 205 correcting inequities not otherwise dealt with in this Agreement, (3) correcting
 206 inequities found described in Article XI (forthcoming), (4) retention efforts, or (5)
 207 rewarding outstanding professional contributions. Care will be taken to ensure
 208 that such professional contributions are clearly above and beyond those typically
 209 recognized through a merit increase program. Faculty members must submit such
 210 requests in writing and in conjunction with FAM to the appropriate University
 211 administrator. When such individual requests lead to adjustment or denial, the
 212 University shall inform the bargaining unit member and FAM, and shall state in
 213 writing within five (5) business days the reasons for such adjustment or denial
 214 with the specific documentation leading to the adjustment or denial in writing.
 215 Adjustments made under this Article shall come from the reallocation of funds
 216 and shall not decrease the amounts available to other members of the Bargaining
 217 Unit as provided for by the provisions of this Agreement.
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219 **X.11.2. Pay Schedule**

220 X.11.2.1. The University shall pay all bargaining unit faculty monthly in either ten
 221 (10) (nine-month plan) or twelve (12) installments (twelve (12) month
 222 plan), as the individual elects. The default pay arrangement is the nine (9)
 223 month plan. Election of the twelve (12) month plan must be made prior to
 224 August 15 for any given academic year, or at time of hire if later than August
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227 X.11.2.2. The first paycheck for the academic year will be paid on approximately
 228 August 31.
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230 **X.11.3. Protected class pay equity salary adjustment study**

231 X.11.3.1. In the second year following the signing of this agreement, a salary pool of
 232 2% of total base salary will be made available to address pay inequities
 233 and related matters related to gender and other legally protected classes
 234 within the bargaining unit members as described in Article __: Salary
 235 Adjustment Studies.

236 **X.11.4. Market based and internal salary adjustment study (compression, inversion,
 237 divisional discrepancies)**

238 X.11.4.1. In the third year following the signing of this agreement, a salary pool of
 239 2% of total base salary will be made available to address such pay
 240 discrepancies as described in Article __: Salary Adjustment Studies.

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- 242 **X.12. At the end of this contract, annual raises will continue each year in the following**
- 243 **structure until a new contract comes into effect:**
- 244 X.12.1. Order of application of the increases shall be: (1) promotional increase (X.6); (2)
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