

AGREEMENT

Between MIAMI UNIVERSITY

and

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OHIO

COUNCIL 8,

LOCAL UNION 209, AFL-CIO

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ARTICLE 1

Purpose

- A. This Agreement entered into by Miami University, the Employer, hereinafter referred to as the "University", and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council #8, Local Union 209, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union".
- B. It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to provide for a better understanding between both parties and to establish a peaceful and reasonable procedure for the resolution of differences. It is also recognized that the University is a public trust operated for the benefit of students for their education.
- C. The male pronoun or adjective where used herein also refers to the female. The term "employee" or "employees" where used herein refers to all employees in the bargaining unit as listed in the Recognition Article of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2

Recognition

- A. The University recognizes Ohio Council #8, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO and Miami University Employees Local 209 as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for employees in the following descriptive unit in all matters of wages, rates of pay, hours of work, fringe benefits and their conditions of employment.
- B. Employees covered by this Agreement are listed in the following classifications:

Assistant Cook
Building & Grounds Assistant (BGA)
Building & Grounds Assistant, Sr.
Building & Grounds Coordinator (BGC)
Building & Grounds Specialist (BGS)
Building & Grounds Specialist, Sr.
Building & Grounds Technician (BGT)
Cook
Food Production leader (FPL)
Food Service Assistant (FSA)
Food Service Assistant, Sr.
Food Service Operations Coordinator
Maintenance/Repair Specialist
Maintenance/Repair Specialist, Sr.
Maintenance/Repair Technician

Maintenance Repair Technician, Sr
Materials Handling Technician
Sales Clerk
Sr. Cook
Stationary Engineer
Supplies Assistant
Trades Assistant
Trades Specialist
Trades Specialist, Master
Transportation/Delivery Assistant
Transportation/Delivery Specialist
Utility Systems Maintenance Spec

The following titles are not currently in use:

Assistant Sales Clerk
Building & Grounds Supervisor
Senior Grounds Supervisor
Horticultural Specialist
Horticultural Technician

Materials Handling Aide
Materials Handling Assistant
Postal Services Assistant
Transportation/Delivery Technician
Master Senior Food Service Assistant

C. Employees excluded from the bargaining unit are as follows:

Accounting Associate, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Associate, Administrative Secretary, Bookstore Manager, Building and Grounds Manager, Campus Mail Services Manager, Cashier, Clerical Assistant, Communications Specialist, Copy/Printing Coordinator, Copy/Printing Services Supervisor, Copy/Printing Technician, Crime Prevention Specialist, Customer Services Assistant, Customer Service Coordinator, Customer Service Specialist, Environmental Graphic Designer, Food Service Manager, Food Service Specialist, Food Service Supervisor, Horticulturist, Laboratory Assistant, Laboratory Coordinator, Library Associate, Library Technician, Lifeguard, Maintenance Engineer Supervisor, Maintenance/Repair Supervisor, Medical Assistant, Medical Laboratory Technician, Medical Records Clerk, Medical Technologist, Nurse, Nurse Supervisor, Personnel Assistant, Personnel Technician, Pharmacy Attendant, Physical Facilities Manager, Police Officer I, Police Officer II, Production Control Specialist, Program Aide, Program Assistant, Program Associate, Public Safety Manager, Public Safety Supervisor, Purchasing Assistant, Science Stores Specialist, Secretary, Security Assistant, Senior Accounting Assistant, Senior Clerical Assistant, Senior Science Stores Specialist, Senior Administrative Associate, Senior Administrative Secretary, Senior Building and Grounds Manager, Senior Building and Grounds Supervisor, Senior Communications Specialist, Senior Library Technician, Senior Nurse, Senior Personnel Technician, Senior Program Assistant, Senior Technical Services Specialist, Technical Services Associate, Technical Services Manager, Technical Services Specialist, Telephone Operator, Trades Shop Assistant Manager, Transportation Specialist, Transportation/Delivery Supervisor, X-Ray Technician.

ARTICLE 3

Definitions

"Full-Time Employee" means one who is appointed to a position normally scheduled to work a minimum of forty (40) hours per week.

"Part-Time Employee" is appointed to a position normally scheduled to work fewer than thirty-two (32) hours per week. Part-Time Employees shall not work in excess of that maximum.

"Seasonal Employee" means an employee appointed to a position working no more than one hundred and twenty (120) days during a specific period of the year.

"Temporary employee" means one appointed for a specific project with a specified ending date or for not longer than one year. Temporary employees are not benefit eligible unless the employee works beyond a period of nine months, in which event subsequent eligibility will depend upon his/her hours of work, per the definition of "Benefit Eligible Employee."

"Intermittent" means a part-time employee who is not regularly assigned a consistent work schedule, but is scheduled as needed by the department in which employed.

"Union staff representative" shall mean an employee or officer of Ohio Council 8 of AFSCME.

"Benefit Eligible Employee" means one who is appointed to a position normally scheduled to work a minimum of thirty-two (32) hours per week, nine months per year. Part-time employees appointed for nine months or more per year, who have worked thirty-two (32) hours per week or more for eight (8) weeks or more in any twelve (12) week period, shall be entitled to the benefits of Benefit Eligible Employees. Benefit eligible employees shall be entitled to all benefits of the Agreement, except that they must also be full-time employees to be entitled to vacation benefits. Holiday benefits apply to benefit eligible employees working less than full-time only if the holiday falls on a day otherwise scheduled as a work day for the respective employee.

"Working Day" for the purposes of timelines, means any weekday exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and Holidays (as defined herein).

ARTICLE 4

Departments

As of the effective date of this Agreement, the following are the Departments in which bargaining unit employees are employed:

Physical Facilities Department
Physical Facilities Department - Middletown Campus
Physical Facilities Department - Hamilton Campus
Campus Services

It is recognized that during the term of this Agreement the University may create, discontinue, and/or reorganize Departments. The Union shall be advised of any such changes to departments.

ARTICLE 5

Classifications

- A. The University will establish and maintain a job classification plan for all positions covered by this contract. The jobs shall be grouped such that all positions with similar duties and responsibilities are described by the same title and assigned to the same pay range. Each class of positions shall be assigned a classification number and classification title. A specification describing the duties and responsibilities of the class and the minimum qualifications for being employed in a position in said class, will be maintained for each class of positions. Each specification shall include statements of the essential character of the work of the classification, essential knowledge, abilities, and skills, and the training and experience required of persons who are to fill positions so classified. The job classification plan and descriptions will be supplied to the Union during January and July of each year.
- B. Related classifications, which form a career progression, shall be assigned to a classification series. For purposes of this contract, the classifications listed in Article 2 shall constitute the classifications of all positions in the bargaining unit.
- C. Should the University create a new classification which both parties agree should be a bargaining unit position, the University will establish a wage level or range for the classification and notify the Union. If the Union requests bargaining with respect to the applicable wage level or range, the parties will meet for that purpose. If agreement is reached, that agreement will be implemented. If no agreement is reached within thirty (30) days of notice to the Union, the University will implement its proposed wage level or range, and that wage level or range will remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement. If the parties agree to a further adjustment of the wage rate during the subsequent contract negotiations that take place, any upward adjustment will be retro-active to the date that the position was originally filled.

In the event the University creates a new position or classification where there is an issue as to whether it belongs in the bargaining unit, the University will notify the Union as of its decision regarding exclusion from the bargaining unit prior to any posting of the newly created position or classification. If the Union disputes the University's decision, the Union must schedule a meeting with the Director of Employee and Labor Relations within ten (10) calendar days of the notification to discuss the exclusion decision. If the matter is not resolved at the meeting, the Union may file a petition to clarify the unit and/or to amend the certification with SERB. The Union shall serve notice to the University of its intent to file a petition with SERB to clarify the unit and/or amend the certification within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting. Any such petition must be filed with SERB within thirty (30) calendar days of the meeting. Any such petition must be filed with SERB within thirty (30) calendar days of the meeting with the Director of Employee and Labor Relations.

ARTICLE 6

Management Rights

Except as specifically limited by any provisions of this Agreement, the employer shall have the right to manage, direct, and supervise the operations of the University and employees. The employer's management rights include the right to hire, discipline and discharge employees for just and proper cause, lay off, promote employees; to enforce reasonable rules and regulations; to reorganize, discontinue or enlarge any department or division; to transfer employees (including the assignment and allocation of work) within departments or to other departments; to introduce new or improved equipment, methods, and/or facilities; to determine the size and duties of the work force; to establish, modify, consolidate, or abolish jobs, to determine duties to be performed, qualifications required, and areas worked; and to carry out the ordinary and customary functions of management. [As provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.08(C)]

In addition, the Union agrees that all of the functions, rights, powers, responsibilities, and authority of the University in regard to the operation of its work and business and the direction of its work force which the University has not specifically abridged, deleted, granted or modified by the express and specific written provisions of this Agreement are, and shall remain, exclusively those of the employer.

ARTICLE 7

Management Orders

In the event of a dispute or grievance arising, which is not promptly and amicably adjusted between the supervisor and employee, said dispute or grievance shall be submitted through the regular channels provided under the Grievance Procedure. Pending a decision on the grievance, management's orders shall be followed as given with regard to the employee involved. On request, the University agrees to meet with the employee and the Union over issues involving safety. It is understood that this Article is not intended to abridge or modify any rights an employee has to refuse to perform work that is hazardous or unsafe as provided under the Public Employee's Risk Reduction Act.

ARTICLE 8

Union Representation

- A. The University shall recognize officers and stewards as Union representatives for the purpose of administering the collective bargaining agreement and adjudicating grievances. Union representatives shall also be recognized for the purpose of administering the collective bargaining agreement. The Union has the right to conduct its internal affairs as it deems appropriate, free of any obstruction by the University so long as it does not interfere with the operations or mission of the University.
- B. The Union staff representative shall be permitted reasonable access to work areas in order to conduct legitimate Union business. A staff representative must secure permission from the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her authorized representative, in order to contact any employee on University time, provided that such permission will not be unreasonably denied. If the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her authorized representative is not available, the staff representative will notify him/her of his contact on the next regular business day following the contact. A steward or president who enters into a unit or department other than his/her own shall first notify the supervisor of that unit or department of his/her presence for the purpose of investigating or processing a formal written grievance. If the supervisor of the department to be visited is the subject of the investigation, the steward or president shall contact the Director Employee and Labor Relations, or his/her designee, who will schedule a time to conduct the investigation or meeting.

- C. The Union will be permitted a number of stewards to be agreed upon by the parties and, in addition, another four (4) union officers to act in the capacity of stewards. The Union will furnish the names of all stewards and officers, acting in such a capacity, to the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations at the time of their identification. The Union will post the current list of stewards and their designated areas of responsibility. The Union shall provide a current list at least bi-annually, to the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations, or more frequently if there are changes in the interim.
- D. Time spent by the stewards and officers in grievance meetings, during their regularly scheduled hours, will result in no loss of regular, straight time pay. The University will make reasonable efforts to schedule meetings at times convenient to attendees. Where employees working on different shifts are required to attend the meeting, the meeting will be scheduled as close to shift change as reasonably possible.
- E. No steward, officer, or aggrieved employee shall leave his assigned work in order to conduct Union business without prior approval from his respective supervisor. No steward will be unreasonably denied the right to carry out his steward responsibilities, as set forth in Paragraph D, above, when requested. The steward or officer is obligated to provide the Director of Employee and Labor Relations the following information within forty-eight (48) hours of Union business:
1. Purpose of the Union business (i.e., grievance, disciplinary hearing, other).
 2. The names of stewards and other employees involved.
 3. Actual time spent on Union business (from start to conclusion).
 4. The department of the steward.
 5. The department of the employee.
 6. The name of the aggrieved employee's supervisor giving permission.

The University shall provide the form required for recording the information to the steward or officer's immediate supervisor. During pre-disciplinary hearing and grievance meetings, there shall be no more than two (2) employees, i.e., a Union representative and the aggrieved party, plus one (1) Union staff representative or his/her designee present. The University shall also have no more than a total of three (3) representatives present, excluding the hearing officer in pre-disciplinary hearings. The University and the Union shall receive notice from the other party of the employees and/or supervisors it intends to use as witnesses and such employees shall be scheduled in advance by the parties so as to limit the burden on the Department. (This is not subpoena authority and Union witnesses must appear voluntarily.) Both parties shall be permitted no more than one (1) non-participating observer for educational purposes, provided the employee agrees. Participants shall suffer no loss of regular, straight time pay as a result of such attendance. Where a witness becomes unavailable, the hearing shall be postponed for a reasonable time to a mutually agreed date and time. In the event that new information becomes available, either party may be granted a continuance for a reasonable amount of time in order to investigate. Requests for continuances or postponements shall not be unreasonably denied.

- F. An employee of the University who is excluded from the bargaining unit shall not serve as a steward or represent employees in the bargaining unit, nor shall any employee represent any other employee whom he supervises.
- G. During contract negotiations toward future collective bargaining agreements, ten (10) employees who serve

on the Union Negotiating Committee shall suffer no loss of regular, straight time pay for time spent in negotiations with University representatives. The Union shall provide, at least two (2) weeks in advance, the names of those University employees who shall serve on their negotiating committee. Such employees shall be assigned to day shift for the period of negotiations. Release time from work for negotiations shall be for a period of one (1) hour before and one (1) hour after the scheduled meeting.

- H. Union representatives may consult with employees to be represented in pre-disciplinary or grievance hearings one (1) hour prior to the time of the scheduled hearing.
- I. Bargaining unit employees will be afforded the opportunity of Union representation at any meeting with management that could result in future disciplinary action.
- J. The Union shall be afforded the opportunity to include in the new hire orientation packet for bargaining unit employees, mutually agreed upon information about the Union (in addition to a membership application) regarding the benefits of Union membership. No information in the packet will contain derogatory, inflammatory, or untruthful information. The Union is responsible to prepare and furnish an adequate supply of materials to the Human Resources Office. An AFSCME Ohio Council 8 Representative shall be allowed to meet with new hires for a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes at the end of their orientation.

ARTICLE 9

Joint Responsibilities and Employee Rights

- A. The University and the Union acknowledge the rights and responsibilities of the other party and will discharge their responsibilities as provided in this Agreement.
- B. The Management of the University shall adhere to the provisions of this Agreement.
- C. The Union, its officers, recognized representatives, members and other representatives, and all employees covered hereunder shall adhere to the provisions of this Agreement.
- D. In addition to the responsibilities that may be expressly provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the following shall be observed:
 - 1. Intimidation or coercion - There shall be no intimidation or coercion of employees into joining the Union or continuing their membership therein, or into not joining or not continuing their membership therein by either the Union or the University.
 - 2. No discrimination - There shall be no discrimination, restraint or coercion against any employee because of race, religion, national origin, sex, age, or in violation of obligations under the Americans With Disabilities Act, or membership or non-membership in the Union; except where sex (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) or age may be a bona fide occupational qualification. Where a bona fide occupational qualification exists, the University shall discuss such a qualification(s) with the President of Local 209, or his/her designee, prior to the implementation of such a qualification(s).
 - 3. Grievances - In the event of a dispute or grievance arising, which is not promptly and amicably adjudicated between the supervisor and the employee, said dispute or grievance shall be submitted through the regular channels provided under the Grievance Procedure provided herein. Pending a decision on the grievance, management's orders shall be followed as given with regard to the employee involved.
- E. It is the responsibility of all employees to provide the University with a telephone number and address where they can be contacted and to notify the University of any changes.

- F. The University will make available to the Union, upon request, any bargaining unit voluntary transfer lists that it maintains. An employee who is passed over for a transfer will, upon request to the hiring manager, receive a written statement as to why they were not selected for transfer.

ARTICLE 10

Special Meetings

- A. Special meetings for important matters will be arranged between Local Union President and University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her designated representative upon request of either party. Such a meeting shall be between not more than four (4) representatives of the University and not more than four (4) Local Union representatives. It is understood and agreed that upon special notice by the Union, up to two additional Union staff representatives may also attend. Arrangements for such special meetings shall be made in advance and an agenda of the matters to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented at the time the meeting is requested. Matters taken up in special meetings shall be confined to those included in the agenda.
- B. The arrangements for such meetings shall be as follows:
1. The meeting shall be held on regular University business hours, Monday through Friday except holidays.
 2. Arrangements for a meeting shall be made in writing at least seven (7) calendar days in advance.
 3. The request shall include:
 - a. The proposed written agenda of matters to be discussed.
 - b. The names of the representatives.
 - c. A proposed time.
 4. Matters discussed at the meeting shall be limited to those mutually agreed upon by both parties and specified on the agenda.
 5. The request for a meeting shall be acknowledged in writing by the other party at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting and shall state:
 - a. Agreement in the time, provided such agreement is made.
 - b. The names of its representatives.
 6. When the written acknowledgment has been received or sent by the University, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her designated representative will arrange for appropriate time off with no loss of regular, straight time pay for University employees who will attend the special meeting.
 7. To the extent that a written response from the University to the Union is required, with reference to agenda items discussed in special meetings under this Article, such answer will be provided to the Local Union President within fourteen (14) calendar days of such meeting.
 8. Special meetings will be conducted within fourteen (14) calendar days of request unless an extension is mutually agreed upon by both parties.

ARTICLE 11

No Strikes and No Lockouts

The Union agrees that during the term of this Agreement, neither the Union, nor its agents, nor its members, nor any member of the bargaining unit, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, aid, condone, encourage, or engage in any work stoppage, slowdown, strike, picketing, sit-down, boycott, stand-in, sick-out or other suspension or interference with the work, business or operations of the University, including but not limited to sympathy strikes or slowdowns. The University agrees that during the same period there shall be no lockouts.

In order that the intent and purpose of this Article may be effectively executed, the Union agrees that the University may take disciplinary action, including discharge, against any employee who may violate the foregoing provisions of this Article.

Should any of the activities prohibited by this Article occur, the Union and its officers, agents and members shall take all necessary affirmative steps to terminate such activity. This shall include written instruction to each employee involved in such activity to immediately cease such activity.

Each possible penalty and/or remedy referenced in this Article shall be in addition to those available under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4117 and/or common law.

ARTICLE 12

Union Security

1. Upon the presentation of a written deduction authorization signed by the employee the employer shall deduct union dues, initiation fees, and assessments from the pay of bargaining unit employees in accordance with the terms of the executed authorization. The Union shall notify the Employer of the amounts to be deducted. Deductions shall be made from the pay of employees (monthly) (biweekly).
2. Previously signed and un-revoked authorization cards shall continue to be effective for employees
3. All dues deductions shall be deposited via electronic ACH transfer payment into the commercial bank account of Ohio Council 8, AFSCME, AFL-CIO no later than fifteen (15) days following the end of the pay period in which the deduction is made. The Union shall provide the Employer with authorization to make deposits into the financial institution utilized by the Union along with routing-number and account number of any change to the Union's account. It is the Union's responsibility to notify the Employer in writing of any change to the Union's account information.
4. The Employer shall email, with each deduction and transmittal of dues/fees, the following list of information in Excel or Text format to oc8dues@afscme8.org subject line: Local _____, Pay date --/--/--:
 - a. Dues List: name (last name, first name) department/work unit, Work ID or other Unique Identifying Number and the amount of the deduction for each employee, as well as, the total amount of the dues deducted for all employees for the pay period of the report.
 - b. List of complete bargaining unit members and department/work unit of each bargaining member – List can be sent anytime within each month
 - c. Total Remittance Amount

This Section shall be deemed complied with if one list containing fields with all of the above information is provided by the Employer to the Union in Excel format for all bargaining unit employees. The grouping of members and non-members, and the totals required under this section shall be calculated and/or organized by the Union using the fields provided in the Excel format.

5. All employees who are members of the union may revoke their union membership by giving written notice to the union of their desire to withdraw from the union. Revocation of union membership does not revoke union dues authorization, which may be revoked as set forth below.
6. Any voluntary dues checkoff authorization shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether an employee has revoked union membership, for a period of one year from the date of the execution of the dues checkoff authorization and for year to year thereafter, unless the employee gives the Employer and the Union written notice of revocation not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before the end of any yearly period. Copies of employees' dues checkoff authorization cards are available from the Union upon request.
7. The Employer and the Union agree to meet and negotiate over Fair Share fee within 60 days if it becomes legally permissible.
8. The Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings and other forms of liability, including damages and cost, brought by any employee arising from any deduction made by the Employer for purposes of complying with any provision of this Article or in reliance on any notice or dues checkoff authorization card furnished under any provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 13

Communications Center

- A. The University agrees to provide access to a secure room to be utilized by the Union as a Communications Center.
- B. The Communications Center shall be utilized in accordance with the following regulations:
 1. The University and the Union shall mutually agree upon the location of the space to be utilized by the Union.
 2. A maximum of fifteen (15) keys will be issued to the Union. Keys shall be issued by the operations center to Union officers and/or staff members designated by the Union President or Vice President consistent with departmental practices on key access and control.
 3. The Union will have the full responsibility to furnish, equip and maintain the designated area. All charges related to such equipment, including telephone and recording devices are the sole responsibility of the Union.
 4. One key shall be issued to the Miami Police at the Police Services Center for security use only. No other keys shall be issued.
 5. The Union will observe all established University rules and regulations.
 6. The purpose of this space is solely for the transmittal of Union messages and storing and maintaining Union records; it is not for conducting membership meetings.
 7. The University will provide internet access in the communication center for use by the Union, its

Officers and Stewards The Union will be responsible for the purchase and upkeep of the computer equipment to be used in the communication center and all monthly fees associated with any internet access and /or pay for service access acquired for use by the Union, its Officers and Stewards.

8. The Communication Center will be available for University inspection upon notifying the President of Local 209. Such inspection will be in the presence of the President of Local 209 or his/her designee.
9. This space provided by the University remains in effect throughout the life of this Agreement, providing the Union adheres to the above provisions.
10. The phone number of the Communication Center will be published on all Campus directories as "Union Office, AFSCME Local 209".
11. The Union agrees that it will indemnify and save the University harmless from any action commenced against the University arising as a result of any of the provision of this Article.

ARTICLE 14

Campus Mail

- A. Officers and Stewards shall have the right to use the campus mail system for delivery to, and receipt from, the following three (3) bulk sites: Oxford - Communications Center; a Middletown Campus site and a Hamilton Campus site.
- B. The Union shall have the right to use the campus mail system (6) times per fiscal year to send one mailing to newly hired bargaining unit employees. The Union will be responsible for preparing and distributing the mailings, and no additional cost shall be borne by the University. Any Union mailings shall not be in bad taste, shall contain no attacks against the University management, and shall at no time slander any University employee.
- C. Employees shall have access to computers and the University will provide an updated list of their locations to its employees.

ARTICLE 15

Seniority

- A. Seniority shall be an employee's continuous Miami University service. An employee shall have no seniority during his probationary period, but upon successful completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be retroactive to the hiring date of the employee's current Miami University uninterrupted employment.
- B. Seniority shall be broken and terminated when an employee:
 1. Quits;
 2. Is discharged for cause;
 3. Is laid off beyond the recall period referenced in Article 19;
 4. Fails to return to work at expiration of leave of absence;
 5. Retires; or
 6. Leaves the bargaining unit to take a non-bargaining unit position for a period of more than ninety (90) calendar days. Employees who leave the unit in such a fashion and later return will be credited with their prior time served in the bargaining unit for seniority purposes which govern procedural rights, e.g. layoff and recall. For substantive benefit purposes, e.g. amount of vacation eligibility, the retiring employee shall suffer no break in seniority.

- C. Seniority rosters will be supplied to the Union monthly. If two or more employees have the same seniority, they will be listed alphabetically on the seniority roster. The seniority roster supplied to the Union will include each employee's name, home address, home telephone number, department, classification, union membership status, and last date of hire. Additionally, each roster will highlight information which has changed since submission of the prior roster. The roster shall be supplied electronically.

ARTICLE 16

Probation

- A. All original appointments to a bargaining unit position shall be for a probationary period of 150 calendar days from the employee's date of hire. No appointment is final until the employee has satisfactorily completed his/her probationary period. Service toward the completion of a probationary period shall have been in the same class in the same department for a continuous period of time. Employment on a temporary basis, though in the same class, shall not count toward the completion of any probationary period. The probationary employee may be removed at any time prior to the 150th calendar day. Such probationary removal shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. Intermittent employees shall serve a probationary period equal to 1040 hours worked not to exceed 365 calendar days from the date of hire.

- B. For purposes of this section the following definitions shall apply:

Promotion: The appointment of an employee by Human Resources to a different classification which is assigned a higher pay range than his/her previous position.

Lateral transfer: The assignment of an employee by his or her department to a different work location or shift in the same classification.

Lateral move: The appointment of an employee by Human Resources to the same or a different classification which is assigned the same pay range as his/her previous classification.

Demotion: The appointment of an employee by Human Resources to a different classification which is assigned to a lower pay range than his/her previous classification. A demotion will result in a reduction in pay.

- C. All appointments resulting in the promotion, demotion, or lateral move of an employee covered by this Agreement shall be for a probationary period of 360 hours or forty-five (45) days worked, whichever occurs first. For example, sick leave, vacation leave, holidays, unpaid leave, jury duty, and military leave do not count toward the probationary period. All probation time is based upon actual time worked. The employee shall be returned to his/her former classification and pay if he/she fails to pass his/her probation.
- D. Probationary time may be extended by the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or designee with notice provided to the Union. The probationary period extension may not exceed sixty (60) days worked.
- E. Voluntary demotions and lateral transfers shall have no probationary periods.
- F. Laid off or displaced employees who have previously completed their probationary period shall not serve an additional probationary period.
- G. Service during a temporary assignment shall not count toward the completion of any probationary period.

ARTICLE 17
Return to Bargaining Unit

Where an employee is promoted or transferred from a bargaining unit position to a non-bargaining unit position and is subsequently unable to perform satisfactorily in the non-bargaining unit position (whether by reason of disability or skill considerations), within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of promotion or transfer, the University shall return such employee to the bargaining unit classification previously held, without complying with the posting and bidding requirements of Article 18. Upon such return, the employee's wage rate and seniority shall be as if he/she had never left the bargaining unit classification.

In the event that the ninetieth (90th) calendar day probationary period has passed, the University may return such employee to any vacant position which is the same as, or lower than, the classification the employee previously held. The employee shall be paid at the current rate of pay for that classification according to that employee's seniority.

ARTICLE 18
Job Postings

- A. The following language on promotions and the filling of vacant positions is intended to supersede all provisions applicable to public employees in the Ohio Revised Code and/or the rules of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services relative to promotions and the filling of vacant positions.
- B.
1. A vacancy exists whenever a position in the bargaining unit is created by the University, or when an existing employee leaves his/her current position as a result of a transfer, promotion, demotion, resignation, retirement, termination, or unpaid medical leave (see Article 37), and the University decides to fill it. When a bargaining unit position becomes vacant, a notice of the vacancy will be posted the University website for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. The vacancy notice will provide the details of the vacancy, including the qualifications for the position as set forth in the job description, a description of the duties for the position, and the initial shift assignment of the position. (Entrance level positions are included in this posting procedure, but such posting may be accomplished only periodically, so as to accumulate a pool of candidates from which vacancies may be filled).
 2. Employees requesting assistance to review and/or apply for such vacancies are to contact the Human Resources Office. If such an employee is unable to apply at a time other than during regular working hours, the employee should consult with his/her supervisor to schedule a mutually agreeable time to request assistance to make application.
 3. Eligibility:
 - a. Employees in a full-time forty hours (40) twelve (12) month positions are not able to apply for other lateral positions for a period of twelve (12) months from the date they assume a position. However, on a case by case basis the University may waive this requirement.
 - b. All applicants for the posted vacancy must meet the minimum qualifications established by the University, and as provided for in the position description(s) for the posting, for the position to be filled.

- c. Employees with standing disciplinary actions that have resulted in a suspension may not apply or be considered for any positions.
- d. Employees with poor evaluations within the previous twelve (12) months may not apply for or be considered for any positions. An evaluation is considered poor if the employee has any components marked "does not meet minimum standards of performance" or five (5) components marked "meets minimum standards but needs to show improvement."
- e. For E2 positions, if only one internal employee applies for the position and meets the minimum qualifications of the posted position, the position shall be awarded to that employee. If two or more bargaining unit employees apply for the vacancy and meet the minimum qualifications of the position, the employee with the most seniority shall be awarded the position. Any internal applicant who applies for a different classification or working title must pass a post offer pre-employment capacity test to verify that the employee has the physical capacity to perform the new position.
- f. For an F1, F2, G1, or G2 position, past service to the University will be considered, among other factors, when reviewing the applicant pool. All internal candidates that meet the eligibility criteria in subparagraphs (a)-(d) above will be guaranteed an interview and given preference over outside candidates. Outside candidates may be considered for the vacant position after the seven (7) day posting period. If the qualifications, experiences, and abilities of the internal candidate are equal to the outside candidate, the internal candidate shall be awarded the position. Relevant skills and demonstrated job knowledge shall be considered when ranking applicants.
- g. Employees who voluntarily give up their position to take a posted temporary position, give up the right to return to any position when the temporary position ends. Individuals may reapply and must go through the hiring process to seek further employment with the University

4. All applicants not selected for a vacancy position that has been posted in accordance with the requirements and provisions of this Article will be informed in writing regarding the basis upon which the selection to fill the vacancy was made.

C. Temporary positions and reclassifications are not covered by this Article.

D. Except as noted as above, vacancies that have been posted and remain unfilled by reason of no internal applicant meeting the qualifications established by the University may be filled by outside hiring within 180 calendar days after the seven (7) calendar day posting period has expired. If not filled within the 180 calendar days, this procedure must be followed again.

E. When a vacancy exists, it may create an operational inconvenience or emergency situation. In this event the University may temporarily fill the vacancy in order to assure continued job coverage while provisions of this Article are being processed. An employee that is temporarily reassigned shall receive the higher rate of pay in that classification (as if permanently promoted) or his regular rate of pay whichever is greater. However, this transfer shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days. The payments referenced in this paragraph apply only to vacancies and not to situations where employees fill in for an employee temporarily absent.

F. The University shall recall laid off bargaining unit employees to fill vacant positions under this Agreement that are scheduled to be filled, so long as the laid off employee is qualified for the position, before hiring from the outside.

G. The terms and conditions of the Affirmative Action Program and Plan are not subject to the Grievance Procedure.

H. The University will post all vacancies on the University website.

ARTICLE 19 A

Layoff and Recall

A. General Provisions

1. The following language on layoff and recall of bargaining unit employees is the sole source of rights and obligations with respect to these matters except for the provisions of Article 20, (Furlough). Furthermore, the following language supersedes all provisions applicable to public employees in the Ohio Revised Code and/or the Ohio Administrative Code relative to layoff and recall.
2. The University shall not layoff bargaining unit employees in lieu of disciplinary action.
3. It is understood that this Article does not affect student employment.
4. The parties agree to abide by Article 52 - Contracting of Work.

B. Layoff Order

If a layoff is necessary, the University shall identify the classification(s) to be affected by the layoff and the employee(s) to be affected. Layoffs will be conducted within classification series job families, (See Addendum 1A). Bargaining unit employees within the affected classification(s) shall be laid off in reverse order of seniority.

1. In the department where the layoff is occurring, employees in the affected classification(s) will be laid off in the following order:
 - i. Temporary
 - ii. Intermittent
 - iii. Part-time
 - iv. Full-time
2. Seniority Tie-Breaker: In the event that two employees have identical University seniority (hire date), the employee's name (Last name, First Name, Middle Initial) beginning with the letter closest to Z will be deemed to have less seniority.
3. Super-seniority of Union Officers: The Union President, Vice President, Secretary, & Secretary-Treasurer will have super-seniority with respect to layoffs only. These four (4) officers shall retain their positions at the time of a layoff so long as there is work to be performed and they are qualified to perform such work. If no bargaining unit work they are qualified to perform exists, they shall be laid off in accordance with this article.
4. Laid-off employees will have displacement/bumping rights in other departments.
5. Voluntary Layoff rather than displacement/bumping: An employee who would be laid off but for his/her displacement rights may have the option to take a voluntary layoff in lieu of displacing another bargaining unit member. Such employee's recall rights are limited to recall to the classification held immediately prior to layoff. Laid off employees will have seven (7) calendar days from the date of notice of the layoff to elect whether or not to displace.

C. Displacement/Bumping

Laid off or displaced full-time employees may displace the least senior within the classification currently held or down into the classification series in other departments provided they have more seniority than the employee being displaced.

1. Displacement/Bumping at the Same Level of the Classification (job title)

a. Full Time Employee Displacement Bumping*

Laid off or displaced full-time employees will displace the least senior employees in:

- i. full-time positions first
- ii. part-time positions second
- iii. intermittent positions third
- iv. temporary positions fourth

b. PartTime Employee Displacement/Bumping

Laid off or displaced part-time employees will displace the least senior employees in:

- i. part-time positions first
- ii. intermittent positions second
- iii. temporary positions third

*Where a full-time employee has the option to displace a full-time lower level within the classification series or a part-time in the same classification (position), the employee will elect on the displacement form the priority between appointment type or classification level.

2. Displacement into lower classifications within the classification series

- a. A laid off or displaced employee shall have the right to avoid layoff by displacing the lowest seniority bargaining unit employee in the next lower classification within the same classification series within the bargaining unit assuming that he/she is qualified to perform such position.
- b. Displacements shall continue into succeeding lower classifications within the affected classification series so long as the employee seeking to displace is qualified to do the work.
- c. The lowest seniority employee(s) within the affected classification series will ultimately be laid off.

D. Notification of Layoff or Displacement:

Employees who are subject to reduction in classification through displacement and/or layoff shall be sent a letter of notification by certified mail at least fourteen (14) calendar days, or have the letter of notification hand-delivered at least ten (10) calendar days, in advance of the effective date of the action.

The letter shall contain:

1. The effective date of the reduction in classification and/or layoff
2. Reference to the recall process
3. Reference to grievance procedures
4. Displacement/bumping election form

E. Grant-Funded Exception: Bargaining unit members paid under grant/restricted funds (soft money) shall be laid off effective upon the delivery of a written notification to the employee prior to the usual notification period if the grant/restricted funds are cut off by the funding source without prior notification to the University. Immediately thereafter, the layoff process in this Article shall apply as it affects displacement and recall.

F. Recall Notice Requirements

1. Notice of recall to an employee shall be made by certified mail to the last known address of such employee. A copy shall be forwarded to the Union. If undeliverable, the University's obligation shall be considered to be fulfilled.
2. The recalled employee must notify the University within three (3) working days of the date of receipt of notice of his/her intention to return to work.

3. The date for returning to work shall be no less than seven (7) calendar days from date of notice received.
4. Failure to return from layoff shall subject the employee to termination of service.

G. Recall Lists & Eligibility

1. The recall of bargaining unit employees laid off or reduced to a lower classification shall be in inverse order of layoff or reduction to a lower classification.
2. Employees laid off shall be put on an appropriate recall list according to:
 - i. Their classification
 - ii. Appointment type (e.g. full-time, part-time, intermittent) and
 - iii. Seniority for a period of eighteen months or the length of the employee's
 - iv. Seniority at date of layoff (not to exceed three (3) years) whichever is greater.

H. Declining Reinstatement to a Position: An employee who declines reinstatement to a classification lower in the classification series than the classification from which the employee was laid off or displaced, thereafter is only entitled to reinstatement to a classification higher, up to and including the classification from which the employee was laid off or displaced, in the classification series than the classification that was declined.

1. For Example:

A full-time employee, who declines reinstatement to a part-time, intermittent, or temporary appointment, thereafter is only entitled to reinstatement to any appointment type higher up than that declined, up to and including full-time.

A part-time employee, who declines reinstatement to an intermittent or temporary appointment, thereafter is only entitled to reinstatement to any appointment type higher up than that declined, up to and including to a part-time.

- I. Accepting a Lower Level Position or Lesser Appointment Type: If an employee accepts a lesser appointment or classification job, the employee will remain on the appropriate recall list(s) up to the classification level or appointment type of the original position.
- J. Union Notification: The Union may request a meeting with the Director of Employee and Labor Relations regarding the possibility of future layoffs. The meeting may include such items as alternatives to layoff and other cost savings measures. When a layoff is announced, the University will provide the Union with a list of bargaining unit employees by classification series affected. Such list shall reflect seniority dates. After a layoff is announced, the Union President may request weekly meetings with the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her designee.
- K. Grievance Appeal: The Union may appeal any layoff or job abolishment through the Grievance Procedure and may arbitrate issues related to the application of this Article, but nothing shall interfere with the University's right and responsibility to determine the adequacy and size of the work force.
- L. Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation: Employees covered by this Agreement are covered by the provisions of Unemployment Compensation laws of the Federal Government and the State of Ohio, as applicable.
- M. Reassignments: It is recognized that a reduction in the work force within a classification may cause the reassignment of employees to different positions within the respective classification. It is also recognized that those employees remaining after the layoff are subject to assignment of hours and days of work consistent with the needs of the University.
- N. Please see Article 16 F for information on probationary periods and laid off/displaced employees.

ARTICLE 19 B

Voluntary Layoff

- A. To clarify Article 19 regarding the order of layoffs, the parties agree that the order of layoffs may be modified so that employees who volunteer to be laid off may be laid off before less senior employees under the following conditions:
- a. Employees who are interested in taking a voluntary layoff must notify Human Resources and the Union in writing of their desire to volunteer for a layoff within seven (7) calendar days of the Director of Employee and Labor Relations providing notice to the union of the possibility of a layoff. The submission of a voluntary layoff form is irrevocable and remains in effect for 60 days from the end of the submission period.
 - a. The voluntary layoff form will include:
 - 1. Submission period of seven (7) calendar days in date form.
 - 2. The effective dates of the irrevocable voluntary layoff timeframe.
 - 3. This is a layoff. This is not a furlough (temporary layoff).
 - 4. Recall is not guaranteed.
 - c. In the event of a layoff in the classification of an employee who has volunteered for layoff, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations will notify the employee in writing that his/her offer of a voluntary layoff is accepted resulting in his/her layoff. In deciding whether to accept a voluntary layoff application, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations may consider highly specialized skill sets. After the offer of voluntary layoff is accepted, the employee will receive the same benefits as other involuntary laid off employees except s/he will not be permitted to displace (bump) a lower-level, less senior employee.
 - d. If the employee is recalled during the recall list period, the employee will suffer no break in service. If the employee is not recalled during the recall period, the employee will have a break in service and his/her seniority will reset. There is no guarantee of recall during the recall period.

ARTICLE 20

Furlough

- A. Employees may be furloughed (temporary layoff) for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days without activating the provisions of Article 19, (Layoff and Recall). Each such furlough shall be within a department, by classification, in inverse order of seniority, and no bumping or displacement shall occur.
- B. Employees that have been furloughed shall upon return to work be placed back in the same department from which they were furloughed.
- C. Employees who are assigned temporarily to a different department for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days to avoid furlough shall, at the conclusion of such period of temporary assignment, be returned to the department from which reassigned.
- D. Voluntary Furlough:
 - 1. Employees interested in taking a voluntary furlough must notify Human Resources and the Union in writing of their desire to volunteer for a furlough within (7) calendar days of the Director of Employee and Labor Relations providing notice to the Union of the possibility of a furlough. The submission of a voluntary furlough form is irrevocable and remains in effect for 60 days from the end of the submission period.

2. In the event of a furlough in the classification of an employee who has volunteered for a furlough, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations will notify the employee in writing that his/her voluntary furlough request is accepted resulting in his/her furlough. In deciding whether to accept a voluntary furlough request, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations may consider the department, specialized skill set, operational needs, etc.

ARTICLE 21

Performance Evaluations

Performance evaluations shall be conducted twice prior to the end of any probationary period (once toward the middle and once toward the end) and once each year prior to the employee's anniversary date. Annual performance evaluations may be conducted during a pre-determined time frame in lieu of the anniversary date. Failure to satisfy this time-frame shall not affect or invalidate a performance evaluation. University Management will develop programs to help ensure that all bargaining unit employees receive their respective performance evaluations in a timely manner.

Special performance evaluations may be conducted at any time to apprise an employee of favorable or unsatisfactory work performance. Evaluations shall be conducted by the immediate supervisor and reviewed by the Department Head or designee. If an employee has been reassigned to a new supervisor within two months of the evaluation date, the new supervisor shall consult with the previous supervisor in completing the evaluation if possible. A copy of the completed employee performance evaluation form shall be given to the employee at the time of the report. An employee may also make written statements regarding their evaluation which shall be attached to or included on the evaluation form. If an employee within the bargaining unit disagrees with his/her performance evaluation, the employee may appeal through the grievance procedure. Actions taken as the result of a performance evaluation may also be subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 22

Pre-Disciplinary Procedures

- A. Before a non-probationary employee is suspended, demoted or dismissed, he/she shall be entitled to a hearing before an administrative hearing officer appointed by the Director of Employee and Labor Relations. Before the hearing, the University will provide the hearing officer with only the notice of the hearing and such other information as the hearing officer has a reasonable need to know. The Union may not contact the hearing officer in advance of the hearing regarding the case. The employee will be advised of his/her right to such hearing at the time he/she is presented with the written charge(s) setting forth the allegations which could result in discipline. A copy of such charges, the pre-disciplinary packet (including any pertinent GPS data or video footage), and notice of hearing date shall also be presented to the Local Union President, the Local Secretary, and Ohio Council 8 Staff Representative. Such charges may be for a series of events or for a single event. Charges shall be presented to the employee within thirty (30) calendar days of University knowledge of the event or the latest of the series of events alleged or relied upon. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the University from taking disciplinary action against an employee(s) as a result of a local, state and or federal investigation, or internal audit, or OEEA investigation that is concluded more than thirty (30) calendar days after the latest of events ultimately alleged or relied upon by the University.
- B. Unless extended by mutual agreement of the Union or the employee and the University, the pre-disciplinary administrative hearing will be conducted at a date and time that allow at least five (5) working days from the employee's receipt of written charges, thus allowing the Union and the University time to prepare for the hearing. The hearing officer will render his/her recommendation(s) to the Associate Vice President of Human Resources within seven (7) calendar days of the hearing. The hearing date, time and place shall be

scheduled by management. The Associate Vice President of Human Resources will render a decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the hearing officer's recommendation. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the employee, Local Union President, the Local Secretary, and Ohio Council 8 Staff Representative.

- C. An employee shall have the right to Union representation at the pre-disciplinary hearings, or may choose to present his/her own case. If the employee chooses to represent his/her own case, s/he will sign a "Waiver of Union Representation" form. (See Addendum 3) The employee may not be represented by any other representatives. The employee charged, his/her Union representative, and necessary witnesses shall suffer no loss of regular, straight time pay, as a result of time spent attending pre-disciplinary hearings.
- D. An employee may waive his/her right to a pre-disciplinary administrative hearing by signing a written waiver any time prior to the scheduled hearing. Where such waiver is filed, disciplinary action may be taken by the University.
- E. Failure of the charged employee to appear at the scheduled pre-disciplinary administrative hearing shall automatically waive the right to such hearing unless off on approved leave. If an employee is off on approved leave, all deadlines associated with pre-disciplinary hearings will be suspended until the employee returns to work unless otherwise mutually agreed. In such event, disciplinary action may be taken by the University.
- F. Whether or not a pre-disciplinary hearing is conducted, any employee who is suspended, demoted, or dismissed shall be notified, in writing, of such action. Such written notice shall be mailed to the employee's last known address and the Local Union within fourteen (14) calendar days of the pre-disciplinary hearing or the date originally scheduled for such hearing where it has been waived.
- G. Where a suspension, demotion, or dismissal follows a pre-disciplinary hearing, the employee may file a grievance appealing the action at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure. Where a suspension, demotion, or dismissal follows waiver of the pre-disciplinary hearing, the employee shall have access to the entirety of the Grievance Procedure.
- H. Nothing herein shall prevent the University from removing an employee from University premises and denying the employee access thereto, pending pre-disciplinary hearing or waiver thereof, where the best interests of the University so dictate. In such cases, the decision of the Associate Vice President of Human Resources or Director of Employee and Labor Relations, following the pre-disciplinary hearing, shall be retroactive to the date of removal from the premises.
- I. The Employer shall change the Employee's work schedule to allow for attendance to the hearing if necessary. The employee's time spent in the pre-disciplinary hearing is considered hours worked. Change of schedule in other provisions of this collective bargaining agreement shall not apply to this article.

ARTICLE 23

Discipline

- A. Employees may be disciplined for just and proper cause.
- B. Possible disciplinary actions are as follows: verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension with pay, suspension without pay, reduction of pay, demotion to next lower classification, dismissal. The appropriate action in each individual case will be selected based upon the relevant facts, history, and/or circumstances. Similarly, whether progressive discipline is appropriate, as opposed to immediate imposition of a greater penalty, will depend upon the relevant facts, history, and/or circumstances.
- C. Minor offense may be considered, but are not limited to, unscheduled absences, habitual tardiness, inefficiency, or failure of good behavior.
- D. Major offense may be considered, but are not limited to, no call/no show absence, theft, violence, threat of violence, drug or alcohol use on the job, discrimination, harassment, or a serious safety violation.
- E. Employees may appeal any disciplinary action to the grievance procedure.
- F. Nothing in this Article shall apply to those situations treated in Article 16, (Probation).
- G. An employee shall be given a copy of any written warning, reprimand, or other disciplinary action entered in his/her personnel record.
- H. The Local Union President shall receive a copy of any suspension and/or discharge notice.
- I. Any employee who has been disciplined by suspension or discharge will be given a written statement describing the reason or reasons for which he/she has been suspended or discharged.
- J. Any suspension shall be for a specific number of consecutive days on which the employee would be regularly scheduled to work. Any suspension will be served immediately when practicable, and no holiday pay or pre-approved leave shall be affected by the suspension.
- K. After a disciplinary entry has appeared in an employee's personnel file for more than two (2) years, it shall be removed if the employee or the employee's department head requests such removal and the Associate Vice President of Human Resources concurs. Such decision may be grieved through the grievance process beginning at Step 3.
- L. For the purposes of determining appropriate discipline, the University will not consider verbal or written warnings that are more than two (2) years old, if the employee has not had additional discipline during that two (2) year period.
- M. For the purposes of determining appropriate discipline, the University will not consider discipline greater than a written warning that is more than three (3) years old, if the employee has not received additional discipline during that three (3) year period.
- N. Records of discipline resulting from serious offenses, defined as theft, violence, threat of violence, drug or alcohol use on the job, discrimination, harassment, or a serious safety violation, remain relevant for the employee's tenure at the University.
- O. A copy of any disciplinary action greater than an oral reprimand received by the Department of Human Resources will be sent to the Local Union on a monthly basis.

ARTICLE 24 A

Dispute Resolution

Employees have the option to initiate an issue resolution process by submitting a completed issue resolution form to be developed by the University and attached as Addendum 2, to their immediate supervisor, their department head, or the Director of Employee and Labor Relations, as the employee sees fit. Within ten (10) working days of submission of the issue resolution form, the University will convene a meeting with the employee and any others the University deems beneficial to the process to discuss the issue. A representative of the Union may observe this meeting if requested by the employee and permitted by the University. If the issue is resolved by agreement, the resolution will be documented, and a copy provided to the employee. Employees may initiate the procedure at any level of authority, or may advance the issue to the next higher level of authority up to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations if they are dissatisfied with the University's response to their issue.

The issue resolution process is separate from the grievance process. If at any time an employee who has initiated the issue resolution process desires union representation, or desires to initiate a grievance over the same issue, the issue resolution process will terminate and the employee may initiate the grievance process as set forth in this Article. All issue resolutions and submitted issue resolution forms will be sent to the Union President. Resolutions achieved under the issue resolution process shall be non-precedent setting with respect to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The issue resolution process shall be completed within thirty (30) days of initiation of the process by an employee, and time spent in the process shall not be counted in calculating the deadline for filing a grievance under the Grievance Procedure Article in the collective bargaining agreement. The issue resolution process begins upon submission of an issue resolution form, and ends when the employee and the University agree upon a resolution, the University notifies the employee in writing that it has exhausted its efforts to resolve the issue, the expiration of thirty (30) days from submission of the issue, or the filing of a grievance by the employee over the same issue, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE 24 B

Grievance Procedure

It is the policy of Miami University to process hereunder all grievances brought to its attention by its employees who are members of the bargaining unit. It is the right of every member of the bargaining unit to use the prescribed grievance machinery.

- A. A grievance is defined as a dispute over the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement. Each written grievance must state the section of the Agreement where the violation has allegedly occurred and the remedy requested to settle the grievance.
1. Any aggrieved employee who initiates a Step 1 Grievance shall have a Union Representative at the Step 1 meeting with the Department Head or his/her designated representative.
 2. A group grievance under this procedure is defined as a grievance filed by a specifically identified and similarly affected group of employees within a department of the University in which the fact questions and provisions of the Agreement alleged to have been violated are the same as they relate to each and every employee of the group.
 3. A group grievance, the resolution of which would not cross departmental line of authority, shall be initiated at the Step 1 level of this procedure.
 4. A group grievance, the resolution of which would cross departmental lines of authority, shall be initiated at the Step 2 level of this procedure.
 5. No more than three (3) representatives of the University and the Union, respectively, including employee(s) of the affected group, shall attend any requested meeting at the Step 1 or above level of this grievance procedure.
 6. Step 1 Grievance hearings will be scheduled during the aggrieved employee's shift, or by mutual agreement between the Union, grievant Department Head or his/her designated representative.
- B. Time Limits
1. It is important that complaints and grievances be processed as quickly as possible at each administrative level. The number of days indicated herein at each level should be considered as maximum. Every effort shall be made to expedite the process and to render a decision to the employee as quickly as possible.
 2. The time limits specified may; however, be extended only by mutual written agreement between the University and the Union.
 3. All initial grievances must be submitted in writing within twenty (20) working days from the date of the occurrence of the grievance or twenty (20) working days from the day the employee has reason to know of the grievance, whichever is later.
 4. If the grievance is not appealed to the next level within the time specified, the grievance shall automatically be considered as resolved. In the event that Management does not respond to a grievance within the specified time limits, the grievance may be appealed to the next step of the grievance procedure and the period for the Union's request to arbitrate under Paragraph C4 below, shall be extended by the length of the University's delinquency in answering.
- C. The Union has full authority to process, appeal, settle and withdraw grievances. Grievances shall be resolved through the following procedure.

Step 1: An employee who has a grievance shall, within twenty (20) working days of the date which the employee becomes aware of the incident precipitating the grievance initiate the grievance process by presenting the Step 1 grievance in writing to the Department Head or his/ her designated representative. The Department Head or his/her designated representative and employee shall meet within ten (10) working days of notification. The employee's Union steward shall be present at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is an attempt to resolve the grievance. The Union shall provide an official grievance form at the beginning of the meeting setting forth the details of the grievance (i.e., the facts upon which it is based, the article(s) violated, and the relief requested) and signed and dated by the employee and Union steward. The Department Head or his/her designated representative hearing the grievance shall render an answer in writing stating the reason for granting or denying the grievance to the employee, the Office of Human Resources, the local Union steward, and the Ohio Council 8 Staff Representative within ten (10) working days after the Step 1 meeting.

Step 2: If the grievance has not been settled, the Union may present the Step 2 grievance in writing to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations within ten (10) working days. The 10-day time frame starts the next working day after the Step 1 response has been delivered to the Local Union President.

The Union may amend any grievance at Step 2. The amendment must be submitted in writing to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations and be related to the initial grievance and otherwise timely. The Union or Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her representative may request a meeting to discuss the written grievance appeal. If such a meeting is requested, it shall be held on a mutually agreed upon date within ten (10) working days of the request. At least five (5) working days following the receipt by the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her representative of the written grievance appeal shall be allowed for the University and the Union to prepare for the hearing.

Such a meeting shall include the aggrieved employee(s) as well as his/her Union steward and may include an AFSCME staff representative. In addition, the Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her representative shall attend the meeting.

The Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her representative shall render his/her decision in writing to the employee and the Union within ten (10) working days following receipt of the written grievance or the meeting, whichever occurred later.

A copy of the decision is to be sent to the Local Union President, and the Ohio Council 8 Staff Representative.

Step 3: Arbitration

- a. Any grievance which is not resolved through the Grievance Procedure may, at the request of the Union, be submitted to arbitration. Notice of a request for arbitration must be served on the University's Human Resources Office within thirty (30) calendar days after the reply of the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations is received by the Union.
- b. The arbitration proceeding shall be conducted by an arbitrator selected according to the rules of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services (FMCS).
- c. The arbitration hearing must be held within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days of the original posting to arbitration or the grievance is resolved. Delay beyond the one hundred and twenty (120) days caused by the chosen arbitrator will not be grounds for dismissal.
- d. The arbitrator shall be requested to render his/her decision as quickly as possible, but in any event, no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing unless the parties agree otherwise.

- e. The above time limits may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. The request for extension will not be unreasonably denied.
- f. Only disputes involving the interpretation, application or alleged violation of a provision of this Agreement shall be subject to arbitration. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to or subtract from or modify any of the terms of this Agreement; nor shall he/she substitute his/her discretion for that of the University nor exercise any responsibility or function of the University nor impose on either party a limitation or obligation not specifically required by the express language of this Agreement. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding provided such decision does not exceed the jurisdiction of the arbitrator as set forth herein.
- g. The cost of the arbitrator and hearing room shall be borne equally by both parties. The cost of any stenographic recording shall be borne by the party requesting the same, except that the other party shall pay for a copy of any transcript requested, if such party requests a copy of same.
- h. The aggrieved employee, one Union representative, and necessary witnesses shall suffer no loss of regular, straight time pay as a result of attending an arbitration hearing conducted pursuant to this Article.
- i. The procedures set forth in this Article shall be the sole and exclusive procedures for resolving any grievance or dispute which was or could have been raised by an employee covered by this contract. It is expressly understood that the procedures set forth in this Article completely replace (and are not in addition to) any appeal process of the State Personnel Board of Review or of any such set of procedures.

D. Mediation

After the issuance of the Step 2 response, either party may request that the matter be addressed in mediation with the assistance of a mediator appointed by FMCS, AAA or other mutually agreed upon mediation service to conduct grievance mediation. The cost of the mediator will be borne equally by both parties. If the parties agree to mediate, the time for initiating Step 3 of the grievance process shall be suspended at that point and shall remain suspended until the conclusion of the mediation or sixty (60) days whichever is earlier. The session will be done in an informal manner as determined by the mediator. The mediator will attempt to resolve the dispute and may make recommendations to the parties regarding the settlement of the dispute. The recommendations of the mediator are not final and binding and any settlement of the grievance at this step will be based upon the mutual agreement of the parties. All mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the Uniform Mediation Act, Ohio Revised Code Sections 2710.01 et seq. and the mediation rules of FMCS, AAA, or other mutually agreed upon mediation service.

Written materials presented to the mediator will be returned to the party presenting them at the conclusion of the mediation conference.

Actions taken as a result of mediation are not precedent-setting nor do they constitute University policy or practice.

The grievant shall have the right to be present at the mediation conference.

The University and the Union shall have not more than three (3) representatives present at the mediation.

E. Mandatory Mediation

The parties agree to mediate all termination disciplinary grievances appealed beyond Step 2 of the grievance process. The mediation process outlined in this article will be followed with the exception of the timelines and that this is a mandatory process for termination disciplinary grievances. The parties agree that the mediation meeting must be scheduled and held within sixty (60) calendar days of the Step 2 response or this step is forfeited.

ARTICLE 25 A
Hours of Work and Overtime

- A. The normal workweek shall consist of forty (40) hours: for pay purposes, this will normally consist of five (5) consecutive days of eight (8) hours each; however, based on staffing needs, it may consist of four (4) days of ten (10) hours each. Employees will be scheduled for no more than a one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour meal break. Further, should the University determine a need to schedule full-time employees on a permanent basis on a schedule other than these, it shall discuss the work schedule change with the Union at least fifteen (15) calendar days before such change. The payroll week shall start at 12:01 a.m. Saturday and end at 12:00 midnight Friday. Departments with set schedules are not required to post schedules. When a schedule change is necessary, affected employees will be notified within thirty-six (36) hours. In departments where there is a continuous operation and the employees rotate their work shift, it may be necessary to also rotate their off days. Work schedules of hours and days to be worked by employees shall be posted by at least Wednesday for the payroll week starting on Saturday. Once the schedule has been posted, the full-time employees' schedules of hours and days shall not be changed without payment of overtime rate for the new hours added, except with a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours' notice.
- B. All hours worked in excess of forty (40) straight-time hours in one payroll week shall be paid for at time and one-half the regular rate of pay. Only straight time hours actually worked, compensatory time, vacation, and holidays, go toward the forty (40) hour rule for overtime. An employee who utilizes paid sick leave and is mandated and/or called back by the University to work overtime in the same work week as the paid sick leave shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) times his/her regular hourly rate for the mandated hours.
- C. An employee called to work outside his/her work schedule, and after having left University premises, shall receive four (4) hours work or four (4) hours pay in lieu thereof, at the appropriate rate of pay. Call back does not apply to hours contiguous with the employee's shift. This provision does not apply to an emergency extension of the scheduled work shift. (See Emergency Call-In SOP applicable to Physical Facilities Department.)
- D. Scheduled Overtime: Employees shall be notified at the earliest possible time but not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to scheduled overtime. If overtime work is scheduled, regular, full-time bargaining unit employees shall have first priority for such overtime before part-time, temporary, seasonal and intermittent employees are scheduled to work it.
- E. Overtime pay and compensatory time consideration shall be governed by this Article and the Compensatory Time Article of this contract.
- F. Employees assigned to work on a day designated as a holiday shall be compensated for working on such a day at the rate of one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) his/her regular hourly rate for hours worked in addition to the regular pay for the holiday.
- G. Overtime opportunity for full-time employees shall be equalized as much as possible within each work unit. The University will use its best effort to see that the employees who normally perform the same type of work shall receive equal overtime opportunities. Emergency extension of an employee's work shift of two (2) hours or less does not constitute an overtime opportunity. Where the University is aware for at least one week of the need for overtime work as a consequence of planned absences by employees, e.g., vacations, the overtime opportunity shall be distributed across the work unit (by the respective classification), not solely across those working a particular shift.

- H. Upon request of a Union steward, the University will make available to the said steward the over- time records of the applicable employees showing the amount of overtime worked or refused during the last twelve months.
- I. Disputes as to dissatisfaction with how overtime opportunity is being distributed within any work unit shall be subject to the grievance procedure. The appropriate remedy for a valid grievance claiming loss of the opportunity to work overtime is to offer the next opportunity to work at least the same number of overtime hours lost.
- J. It is fully understood that the University's practice of not scheduling employees for work during the week between Christmas and New Year's may be continued by the University. Regular, full time employees will have preference over temporary, intermittent and part-time employees, for such work assignments as are available during the week between Christmas and New Year's.
- K. Employees are expected to work a reasonable amount of overtime opportunities. The University shall maintain a Voluntary List for scheduled overtime in each Department and/or work unit which shall be exhausted prior to using any other overtime list. The University shall also use the call-in list prior to mandating employees for overtime. If the University does not get enough employees from the Voluntary Overtime List and the call-in list, management may find replacements or fill in. If overtime is to be mandated it shall be assigned in order of reverse seniority from all employees in the unit/department. All overtime opportunities shall be first offered to the bargaining unit employees.
- L. In emergency situations where prior notification is not feasible, the Employer shall follow the procedure above.
- M. Any employee who has already worked ten (10) hours of overtime during the current work week may decline any other overtime during the current work week. However, any such employee may still accept as many overtime opportunities as desired.
- N. The University shall not change an employee's posted schedule for the sole purpose of avoiding overtime pay.
- O. Shift Differential: Employees assigned to work on shifts regularly scheduled to start between 3:00 p.m. through 3:29 a.m. will receive one half (.5) hour paid lunch. Overtime assignments and emergency assignments are not included.

ARTICLE 25 B

Working Out of Band

- A. An employee who works out of band, and performs higher level duties shall receive a four (4) percent premium for all hours worked out of band. Working out of band occurs only when the assignment is four (4) hours or more of an employee's shift. The Employee may be assigned to do this work in writing or through verbal instructions, by the Employer. If the work is assigned through verbal instructions, the Employer shall prepare the proper paperwork or form acknowledging the work was assigned to the Employee by the end of the employee's work week. The paperwork or form shall describe the work assigned and the date of the work. The paperwork or form shall then be signed by the Employee and the appropriate supervisor with the employee retaining a copy for his/her records.

ARTICLE 26

Wages

The Union accepts the University's implementation of the classification and pay program. No employee shall suffer loss of pay as a result of the implementation of this program.

Within the framework referenced above, the following will apply:

1. During Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Fiscal Year 2027-2028 if classified non-bargaining unit employees of the University receive a general increase, the same increase will be provided to qualified bargaining unit employees in accordance with the pay program, applied to their individual base rate.

In accordance with the pay program, if the contract is ratified by both parties prior to August 1, 2025, qualified bargaining unit employees will be entitled to receive a 3% increase of their individual base rate effective the first day of the pay period including July 1, 2025.

2. All employees with at least five (5) years of continuous University service as of December 1st of the fiscal year, shall receive a lump-sum payment longevity bonus in the amount of 1% of the employees' individual base rate.

All employees with at least ten (10) years of continuous University service as of December 1st of the fiscal year, shall receive a lump-sum payment longevity bonus in the amount of 1.5% of the employees' individual base rate.

All employees with at least fifteen (15) years of continuous University service as of December 1st of the fiscal year, shall receive a lump-sum payment longevity bonus in the amount of 2% of the employees' individual base rate.

All employees with at least twenty (20) years of continuous University service as of December 1st of the fiscal year, shall receive a lump-sum payment longevity bonus in the amount of 2.5% of the employees' individual base rate.

All employees with at least twenty-five (25) years of continuous University service as of December 1st of the fiscal year, shall receive a lump-sum payment longevity bonus in the amount of 3% of the employees' individual base rate.

3. The University will provide the Union with the opportunity to participate in Classified Compensation Committee appointed to develop new pay programs or modifications to the existing pay program for classified employees. Should the University decide to implement new pay programs or revise the existing pay programs, the Union will be included in such programs. In February 2026, the University will convene the Compensation Committee to examine and make recommendations concerning the pay zones including increasing the minimum starting rate.

ARTICLE 27

Insurance

- A. The University will continue to provide to benefit eligible employees in the bargaining unit the group insurance plan (hospitalization, basic medical, major medical, dental, life and accidental death and dismemberment) as approved by the Board of Trustees. However, the University reserves the right to modify that coverage, either in terms of benefit levels and/or cost to the employee, in the same manner and effective on the same date(s) as it may choose to alter such benefit levels and/or costs to all other University employees covered by said Plan. Additionally, the University reserves the right to change the present or successor insurance carriers, and to designate an alternate carrier or carriers of its own choice, in lieu thereof, so long as the same benefit levels remain unchanged. Employee contributions toward the cost of health care premiums will be as follows:

Through the lifetime of the contract:

Employee annual base salary	Maximum contribution	Wellnesss/No Smoking Incentive
Under \$20,000	Not more than 18% of the premium cost	(see E below)
Over \$20,000 to \$30,000	Not more than 20% of the premium cost	(see E below)
Over \$30,000 to \$40,000	Not more than 22% of the premium cost	(see E below)
Over \$40,000	In accordance with the plan established by the University for non-bargaining unit employees	(see E below)

- B. Regardless of the above schedule, in no case shall bargaining unit employees be charged a higher premium than that charged to non-bargaining unit employees of the University.
- C. The University will provide the Union with the opportunity to discuss the effects of changes to the health insurance programs. The Union will be provided the opportunity to participate in any committees appointed to review and recommend changes to the health care program or carrier(s). Optional, additional, accidental death and dismemberment coverage will continue to be made available for employee purchase.
- D. The University's Wellness program is administered in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and other applicable regulations. Bargaining unit employees have the same options to complete the program with the same opportunity as other non-bargaining unit employees.

ARTICLE 28

Vacation

- A. Full-time employees in the bargaining unit shall receive the following vacation according to their number of years of service with the University or other political subdivisions of the State of Ohio:

Length of Service	Maximum Annual Accrual	Bi-Weekly Accrual
0-6 years	80 hours	3.10 hours
7-13 years	120 hours	4.62 hours
14-23 years	160 hours	6.16 hours
4 or more years	200 hours	7.70 hours

- B. Vacation credit may be accumulated to a maximum of that earned in three (3) years of service. Vacation credit in excess of this maximum is eliminated from the employee's vacation leave balance.
- C. Days designated as holidays are not charged to vacation leave regardless of the day on which they occur.
- D. An employee's vacation balance shall be reported on each bi-weekly paycheck. Employees who are in active pay status for less than eighty hours in a pay period shall earn vacation leave on a prorated basis. The ratio between the hours reported and the vacation hours earned shall be based upon eighty hours in a pay period and the amount of service as provided for in this rule. Employees will accrue vacation hours and may be permitted to use the time as it is available.
- E. January 1st through February 15th of each calendar year, employees will be given an opportunity to indicate their vacation leave (five (5) days or more) preferences for the upcoming May 1 through April 30. Employees will be granted their first priority vacation request submitted during the open period by seniority. By March 31st, the University will notify employees whether or not their vacation request was granted. Vacation shall be scheduled pursuant to the rules of the respective department, and may be taken only following advance approval of the employee's supervisor. Except where operational needs require, there shall be no limit on the consecutive period of time over which an employee may schedule vacation. Vacation requests will first be honored by employees holding actual vacation time, and then by employees who request time off without pay. If an employee's request is denied, the supervisor will provide written reason for the denial to the employee, in a timely fashion. Once a vacation request has been approved it shall not be changed without the written consent of the involved employee, except in the case of an emergency.
- F. Normally, it is expected that employees will take vacation one week at a time. However, where unusual circumstances exist and the respective supervisor approves, employees shall be permitted to use vacation in units as small as one hour.

ARTICLE 29

Holidays

- A. The following holidays with eight (8) hours* pay are celebrated by all regular, full-time employee members of the bargaining unit:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth Day	Winter break closure days
Independence Day	Christmas Day

If the aforementioned holidays fall on a regularly scheduled day for a part-time employee, that employee will receive holiday pay for the number of hours he/she would have otherwise been scheduled for that day, not to exceed eight (8) hours.

- B. The University reserves the right to observe Columbus Day, President's Day, Veterans Day and Martin Luther King Day on days other than those specified. To the extent possible, the University will permit employees, who want to observe Veterans Day on November 11th to use accrued leave. Leave shall be scheduled pursuant to the rules of the respective department.
- C. Employees required to work on days designated as holidays shall be paid for all hours worked in accordance with Article 25, (Hours of Work and Overtime).
- D. Days designated as holidays that fall on a Saturday will be celebrated on the preceding Friday; days designated as holidays that fall on a Sunday will be celebrated on the following Monday. The only exception to this shall be that any employee who is scheduled to work and does work on a January 1st or December 25th which falls on a Saturday or Sunday shall have such Saturday or Sunday designated as his/her holiday, unless he/she also works the Friday preceding such Saturday or the Monday succeeding such Sunday.
- E. Loss of Holiday. If an employee is off without pay because of an unexcused absence either the work day before or the work day after a holiday, or fails to work scheduled work on the holiday and is unexcused, he/she forfeits that holiday pay. Holiday pay ceases during any period an employee is not being paid his/her regular salary or wage. The University may require proof of any illness occurring the day before or after any holiday where there is a claim for paid time off.

Where an employee works on the day(s) Columbus Day, President's Day, and/or Veteran's Day are traditionally observed, the employee will receive holiday pay if she/he is available, but not scheduled to work during the payroll periods during which the University observes those holidays.

- F. If a holiday falls on the employee's normal off day he/she must be given another day off or holiday pay for such date. If the University elects to give the employee another day off and the holiday falls on the employee's first day off they must give the day off preceding the holiday. If the University elects to give the employee another day off and the holiday falls on the employee's second day off they must give the day off after the holiday.
- G. For the purpose of this section, any shift which begins on a designated holiday shall be treated as holiday work in its entirety and any shift that does not begin on a designated holiday shall be treated in its entirety as non-holiday work.

*Note: Certain full-time employees normally work ten(10) hours per day (four days per week) and regularly scheduled days for such employees may fall on a designated holiday. In such event, the employee will receive ten (10) hours holiday pay for the holiday. When a designated holiday falls on a day a ten (10) hour shift employee is not regularly scheduled to work, the holiday will be paid at eight (8) hours.

ARTICLE 30

Compensatory Time

Any employee who is entitled to be paid at the rate of time and one-half for overtime work or time actually worked on a holiday may elect, in lieu of such pay, to be credited with appropriate compensatory time. The employee may accrue up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours of compensatory time through such election.

Compensatory time may be utilized only at a time that is convenient to the University and with approval of the employee's supervisor.

If an employee has compensatory time to his/her credit at the date of his/her retirement or termination, the employee shall be paid for all such compensatory time at the greater of his/her final regular rate of pay or his/her average regular rate received during his/her last three (3) years of University employment.

ARTICLE 31

Education Fee Waiver

All benefit eligible employees may enroll for undergraduate and graduate work according to the terms and benefits outlined in the Miami University Policy Library.

ARTICLE 32

Pension/Retirement

- A. All members of the bargaining unit are required to participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) or the Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP), if eligible, subject to the rules and regulations of those systems. Retirement rights and benefits are solely determined by State statute and by the OPERS rules and regulations and/or by the rules and regulations of any other state retirement system in which the employee may have participated.
- B. All employee OPERS/ ARP deductions are on a pre-tax basis.

ARTICLE 33

Uniforms

- A. The University will furnish uniforms for employees who are required to wear only such uniforms.
- B. The University will continue its present uniform policies in the various departments. If changes in policy are considered, Union appointed representatives will be included on any committee appointed to consider such changes. The Union may recommend changes to the University's uniform policies and request to convene the committee to consider such changes.
- C. The University agrees to provide and launder protective clothing in the form of coveralls to those members of the Physical Facilities Department whose assigned tasks are considered unusually dirty or damaging to their personal clothing. The protective clothing shall be maintained as stock items by the Physical Facilities Department and will be issued upon request of the employee and approval of his/her supervisor. Such protective clothing shall be provided and maintained in accordance with Physical Facilities Department regulations on an "as needed" and "as available" basis, dependent upon the nature of the work assignment.
- D. Nothing in this article alters the University's right to maintain dress/grooming policies or require payment for clothing necessary for compliance with such policies.

ARTICLE 34

Travel Reimbursement

Employees who are required to travel as a part of their job shall receive mileage at the current IRS rate if they are using their own vehicle and will be reimbursed for the cost of a single hotel room if an overnight stay is required, as well as parking charges. In addition, employees will be paid a daily per diem for all overnight stays that is equivalent to the IRS rate for per diem expenses for the city in which the employee stays.

ARTICLE 35

Meals

- A. Bargaining unit employees in Food and beverage positions shall receive one free meal per shift.
- B. All bargaining unit employees may purchase meals in food service facilities that are open for business and receive a discount of 10% for meals purchased for personal consumption. This provision does not apply to purchases referenced in section A above.
- C. The University will provide access to refrigerators and microwave ovens for those employees who wish to bring their own food for personal consumption.

ARTICLE 36

Sick Leave

- A. Employees earn sick leave at the rate of 4.6 hours for each eighty (80) hours of paid service. If the employee's only pay in a pay period is less than four (4) hours of sick pay, the employee will not earn sick leave for that pay period.
- B. There is no limit on the number of sick hours that may be accumulated. Employees who request the use of sick leave are responsible for informing their supervisors prior to the start of their scheduled work period as established in Article 44, (Absences). In order to receive payment, employees are required to furnish a satisfactory signed statement (application for use of sick time) to justify the use of sick leave within three (3) workdays after return to work or the end of the payroll period, whichever occurs first. The University Leave Request/ Approval Form (sick leave form) shall be available to employees in paper form and online. Employees are to use the University Leave Request/Approval Form attached hereto as Addendum 4 and/or submit their time off request through the University's official timekeeping system. Medical verification may be required on certain occasions as deemed necessary by the supervisor. Approval for the payment of sick leave does not, in and of itself, constitute a pre-approved absence and may count as an occurrence per Article 44, (Absences).
- C. Sick leave may be used for the following reasons:
 - a. Illness or injury of the employee or a member of the employee's immediate family, (in the case of a member of the immediate family not living with the employee, the appointing authority may credit sick leave when it appears justified; but such cases should be carefully investigated.)
 - b. Death of a member of the employee's immediate family.
 - c. Medical, dental or vision examination or treatment of the employee or a member of the immediate family.
 - d. When, through exposure to a contagious disease, either the health of the employee would be jeopardized or the employee's presence on the job would jeopardize the health of others.
 - e. Pregnancy and/or childbirth and related conditions.
- D. Application for sick leave with intent to defraud may result in discipline, up to and including termination, and refund of salary or wage paid for the period of time in question.
- E. Definition of immediate family: mother, father, brother, sister, biological or adopted child, stepchild, legal spouse, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparent-in-law, anyone who stood in loco parentis to the employee as a child, and others persons for whom the employee is legally responsible.
- F. Sick leave granted by reason of death in the immediate family will not exceed five (5) work days. Employees may elect to split these days in order to take time off around the date of the death, attend the memorial service held at a later date, or to attend to administration of the estate..
- G. Parental leave will be applied according to University policy in the Miami University Policy Library.
- H. Employees retiring from active state service after ten (10) or more years with the state or with any of its political subdivisions may elect to be paid for one-fourth of the accrued but unused sick leave credit. This payment will be based upon the employee's rate of pay at the time of retirement. The maximum payment allowed will be one-fourth of one hundred twenty (120) days. Sick leave conversion does not apply to any termination or separation other than retirement. Upon accepting such payment, all sick leave credit accrued up to that time will be eliminated.
- I. An employee's sick leave balance is reported on MyMiami.edu. Part-time employees shall accrue sick leave

on a prorated basis. For all purposes and all leaves of absence, including but not limited to those referred to in this Article, the University will comply with and exercise its rights under and pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The FMLA provides qualifying employees job-protected leave due to a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform his or her job, or to care for a sick family member, or to care for a new child (including by birth, adoption or foster care).

ARTICLE 37

Unpaid Medical Leave

- A. The University complies with and exercise its rights under and pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended). Therefore, the initial portion of this leave all shall exhaust the employee's FMLA entitlement (i.e., FMLA leave runs concurrently with leave under this article), and all entitlement to paid leave will be used before any unpaid leave commences.
- B. Employees who exhaust all accumulated paid leave balances but are unable to return to work due to their own, dependent child's, or legal spouse's serious health condition or the employee's own disability (as those terms are defined in the Family Medical Leave Act and the Americans with Disability Act as amended) may apply for and receive a period of unpaid medical leave in accordance with the schedule and terms set forth below:
 - 1. Employees with five (5) years or less of continuous Miami service are not entitled to unpaid medical leave in excess of the leave provided under the Family Medical Leave Act.
 - 2. Employees with more than five (5) years and above of continuous Miami service may apply to take unpaid medical leave for a period up to 180 days. During the period of unpaid medical leave, the University shall maintain the employee's health insurance upon the same terms and conditions as other bargaining unit employees for up to 90 days for employees with more than five (5) years but less than ten (10) years of continuous service, and up to 120 days for employees with more than ten (10) years of continuous service. Upon return from unpaid medical leave, the employee shall be returned to their former assignment should a vacancy exist, and if not, the employee shall be placed in any vacant position in their former classification, or successively lower classifications if no vacancy exists in the employee's former classification, provided the employee is qualified for the position.
 - 3. Except as required by law, no employee shall be entitled to more than their cumulative totals, including benefits continuation, set forth above, within any five (5) year period beginning with the last day of their unpaid leave.
- C. The University requires medical certification of the need for Unpaid Medical Leave. The University reserves the right to require, at its own expense, the employee to obtain a second medical certification from a health care provider. The University will choose the health care provider for the second opinion. If the opinion of the employee's and the University's designated health care providers differ, the University may require the employee to obtain certification from a mutually agreed upon third health care provider, again at the University's expense.
- D. During any leave of absence under this Article, the employee shall accumulate seniority for only the first one-hundred eighty (180) calendar days of such leave. Upon return to work the employee's seniority date shall be adjusted accordingly.
- E. The employee must give notice of intent to return from Unpaid Medical Leave and provide evidence of the employee's ability to return to work from the employee's health care provider (fitness for duty certification).

- F. The University fully subsidizes a long-term disability insurance policy. That policy pays eligible employees a percentage of his/her of salary beginning 180 days from the onset of a disability irrespective of pay status. Benefit eligible employees with a qualifying disability or condition are eligible to apply for benefits under this policy. OPERS offers vested employees with the possibility of some salary continuation and the ability to purchase insurance at a reduced cost.

ARTICLE 38

Jury and Witness Duty

An employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a witness shall be excused from scheduled work which conflicts with hours of jury service or witness service, and will suffer no loss of regular, straight time pay as a result of work absences necessarily caused by the jury duty or witness duty. The employee shall report to work if excused from jury or witness duty four (4) hours or more before his/her normal quitting time on the respective day. To be eligible for jury duty pay or witness pay, an employee shall turn in to the University a jury pay voucher or a witness pay voucher showing the period of jury service or witness service.

The above provision for witness duty pay shall not apply if the employee is a party to the legal proceedings in which he/she is called to testify or if he/she is called to testify as a result of his/her employment status with an employer other than the University.

ARTICLE 39

Military Leave

Military leave and reinstatement there from shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5903 and Ohio Revised Code Section 5923.05.

ARTICLE 40

Personal Leave

Effective with the pay period in which July 1 of each year falls, benefit eligible employees will have accrued sick leave hours converted to personal leave hours in accordance with the following conversion schedule:

Accrued Sick Leave Hours	Eligible Personal Leave Conversion
0 - 79 hours	0 hours
80-359 hours	10 hours
360-719 hours	14 hours
720-959 hours	18 hours
960-1199 hours	22 hours
1200 or more hours	26 hours

Personal leave hours may be used during the year following conversion, through the end of the pay period during which June 30 falls. In the event that an individual does not utilize all his/her personal leave hours by June 30, any remaining hours will be converted back to sick leave hours. Personal leave hours are not eligible to be paid as terminal pay in the event of resignation, retirement or death.

ARTICLE 41
Personal Without Pay Leave

An employee may, at the discretion of the University be granted a leave without pay and benefits for up to one year for any reason, except to try out another job.

ARTICLE 42
Union Leave

- A. The Local Union President may request, in writing, leaves of absence without pay for Union members to serve as delegates to Union sponsored meetings. Leaves shall not exceed fifteen (15) work days per calendar year for each delegate and shall not exceed, in the aggregate, thirty-five (35) work days per calendar year.
- B. The Local Union President may request, in writing, leaves of absence without pay and benefits for Union members to conduct Union business for an extended period of time. If granted, such leaves shall not exceed six (6) months during any calendar year. Seniority and fringe benefits shall continue during such a leave of absence. The University shall be reimbursed in advance by the Union for the cost of all fringe benefits paid for the employees on an extended leave of absence for Union business reasons.
- C. Requests for the above leaves of absence are to be made to the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date of the leave.
- D. Approval for such leaves of absence for Union business shall be granted in writing by the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her designated representative providing that such absences will not create a disruptive work situation as determined by the University management.

ARTICLE 43
Return from Leave of Absence

When an employee returns to work after a leave of absence in accordance with the terms of such leave, he/she will be assigned to the classification which he/she formerly occupied or to a similar classification if his/her former classification is not vacant or none exists.

An employee may, upon request, return to work prior to the expiration of any leave of absence upon University approval.

ARTICLE 44
Absences

- A. For the purposes of determining excessive absenteeism, pre-approved absences will not be counted. Employees may obtain pre-approval by submitting a request to their immediate supervisor at least twenty (20) hours prior to the start of the work day in which the absence will occur. Requests for pre-approved sick leave will not be unreasonably denied. Denial of requests for pre-approved sick leave will be in writing and will state a reason for the denial. Grievances arising out of the denial of pre-approved sick leave will start at Step 2. Approval for payment does not, in and of itself, constitute a pre-approved absence. Employees should request the use of earned vacation, compensatory time, and personal leave in accordance with departmental guidelines.
- B. Employees are expected to be at work on time. Tardiness is defined as clocking in after the start of your scheduled work shift or returning late from lunch or breaks. During a thirty (30) day period of time, four (4) occasions of tardiness may be considered excessive. Ten (10) occasions of tardiness within a twelve (12) month (365 day) period may be considered habitual tardiness. Excessive and habitual tardiness will be considered cause for corrective disciplinary action. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the appropriate supervisor/office when you know you may be late for work or need to leave the workplace early. Employees

must follow the appropriate call-in procedure for their assigned work areas.

C. For the purposes of determining excessive absenteeism, absences (excludes pre-approved sick, vacation, compensatory time and personal leave) will be counted using the following standards:

- A tardy is defined as being late from 1 - 59 minutes. An employee must call his/her supervisor if he/she will be 30-59 minutes late.
- An unscheduled absence for one hour up to one-half (1/2) of the shift equals one-half (1/2) of an occurrence.
- An unscheduled absence for more than one-half (1/2) of the shift will be counted as one occurrence.
- Two (2) separate half occurrences regardless of the duration may be counted as one (1) occurrence.
- An absence for one (1) or more consecutive workdays will be considered one (1) occurrence. For example, if you are out two (2) consecutive days, that will count as one (1) occurrence.

Three (3) occurrences during a thirty (30) day period or six and one-half (6 1/2) occurrences in one year's time (365 days) will be considered excessive absenteeism. Excessive absenteeism may result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Employees may not grieve disciplinary action for attendance violations beyond Step 1 of the grievance process unless the discipline is a suspension or termination of employment.

Unexcused and/or unscheduled absences (call-ins) that are verified as an in-patient hospitalization of the employee shall not be counted as an occurrence.

Inappropriate absence: The supervisor should look for the following indications to determine that there may be an inappropriate absence and disciplinary action needs to be taken.

1. Does the employee fail to call in prior to his/her work shift on the day of absence?
2. Does the employee's absence occur repeatedly on a particular day during the week or month?
3. Has the employee frequently used sick leave before or after holidays or his/her regularly scheduled days off? Is there a pattern developing in the use of the employee's sick leave?
4. In a work group, is there a pattern of two or more employees in their absences?

D. **Evaluating attendance:** The following guidelines should be used when evaluating attendance for performance evaluations. When applying these guidelines the supervisor should carefully review the attendance record of the employee, taking in consideration the reasons and justifications for all absences. Consideration should be given to the employee's record for: 1) Reports to work on time for their assigned shift; 2) Follows policies regarding breaks and lunches; 3) Schedules all leave and obtains authorization in advance; 4) Follows policy for sick leave frequency usage; and 5) Considerations for extenuating circumstances and FMLA issues. Any performance deficiencies and disciplinary action should be reflected in the evaluation.

Number of Occurrences I Year
(NOT pre-approved)

Rating

0-1

Exceeds Standards

2-4

Meets Standards

5

Meets Minimum Standards

6 ½ or more

Does Not Meet Minimum Standards

E. When an employee will be unable to report to work at or before his/her pre-scheduled starting time he/she or a member of his/her immediate family must notify his/her supervisor or designated person of the anticipated absence. Multiple days off must be reported each day except in the case of an approved leave of absence. For any employee reporting or calling off work under this Article, the call/voicemail must be made or an

electronic call-off notice must be submitted through a system designated by Human Resources one (1) hour prior to the employee's scheduled starting time.

Failure to comply with the above call-in requirements may result in a denial of any request for paid sick leave for the days) involved. In addition, an accumulation of violations of the call-in procedure may result in disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 45

Rest Period and Cleanup Time

- A. The Department Head or his/her designee shall schedule for each employee either a fifteen (15) minute rest period during the first four (4) hours of the shift and the second four (4) hours of the shift, or one (1) thirty (30) minute rest period some time during the shift. If the employee requests a change in his/her scheduled break(s) to the other alternative, the supervisor will review such request.
- B. There shall be a five (5) minute cleanup period before lunch (or any other on-shift meal according to shift work), and another five (5) minute cleanup period before the end of the shift. These cleanup periods shall apply to employees in those employing areas where such a cleanup time is necessitated as a result of the nature of the work assignment.

ARTICLE 46

Pay

All employees shall be paid bi-weekly by direct deposit.

Upon separation of employment with the University for any reason, an employee's final pay shall be subject to deduction for any University property the employee fails to return upon request. Employees shall be able to request an itemized list of property the University believes to be in the employee's possession.

ARTICLE 47

Parking

All bargaining unit employees shall be afforded free parking as available. AFSCME Ohio Council 8 Union Representatives shall be afforded free parking to attend scheduled meetings with management or meetings with employees on University property, as available.

Bargaining unit employees will be charged the same fee as other non-bargaining unit employees not to exceed \$125 per year for the life of the contract.

Bargaining unit employees may elect to purchase their parking pass directly from Parking Services, or they may elect for parking to be withheld through payroll deduction in approximately equal installments.

ARTICLE 48
Labor Management and Safety Committee

The University will provide the proper training, safety equipment and protective clothing to those employees who are required to use equipment to perform their job assignments and will continue to promote safe working conditions for all members of the University community.

The Union will encourage safety in all matters with its members and will promote the safety rules and regulations established by the University safety program.

The University and the Union will continue with its Labor Management and Safety Committee which is responsible for developing partnering strategies and establishing programs that will lead to cooperative and collaborative labor-management relations. The Labor Management and Safety Committee shall meet to discuss issues and concerns important to the employees and the University on the last Wednesday of every calendar month unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. A standing agenda item for each meeting shall be the safety concerns of the Union and/or University. Meetings may be scheduled on a different frequency by mutual consent, but no fewer than two (2) times during each contract year. The Union will have no more than eleven (11) members on the Labor Management and Safety Committee, with at least one member each from Physical Facilities and Campus Services. Members of the Labor Management and Safety Committee will serve with no loss of regular straight time pay.

Where safety concerns or issues arise, employees should promptly inform the University of those concerns rather than waiting for the next Labor Management and Safety Committee meeting. Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit the University's ability to conduct safety meetings outside of the Labor Management and Safety Committee context, including at the departmental level.

ARTICLE 49
Injury Reports

In the case of on-the-job injury, a copy of any worker's compensation claim filed by an employee shall be forwarded to the Union President, if the employee so requests, within seven (7) calendar days of that request.

ARTICLE 50
Employee Notice

In the interest of providing up-to-date information to deal with emergencies, overtime assignments, administration of benefits, etc. employees should immediately notify their department and the University Human Resources Office, in writing, of any changes in contact information (name, address, telephone number or emergency contact). Employees should also immediately notify the University Human Resources Office, in writing, of any changes in the contact information as well as changes in the employee's marital status and record of immediate family.

ARTICLE 51

Bulletin Board

Where there are bulletin boards for University employees, a reasonable amount of space will be reserved for the Union. This will include bulletin board space in addition to space on existing bulletin boards, the University will make available to the Union space to install its own bulletin board for its exclusive use at each time clock where employees report to work. All material shall be posted by an authorized Local Union representative and shall relate to the following:

- A. Union recreational and social affairs.
- B. Union meetings.
- C. Union appointments.
- D. Notice of Union elections.
- E. Results of Union elections.
- F. Any other material authorized and approved by the Local Union President. A copy of such material shall be supplied to the University's Director of Employee and Labor Relations or his/her designated representative.
- G. Union notices to be posted on University bulletin boards shall not be in bad taste, shall contain no attacks against University management, and shall at no time slander any University employee.

ARTICLE 52

Contracting of Work

It is recognized that the University has statutory and contractual rights and obligations in contracting for matters relating to its operations. The right of contracting or subcontracting is vested in the University. The exercise of the University contracting or subcontracting rights includes essential public needs where it is uneconomical for University employees to perform said work. The University agrees that if its contracting of work results in the layoff of regular, non-probationary employees who immediately prior to the contracting have been regularly performing the same work being performed by the contractor, the University will make every effort to transfer such employee to other duties, if available. It shall not be considered a layoff if the employee is transferred or given other duties at the same pay. If the University anticipates contracting work or services which may have an impact on the continuing employment status of bargaining unit employees, a special meeting will be held with the Union forty-five (45) calendar days prior to any contract being signed for the purpose of discussing such contract before the contract is signed. If any department is permanently shut down, a special meeting with the Union will be scheduled to discuss that closure before the closure takes place.

ARTICLE 53
Job Enrichment & Training Opportunities

1. The University will offer a job enrichment program as long as it is financially feasible. Bargaining Unit Employees have the same benefits and opportunities to participate in the program as non-bargaining unit members. Information regarding the Job Enrichment Program is available on the Human Resources website.
 - a) An employee with a standing verbal reprimand shall not be prohibited from participating in the Job Enrichment program provided that the employee meets all other requirements.
 - b) Each University department employing bargaining unit employees with a Job Enrichment Program will designate an individual responsible for administering the program and disseminating to employees information explaining the program.
2. From time to time, the University may require individuals to participate in training programs outside of the University. Some examples of this type of training would be recertification, training on particular machinery, etc. When employees are required to participate in these programs the University will bear the full expense. Based on need, the University may open slots in the Job Enrichment program to prepare individuals for trade positions. The University has sole discretion in determining how many assistants, trades persons, and master trades persons are needed to meet the business needs of the University. These programs are not the same as other Job Enrichment Programs in that these programs are bona fide apprenticeship programs and, as such, result in promotion as various components of the program are completed. The requirements for the trade's job enrichment program include coursework and work under a tradesperson and/or other skilled personnel as designated by management. If the University determines it will open an assistant trades position it will post the position according to Article 18.
3. At times, an individual employee may wish to pursue training in an area not offered by the University. In this case, the employee is invited to write a rationale for the training that includes:
 - a) The purpose of the training
 - b) How the training will improve job performance either by increasing skill or productivity
 - c) The time away from work, if any, and
 - d) The cost of the program.

Once received, the rationale submitted by the employee will be reviewed by the Vice President of the Department and the Director of Staff Development or designee and a determination will be made as to whether or not the department will fund the proposal.

ARTICLE 54
Drug & Alcohol Testing

Miami University and AFSCME are dedicated to providing a safe, healthy, and efficient workplace for the employees and for the entire University community. Therefore, both recognize that one of the most important obligations to the University's employees and students is to maintain a completely alcohol and drug-free workplace.

The University strictly prohibits the use, possession, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or misused prescription medications (as defined in the next sentence) in the

workplace, while operating University vehicles or machinery, or while performing work on behalf of the University. The University also strictly prohibits the off-duty and off-premises use of any substance that is illegal under federal law as well as the misuse of prescription medication meaning use by a person to whom the drug was not prescribed, or use in a manner inconsistent with medical direction.

The University and the Union agree that, in order to maintain a safe workplace free from drugs and alcohol, the University may conduct drug and alcohol testing under the following circumstances in accordance with University policy:

1. **REASONABLE SUSPICION:** Reasonable suspicion testing will occur when a supervisor makes specific observations of an employee appearing for duty or on the job that indicate that the employee may be under the influence of, or his/her job performance is impaired by alcohol or other drugs. Such employees may be required to submit for testing for the presence of drugs or alcohol.
2. **ON THE JOB ACCIDENT OR INJURY:** An employee involved in a job-related accident or injury shall be required to submit for testing for the presence of drugs and/or alcohol. An Employee will be tested for an on-the-job accident or injury involving a fatality, bodily injury with immediate medical treatment away from the scene, or damage to any motor vehicle. The University at its discretion may conduct on-the-job accident or injury testing when there is an accident/incident that may not meet the circumstances noted above, but which resulted in property damage, personal injury, and/or loss of University work time.
3. **TRANSFER, PROMOTION OR DEMOTION:** An employee who receives a transfer, promotion or demotion will be subject to a drug test prior to their movement being finalized.
4. Employees who test positive for the presence of drugs or alcohol may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Employees who refuse to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing shall be regarded as having tested positive for the presence of drugs and/or alcohol and shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.
5. When an employee is suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol by the University, the University shall immediately contact the Union for the purpose of providing representation to the employee.

ARTICLE 55

Driver License Requirements and Motor Vehicle Reports

For positions that require employees to operate a motor vehicle, employees must maintain a valid driver license and have a satisfactory driving record consistent with University policy. For employees in such positions, an annual driver license verification and motor vehicle report (MVR) check will be conducted. Employees in these positions must comply with all Miami University Policies related to driver license and motor vehicle requirements, including obligations to notify the employee's immediate supervisor upon any suspension and or revocation of a driver license. The Union may request to bargain the effects of the University's policy on unsatisfactory driving records.

ARTICLE 56

Immunizations in the Workplace

Miami University and AFSCME are dedicated to providing a safe, healthy, and efficient workplace for the employees and for the entire University community. Therefore, both recognize that one of the most important obligations to the University's employees and students is to maintain a healthy workplace.

Accordingly, the University may require employees to provide verification of certain immunizations and vaccinations. The Union may request to bargain the effects of the University's policy on Immunizations in the Workplace.

ARTICLE 57

PEOPLE Deduction

The Employer will deduct voluntary contributions to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employee International Union's Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality (PEOPLE) committee from the pay of an employee upon receipt from the Union of an individual written authorization card voluntarily executed by the employee.

The contribution amount will be certified to the Employer by the Union. Monies deducted shall be remitted to the Union within five (5) to fifteen (15) days of the date they are deducted. Payment shall be made to the Treasurer of PEOPLE and transmitted to AFSCME, AFL-CIO, P.O. Box 65334, Washington D.C. , 20035. The payment will be accompanied by an alphabetic list of the names of those employees for whom a deduction was made and the amount of the deduction. The list must be separate from the list of employees who had union dues deducted.

An employee shall have the right to revoke such authorization by giving written notice to the Employer and the Union at any time.

The Employer's obligation to make deductions shall terminate automatically upon receipt of revocation of authorization or upon termination of employment or transfer to a job classification outside of the bargaining unit.

All PEOPLE contributions shall be made as a deduction separate from the due's deduction.

ARTICLE 58

Rules and Regulations Entire Agreement

The University shall have the right to make, amend, change, and enforce rules and regulations not inconsistent with the specific terms of this Agreement.

This Agreement will be the sole recourse available to employees represented by the Union accordingly under the Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.10 (A).

This Agreement supersedes all other agreements, clauses, and memoranda between the University and employees in the bargaining unit and unless made a written part of that agreement, shall be considered null and void on the effective date of this Agreement.

It is expressly recognized by the Union that during bargaining toward this Agreement it had the full and unbridled right and ability to negotiate with respect to every subject on which bargaining is mandatory. Therefore, this Agreement constitutes the entirety of the Agreement between the parties, and during the term of this Agreement, the Union expressly waives the right to bargain with respect to any and all subjects, whether or not such subjects are specifically treated in this Agreement.

It is further agreed that this Agreement supersedes and exists to the exclusion of any and all provisions, language, procedures, and subject matters applicable to public employees in Chapter 124 of the Ohio Revised Code and/or the rules of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Equally inapplicable to employees covered by this Agreement are any and all provisions of the Ohio Revised Code dealing with

wages, hours, compensation or other terms or conditions of employment.

It is further agreed that any and all disputes or grievances involving the interpretation or application of this Agreement, including employee discipline, shall be processed and resolved by means of the grievance procedure established in this Agreement. No such disputes or grievances shall be appealable to or otherwise brought before the State Personnel Board of Review, the Department of Administrative Services, or any other forum.

Nothing in this article precludes either party from raising subjects of concern in a special meeting, whether or not such subject is specifically treated in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 59

Savings Clause

If any provision of this Agreement is found to be unlawful by any court of law, or invalid by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, that provision will be automatically terminated, but all other provisions of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. In such event, the Union and University shall meet within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the final decree of the court or tribunal for the purpose of negotiating a lawful alternative provision. The meeting cannot be used for any other purpose other than negotiating with respect to the provision found to be unlawful.

ARTICLE 60

Copies of Agreement

This Agreement will be printed. The costs of such printing will be borne equally by the University and Union. Each employee covered by this agreement will be provided a copy.

ARTICLE 61

Termination

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2025 and shall continue in effect for an initial period up to and including June 30, 2028. It shall thereafter continue in effect for additional periods of twelve (12) months unless terminated by written notice given by either party to the other, by registered mail or email notification, no less than sixty (60) days prior to June 30, 2028 or any subsequent 30th day of June. Such notice will be sufficient to avoid automatic extension of the Agreement if it gives notice of intent to terminate, modify, or negotiate a successor collective bargaining agreement.

Addendum 1

Classifications and Corresponding Department Working Titles

The following table is for information purposes only. It neither adds to nor detracts from the collective bargaining agreement or state law, and should be disregarded for contract administration/interpretation purposes.

Band/ Zone	Position Title/Classification	Department	Departmental Working Title
E2			
	Building and Grounds Assists	Campus Services	BGA -Dishroom
	Building and Grounds Assistant	PFD	Building Service Worker
	Food Service Assistant	Campus Services	Assistant Baker
	Food Service Assistant	Campus Services	Banquet/Event Server
	Food Service Assistant	Campus Services	Barista
	Food Service Assistant	Campus Services	Food Service Assistant
	Sales Clerk	Campus Services	Sales Clerk
	Supplies Assistant	Campus Services	Supplies Assistant
F1			
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Building and Grounds Technician
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Events Technician
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Facilities Operations Specialist - Grounds
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Floor Care Specialist
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Groundskeeper
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Master Building Service Worker
	Building and Grounds Technician	PFD	Senior Groundskeeper
	Cook	Campus Services	Cook
	Maintenance Repair Technician	PFD	Maintenance Repair Worker - Middletown Campus

	Maintenance Repair Technician	PFD	Maintenance Repair Worker - Hamilton Campus
	Maintenance Repair Technician	PFD	Senior Maintenance Repair Worker - Middletown Campus
	Maintenance Repair Technician	PFD	Senior Maintenance Repair Worker - Hamilton Campus
	Materials Handling Technician	PFD	Materials Handling Technician
	Senior Building and Grounds Assistant	PFD	Building Operations Specialist - Hamilton Camp
	Senior Building and Grounds Assistant	PFD	Building Operations Specialist - Middletown Campus
	Senior Building and Grounds Assistant	PFD	Senior building and Grounds Assistant
	Senior Building and Grounds Assistant	PFD	Senior building and Grounds Assistant - (Ground)
	Senior Food Service Assistant	Campus Services	Baker
	Transportation/Delivery Assistant	PFD	Mover
	Transportation/Delivery Assistant	PFD	Transportation/Delivery Assistant
F2			
	Building and Grounds Coordinator	PFD	Building Services Coordinator
	Building and Grounds Coordinator	Campus Services	Building and Grounds Coordinator - Dish Steward
	Building and Grounds Coordinator	Campus Services	Facilities Supervisor - Dining locations
	Building and Grounds Coordinator	PFD	Building and Grounds Coordinator - Events/Athletics Grounds
	Food Service Operations Coordinator	Campus Services	Delivery Captain
	Food Service Operations Coordinator	Campus Services	Food Service Operations Coordinator
	Food Service Operations Coordinator	Campus Services	Trainer
	Senior Cook	Campus Services	Senior Cook
	Senior Maintenance/Repair Technician	PFD	Events Specialist
	Senior Maintenance/Repair Technician	PFD	Senior Maintenance/Repair Technician
	Senior Maintenance/Repair Technician	PFD	Utility systems maintenance assistant

	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Air Quality Technician
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Auto Technician
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Carpenter
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Concrete Mason
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Electrician
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Electronic Technician
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Elevator Mechanic
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Locksmith
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Mason
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Painter/Plasterer
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Plumber
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Roofer
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Sheet Metal Worker
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Sign Crafter
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Small Appliance and Equipment Repair Specialist
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Tile Setter
	Trades Assistant	PFD	Assistant Welder
	Transportation/Delivery Specialist	PFD	Equipment Operator
	Transportation/Delivery Specialist	PFD	Transportation/Delivery Specialist
G1			
	Building and Grounds Specialist	PFD	Building and Grounds Specialist
	Building and Grounds Specialist	PFD	Master Facilities Operations Specialist/Grounds
	Building and Grounds Specialist	PFD	Master Groundskeeper
	Building and Grounds Supervisor	PFD	Building and Grounds Supervisor
	Food Production Leader	Campus Services	Food Production Leader
	Maintenance Repair Specialist	PFD	Maintenance Repair Specialist
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Air Quality Technician
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Auto Technician
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Carpenter
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Concrete Mason
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Electrician
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Elevator Mechanic
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Locksmith

	Trades Specialist	PFD	Mason
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Painter/Plasterer
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Plumber
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Roofer
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Sheet Metal Worker
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Sign Crafter
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Small Appliance and Equipment Repair Specialist
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Tile Setter
	Trades Specialist	PFD	Welder
G2			
	Senior Building and Grounds Specialist	PFD	Senior Building and Grounds Specialist
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Fire Alarm Technician
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Air Quality Technician
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Auto Technician
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Carpenter
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Concrete Mason
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Electrician
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Elevator Mechanic
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Locksmith
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Mason
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Painter/Plasterer
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Plumber
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master roofer
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Sheet Metal Worker
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Sign Crafter
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Small Appliance and Equipment Repair Specialist
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Tile Setter
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Master Welder
	Master Trades Specialist	PFD	Electrical Systems Services Specialist
	Senior Maintenance/Repair Specialist	PFD	Theater Technical Specialist
	Utility Systems Maintenance Specialist	PFD	Master Utility Systems Maintenance Specialist
	Stationary Engineer	PFD	Master Stationary Engineer
	Stationary Engineer	PFD	Stationary Engineer

Addendum 1A		
Classifications and Corresponding Job Families		
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Job Family	Classification /Job Title	Pay Zone
Building and Grounds	Building and Grounds Assistant	E2
Building and Grounds	Sr. Building and Grounds Assistant	F1
Building and Grounds	Building and Grounds Coordinator	F2
Building and Grounds	Building and Grounds Specialist	G1
Building and Grounds	Building and Grounds Technician	F1
Building and Grounds	Sr. Building and Grounds Specialist	G2
Food Service	Cook	F1-M1
Food Service	Food Production Leader	G1-M1
Food Service	Food Service Assistant	E2
Food Service	Food Service Operations Coordinator	F2-M1
Maintenance	Maintenance/Repair Specialist	G1
Maintenance	Maintenance/Repair Technician	F1
Maintenance	Sr. Maintenance/Repair Specialist	G2
Maintenance	Sr. Maintenance/Repair Technician	F2
Materials Handling	Materials Handling Technician	F1
Stationary Engineer	Stationary Engineer	G2-M3
Supplies	Supplies Assistant	E2
Trades	Trades Assistant	F2
Trades	Trades Specialist	G1-M1
Trades	Trades Specialist (AQT, Electrician, Electronics, Elevator, Plumber)	G1-M2
Trades	Master Trades Specialist	G2-M1
Trades	Master Trades Specialist (AQT, Electrician, Electronics, Elevator, Plumber)	G2-M2

Trades	Master Trades Specialist (Electrician Lineman)	G2-M4
Transportation	Transportation/Delivery Assistant	F1
	Transportation/Delivery Specialist	F2
Utilities	Utility Systems Maintenance Specialist	G2-M1

ADDENDUM 2

Miami University Dispute Resolution Form

Most employment issues can be solved directly between an employee and their supervisor. If an issue arises, you may present your issue by utilizing this form and submitting it to your immediate supervisor, your department head or the Director of Employee and Labor Relations as you see fit. Within ten (10) working days of submission of this form, the University will convene a meeting with you and any others that may be beneficial to the process to discuss the issue. You may initiate the procedure at any level of authority, or you may advance the issue to the next higher level of authority up to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations if you are dissatisfied with the University's response to your issue.

The issue resolution process shall be completed within thirty (30) days of initiation of the process by an employee. For more details on the issue resolution process, employees covered by the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement are to refer to the contract.

Employee Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Campus Mail Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Employee Position: _____ Department: _____

Employee Phone Number: _____ Presented to: _____

Issue: Please describe in detail your issue, including; dates, witnesses, location, desired outcome, etc. as appropriate. Use the back of this form or attach additional pages as necessary.

Date Issue Resolution Meeting Held: _____

Names of those in attendance: _____

A copy of this form must be sent to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations prior to any issue resolution meeting being held.

Supervisor or Department Head holding the meeting must submit a copy of this form along with the outcome of the meeting to the Director of Employee and Labor Relations.

ADDENDUM 3
Waiver of Union Representation

I, _____, understand that I am entitled to a union representative to represent me at this pre-disciplinary hearing. However, I do not want a union representative.

Print Name

Signature Date

Signature Page

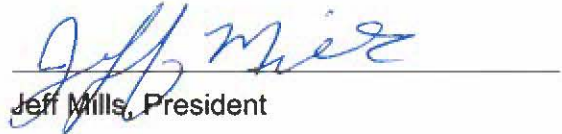
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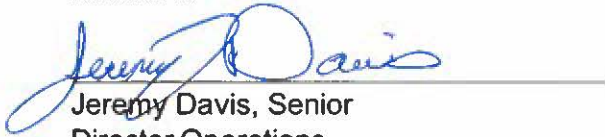
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