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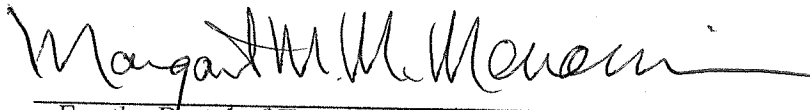
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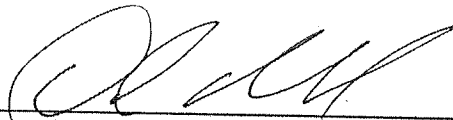
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## ARTICLE I

### I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this agreement:

- A. "Board" means the Board of Trustees of Union County College.
- B. "Chapter" means the Union County College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.
- C. "College" means Union County College.
- D. "President" means the President of the College.
- E. "Academic Vice President" means the Vice President of Academic Affairs of the College or her/his designee.
- F. "Academic Officers" means the President, Academic Vice President, Deans, Provosts, Associate Vice-Presidents for Academic Affairs or others carrying similar titles to whom the Board has delegated academic responsibilities.
- G. "Instructional staff" means all persons employed by the Board or its agents who teach courses for college or institutional credit at the College.
- H. "Professional library staff" means all persons employed by the Board or its agents who perform professional library work at the College.
- I. "Full-time members of the instructional staff" means all individuals who are members of the instructional staff and who normally are assigned to teach thirty (30) credit hours or their equivalent credit hours each academic year.  
"Temporary members of the instructional staff" means all individuals who are members of the instructional staff who are assigned to teach fifteen (15) credit hours or their equivalent credit hours for one semester within an academic year.
- J. "Full-time members of the professional library staff" means all individuals who are members of the professional library staff and who normally are assigned to a thirty-five (35) hour work week over a twelve (12) month period.
- K. "Faculty" means all full-time members of the instructional staff and all full-time members of the professional library staff.
- L. "Courses for college credit" means courses for which Union County College gives credits.

- M. "Credit or equivalent contact hour" means fifty-five (55) minutes of classroom instruction, fifty-five (55) - sixty (60) minutes of laboratory or teaching clinic instruction, 110 minutes of art, television, drama studio instruction and practice laboratories in sign language, and 165 minutes in the film viewing component of courses in film, liaison clinics, and practical nursing clinics.
- N. "Laboratory" means any laboratory which is offered to students as a course of instruction or as part of a course of instruction.
- O. "Division" means an academic division of the College.
- P. "Academic year" means two (2) semesters of approximately equal length over a thirty (30) week period of instructional activity, including up to two (2) weeks of examinations during each semester between September 1 and June 30, and except that faculty teaching in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program may be required to teach during the summer months. For such teaching the faculty in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program shall be compensated at the rate specified in Article XXI (Compensation), I. This summer obligation shall not extend their total academic year teaching obligation beyond a total of forty-four (44) weeks and shall not extend beyond August 31.
- Q. "Tenure-track appointment" means the appointment of a faculty member who is eligible for tenure provided that the faculty member meets the requirements for reappointment and tenure and that there are no other conditions which would preclude reappointment or tenure.
- R. "Non-tenure track appointment" means a three-year appointment as defined in Article XI (Faculty Appointments), Section 3c. A "replacement appointment" is an appointment for the purpose of replacing a full-time faculty member who is on leave for a period not to exceed one academic year as specified in Article XI (Faculty Appointments), Section C3b.
- S. "Teaching clinic" means instruction in which a faculty member teaches and supervises students who are developing abilities and skills by working with actual medical patients.
- T. "Field work supervision" means the placing, supervision, scheduling, and evaluating of students who are assigned as a course or as part of a course, to work at an off-campus site or facility in which the student develops skills and abilities related to

the course or discipline. It also includes the faculty member visiting the facility or site and maintaining communication and coordinating with both students and supervisors and holding classes or seminars for the students.

- U. “Liaison clinic” means field work supervision as defined in Section U of this Article, but in which the course taken by the students is in a medical discipline and involves the students in working with actual medical patients and/or the medical records of patients.
- V. “Distance Learning” means a method of instruction, either synchronous or asynchronous, designed to deliver education to students who are not physically on-site. Faculty and students communicate through the use of electronic media such as email, threaded discussion, online submissions, or other Web-based methods. A distance education course that does not require any physical on-site presence shall be considered an online course of study. An online course may require proctored examinations. A distance education course that requires a physical on-site presence for any reason on a specific day and time shall be considered a blended course of study. Online and blended courses will adhere to the same semester dates as posted on the official Union County College Calendar.
- W. Seniority. Seniority shall be based upon the total number of years of full time teaching in a division. For the purpose of implementing Article XXX (Reduction in Force and Seniority), seniority shall be based upon the total number of years of full time teaching in a division, except where a faculty member has taught in more than one division in which case seniority shall be based upon the total number of years of full time teaching at the College, or in the case of full time members of the professional library staff, seniority shall be based upon total number of years of full time professional work in the library. For faculty members in the employ of the College prior to September 1, 2015, seniority accrued in their division, or in the College if they have taught in more than one division, shall be in addition to seniority accrued prior to September 1, 2015, in their previous department, or if they taught in more than one department prior to September 1, 2015, in the College.



## ARTICLE II

### II. RECOGNITION

- A. The Board recognizes that the Chapter is the certified exclusive negotiating representative of all full-time instructional and professional library staff employed by Union County College excluding managerial executives, confidential employees, police and craft employees, supervisors and all other employees as set forth by the State of New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission on November 9, 1983, in case number RO-83-116.
- B. Subject to governing law, this Agreement shall apply in full force and effect to any and all accretions of the unit and specifically to all full-time instructional and professional library staff who perform duties which are the same as or are similar to the duties performed by full-time instructional and professional library staff currently employed by the Board.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **III. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The College and Chapter acknowledge that faculty have, and are protected in the exercise of the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to join and assist the Chapter or to refrain from any such activity.

## ARTICLE IV

### IV. DUES AND UNIT INFORMATION

#### A. DUES DEDUCTION

1. The College agrees to deduct Chapter dues from the salaries of employees who submit to the College a signed and dated authorization statement requesting and authorizing the deduction. Such authorization may be submitted to the College by electronic communication which may be evidenced by the electronic signature of the employee.
2. The dues shall be in the semi-monthly amount certified by the Chapter for current membership dues or such amount as may be certified for dues in each subsequent year. Any change in the amount of dues shall be certified to the College by the Chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to the requested date of such change.
3.
  - a. An employee may terminate his or her authorization by providing written notice to the College during the ten (10) day period following each anniversary date of their employment.  
Within five (5) days of receipt of notice from an employee of revocation of authorization for the payroll deduction of dues, the College shall provide notice to the Chapter of an employee's revocation of such authorization. An employee's notice of revocation of authorization for payroll deductions shall be effective on the 30th day after the anniversary date of employment.
  - b. An employee hired prior to June 27, 2018, may, in addition to revoking their authorization for payroll deductions pursuant to the provisions of Article IV.3.a, revoke their authorization, effective January 1 or July 2 of any year, by prior written notice to the College. In such cases the College will provide notice of such revocation to the Chapter within five (5) days of receipt of notice from an employee.

4. An employee authorizing dues deduction waives all rights and claims for money so deducted and releases the College and its officers and agents from any liability therefore.
5. Dues deductions will be made beginning the first pay period following receipt of the written authorization.
6. Any unit member who does not wish to become a member of the Chapter shall not be required to become a member.

**B. TRANSMITTAL OF DUES AND INFORMATION**

1. The College shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Chapter:
  - a. A check for the total amount deducted and
  - b. A statement setting forth the names of the unit members for whom dues were deducted.
  - c. The College shall provide, within sixty (60) working days following the beginning of each semester, a list of all full-time faculty and full-time professional library staff members, both tenure and non-tenure track, who are part of the Chapter's negotiations unit. In addition to the names of such employees the College shall provide their date of employment, salaries, rank, Division to which assigned, home address, work, home and personal cellular telephone numbers, and work and home email addresses currently on file with the College. Such information shall be provided for newly hired members of the negotiations unit within ten (10) calendar days of their date of hire. All information required to be submitted to the Chapter pursuant to this subsection shall be transmitted in an Excel file in accordance with the Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act and its accompanying regulations.
  - d. The College will provide all newly hired full-time faculty members with a dues authorization form and a copy of this Agreement. The dues authorization form will include instructions to indicate it should be returned to the Chapter treasurer.
  - e. The College shall notify the Chapter, in writing, of the termination of employment or the change in status of any member of the negotiations unit within thirty (30) days after Board action.

2. The check and statement shall be mailed by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) working day following the pay period in which the deduction was made.

C. CHAPTER OBLIGATIONS

1. The provisions of this Article are conditioned upon the Chapter's compliance with all requirements set forth by statute.
2. The Chapter hereby agrees to indemnify and save the Board harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, and other forms of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of, action taken or not taken by the Board for the purpose of complying with any of the provisions of this Article, or in reliance upon any notice furnished under any provision of this Article.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **V. GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS**

There shall be no discrimination by the College or the Chapter against any faculty member or against any applicant for a faculty position on the grounds of race, creed, marital status, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, national origin, or any other grounds prohibited by the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (“NJLAD”).

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **VI. BOARD RIGHTS**

- A. The Board hereby retains and reserves unto itself all powers, right, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States.
- B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, or responsibilities of the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in the furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited by the terms of this Agreement, and then only to the extent such terms are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey and of the United States.
- C. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the freedom of the Board or its agents to deal with governmental agencies, and professional organizations, such as the national office of the American Association of University Professors, provided however, that this dealing shall not repeal, rescind, or be otherwise inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **VII. CHAPTER RIGHTS**

- A. The Chapter shall have the right to conduct official business at the College, provided that this business does not interfere with normal operations of the College.
- B. Faculty Committees and the Chapter shall have the right to use one (1) separate office in a College building. The Board shall provide appropriate furnishings and a telephone with its own number or extension number for this office. The Chapter shall reimburse the Board for use of the telephone for Chapter business.
- C. The Chapter shall have the right to use College buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings and other official business, provided that the policies of the Board pertaining to the use of buildings and applying to all officially recognized organizations are followed in accordance with the Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act and its accompanying regulations.
- D. The Chapter shall have the right to use facilities, equipment, and services if available at the College, including audio-visual, duplicating, computing equipment, food services, and other services. The Chapter shall pay for this use at cost to the Board. The Chapter shall have the right to use the College's email systems to communicate with members of its negotiations unit in accordance with the Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act and its accompanying regulations.
- E. The Chapter shall have the right to use existing designated bulletin boards for the publication of official notices.



## ARTICLE VIII

### VIII. ACADEMIC RANKS

- A. All full-time members of the instructional staff shall be classified in the academic rank of senior professor/professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor.
- B. All full-time members of the professional library staff shall be classified in the academic rank of senior librarian/librarian, associate librarian, assistant librarian, or librarian I.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **IX. WORK OF THE FACULTY**

#### **A. WORK OF THE FACULTY**

1. The teaching of courses for college credit and the teaching of developmental courses and laboratories which are offered through a division of the College shall be considered work of the faculty. Offerings designed as an adjunct to, supplemental to, or remediation for any credit, credit equivalent, developmental or laboratory course(s) may be offered for three (3) semesters under the auspices of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
  - a. A non-unit member may not teach a course in a division where a faculty member in that division is qualified to teach that course, and is willing to teach that course, unless the College assigns the course to a non-faculty member who is better qualified. The assignment of courses for credit, developmental courses and/or laboratories to persons other than full time members of the instructional staff shall be considered tentative, pending the cancellation of courses, or the final assignment or reassignment of courses to full time members.
  - b. A member of the instructional staff who teaches fifteen (15) credit or equivalent credit hours a semester for two (2) consecutive semesters shall be considered a faculty member as of the beginning of that second semester, as defined in Article I, Sections I and K of this Agreement and shall be subject to all terms and provisions of this Agreement.

#### **B. WORK OF THE PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY STAFF**

1. The professional library work shall be considered work of regular full-time members of the professional library staff.

#### **C.**

1. Consistent with the terms of this agreement, where it is necessary for the fulfillment of instructional requirements, the full-time faculty and full-time members of the Professional Library staff may be supplemented by competent part-time teachers or Library staff members serving under the supervision of full-time faculty and Dean of Learning Resources.

## ARTICLE X

### X. APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME MEMBERS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY STAFF

#### A.

1. Part-time members of the instructional staff who teach courses for college credit, developmental courses, and/or laboratories which are offered through a division of the College shall be assigned to that division. These part-time members of the instructional staff may be appointed for a term of one (1) semester. These part-time members of the instructional staff may be reappointed on a semester-to-semester basis.
2. Part-time members of the instructional staff who teach courses for college credit, developmental courses, and/or laboratories which are not offered through a division of the College shall be assigned to the Office of the Academic Vice President. While there, part-time members of the instructional staff may be appointed for a term of one (1) semester and may be reappointed if academically qualified and have demonstrated teaching competence.

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the first day of each semester, the College will provide to the Chapter the names of all part-time faculty employed for that semester and the number of credit or equivalent contact hours they are assigned to teach in that semester.

- B. Part-time members of the professional library staff shall be assigned to the library. Part-time members of the professional library staff may be appointed and reappointed, if recommended as academically qualified and where evidence has been assembled of demonstrated competence.
- C. The combined total of courses taught by part-time members of the instructional staff in any semester, including late start courses and UCC 101, shall not exceed fourteen (14) credits or contact hours. Non-credit continuing education, non-credit IBI, CEWD, Life Center, and Project Inside courses shall not be included in the calculation of the combined total. In the event such excess is the result of covering an existing class(es) due to emergent event, credits resulting from such error shall be excluded from counting toward the fourteen (14) credit limit.

## ARTICLE XI

### XI. FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

#### A. PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT TO EXISTING DEPARTMENTS

1. Whenever the appointment of a faculty member has been authorized by the President, the Academic Vice President or his or her designee shall inform the Dean in the division in which the faculty member is to serve or, in the case of the Library, the Dean of Learning Resources.
2. The Academic Vice President or his or her designee in consultation with the Dean of the division concerned or, in the case of the Library, the Dean of Learning Resources, shall determine the qualifications and background characteristics of applicants and the academic rank and appropriate salary range. Normally the salary shall be within the minimum and maximum range established for the rank; however, exception to the maximum salary may be made by the Academic Vice President based upon prevailing market conditions or other appropriate conditions that might influence the availability of potential employees.

#### B. CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

1. All appointments shall be effective September 1 or the beginning of the second semester. Appointments made by November 1<sup>st</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup> shall be treated as if they were made at the beginning of that semester for purposes or reappointment and promotion only.
2. All appointments shall be tenure-track appointments except as provided for in Part B, Section 3.b. and 3.c. of this Article. Union County College considers tenure-track appointments to be the standard for faculty hiring.
3.
  - a. All appointments shall be for one (1) academic year if they are effective September 1 or for the remainder of the academic year in which they are made and the following academic year if they are effective after September 1.
  - b. Replacement faculty members appointed to replace a specific faculty member on an authorized leave of absence may be appointed for the period

the specified faculty member is on leave, not to exceed a period of one academic year.

- c. Non-tenure track faculty members, including non-tenure track replacement faculty, who are granted tenure-track appointments shall be given up to three years of College service credit for the length of their most recent continuous service under their non-tenure track faculty contracts.
  - d. All full-time faculty appointments shall be made in accordance with NJAC 9A:7-3.1;3.2.
  - e. Faculty and librarians who have worked full-time at the College for a period of five consecutive academic years in accordance with Article XV.B.1.a shall have tenure.
4. Before accepting an appointment, a faculty member shall receive a written copy of the essential terms and conditions of his or her appointment including a statement of credit towards tenure for prior service, a copy of this Agreement and pertinent rules and regulations of the College. S/he shall receive a written copy of any subsequent modification of the terms and conditions of his or her appointment.

## ARTICLE XII

### XII. FACULTY REAPPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

#### A. PROCEDURES

1.

- a. During the fall semester of an academic year, all non-tenured faculty members including librarians whose term of appointment or reappointment expires that academic (calendar) year, shall be evaluated for the purpose of recommending reappointment or non-reappointment. Non-tenured faculty members (Library) in their second or fifth year of teaching at the College shall be evaluated between November 1 and December 24. Non-tenured faculty members (Library) in their third or fourth year of teaching at the College shall be evaluated between October 15 and November 30. Non-tenured faculty members (Library) in their first year of teaching at the College shall be evaluated between December 15 and January 20. Faculty members appointed in mid semester shall first be evaluated during their first full academic year of teaching at the College. Faculty members who are given a year or more credit toward tenure when they are hired shall be evaluated in their first year of teaching as if they were first year faculty members.
- b. Between September 1 and September 20, faculty members desiring consideration for promotion, providing they meet the length of service requirements in Article XIII, shall submit a letter to the Academic Vice President requesting consideration for promotion. All, and only, faculty members who submit such letters shall be considered for promotion. It is the responsibility of the faculty member seeking promotion to obtain acknowledgement of receipt from the Academic Vice President or his/her designee.
- c. Between October 1 and the March 15 of each academic year, all faculty members including librarians who are eligible for promotion within the meaning of Article XIII (Professional Evaluation) of this Agreement, and who have requested consideration for promotion, shall be evaluated in order

of academic rank, beginning with instructors (librarians-I), for the purpose of recommending promotion or no promotion. No later than October 1 of each academic year, the Academic Vice President shall inform each Dean, in the case of the Library, the Dean of Learning Resources, the Chairperson of the Peer Evaluation committee, and the President of the Chapter, of the names of those faculty members whose length of service in rank makes them eligible for promotion and who have requested consideration for promotion. It shall be the responsibility of every member to make certain that the Academic Vice President has correct information for purposes of the preceding sentence.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article or elsewhere in this Agreement, uniform rules and regulations for the conduct of evaluations shall be established by the Academic Vice President.

2. No later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the divisional evaluation, a faculty member to be evaluated shall be informed of that date in writing. Within five (5) days after the date of the divisional evaluations, the faculty member shall be informed in writing of the resulting recommendation.

#### B. NOTICE OF NON-REAPPOINTMENT

The Board shall inform a faculty member in writing of a decision not to offer him or her a reappointment in accordance with the following dates:

1. A third or fourth year faculty member shall be notified by January 31.
2. A fifth year faculty member shall be notified by February 28.
3. A faculty member in his or her first or second year shall be notified by March 31.
4. If a faculty member is not given timely notice within the meaning of B.1. of this Article, s/he shall be offered a terminal reappointment by the Board for the succeeding academic (calendar) year. In no event shall tenure be obtained other than as prescribed by law. This provision does not apply to B.2 or B.3.

C. NOTICE OF PROMOTION

A faculty member shall be informed in writing by the President by June 30 of the decision of the Board in his or her case, unless a provision of this Agreement requires earlier notification.

D. NOTICE OF EVALUATIVE CRITERIA

The Administration shall provide advanced written notice of the evaluative criteria applicable to all reappointment and promotion decisions. The relevant criteria shall be referenced in all reappointment and promotion evaluations and determinations, both positive and negative. Written notice of any intended changes to the evaluative criteria shall be provided to all members of the bargaining unit and to the Chapter no less than thirty (30) days before the planned effective date for any such changes. New criteria shall not be applied retroactively to evaluate faculty members for periods of employment before such new criteria become effective.



## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **XIII. PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION**

A. The Board retains its inherent right to establish criteria for reappointment, promotion, and professional evaluations. However, for the duration of this Agreement, the Board agrees to use the criteria set forth in this Agreement, to evaluate faculty being considered for reappointment, promotion, and other professional evaluations.

1. A faculty member hired as an Instructor shall serve in the rank of Instructor until they are granted tenure. Upon being granted tenure they will automatically be promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor.
2. A faculty member hired in any capacity other than Instructor (e.g., Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, etc.) will be eligible to apply for a promotion to at the same time that they apply for tenure.
3. Other than as specified in Article XIII.A.2 above, no faculty member shall be eligible to be granted promotion to a higher rank until they have completed 10 semesters of service at their current rank. The only exception shall be those who are promoted in accordance with Article XIII.A.4.
4. A tenured faculty member currently in the rank of Professor (Librarian) who earns a Doctorate will immediately be reclassified to the rank of Senior Professor (Senior Librarian) without receiving a promotional increase.
5. Effective September 1, 2018, all full-time faculty members who hold a doctorate degree will be assigned a minimum rank of Assistant Professor. Faculty members promoted as a result of this provision shall be entitled to any salary increases, including but not limited to promotional and doctoral increases, resulting from any related reclassifications.
6. A faculty member who has served in the rank of Associate Professor for fifteen (15) years shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of Professor without the attainment of a second Master's degree.

#### **B. Criteria for Reappointment and Promotion**

1. The criterion for reappointment in the academic rank of librarian I is evidence of excellence in professional library work.
2. The criteria for reappointment in the academic rank of instructor are:

- a. satisfactory performance of faculty duties as stipulated in Article XXIX Part A, Section 1.a., e., in this Agreement; and
  - b. evidence of excellence in teaching and related student contacts or, in the case of a full-time professional librarian, demonstrated excellence in professional library work and related student contacts; and
  - c. the attainment of a Master's degree in his/her academic area or profession.
3. The criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the academic rank of assistant professor or assistant librarian are:
    - a. meeting the relevant criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the academic rank of instructor (librarian-I); and
    - b. evidence of contribution to the College or professional development or a combination of both.
  4. The criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the rank of associate professor or associate librarian are:
    - a. meeting the relevant criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the academic rank of assistant professor or assistant librarian; and
    - b. demonstrated service to the College through participation on College committees or to the community or evidence of professional development through academic and scholarly activities related to the faculty member's academic or professional area or any combination of the above.
  5. There shall be two ranks of Professor (Librarian). These ranks shall be known as Professor (Librarian) and Senior Professor (Senior Librarian).
    - a. The criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the rank of professor or librarian are:
      - (1) meeting the relevant criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the academic rank of associate professor or associate librarian and
      - (2) significant service to the College through the discharge of major responsibilities; and
      - (3) demonstrated professional maturity through the attainment of a second Master's degree. (For those faculty members teaching visual arts, the M.F.A. in visual arts degrees shall be considered the equivalent of two Master's degrees.)

(4) Tenured Associate Professors (Associate Librarians) who have been employed by the College for at least twenty-five (25) years and are within three (3) years of retirement may be recommended for promotion to the rank of Professor (Librarian) without meeting the criteria specified in Part B. Section 5.a.(3) of this Article. Tenured Assistant Professors (Assistant Librarians) who have been employed by the College for at least twenty-five (25) years and are within three (3) years of retirement may be recommended for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor (Associate Librarian) without meeting the criteria specified in Part B. Section 5.a.(3) of this Article.

b. The criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the rank of Senior Professor or Senior Librarian are:

(1) meeting the relevant criteria for promotion to and reappointment in the academic rank of associate professor or associate librarian and

(2) significant service to the College through the discharge of major responsibilities; and

(3) demonstrated professional maturity through the attainment of an earned Doctorate or a degree that is considered a terminal degree, such as an MFA for Studio Arts. Final determination will be made by the Academic Vice President.

6. The Academic Vice President shall prepare student evaluation and peer evaluation material to be used in the evaluation of faculty members.

#### C. Process for Post Tenure Review

1. Pursuant to College policy regarding evaluation of tenured faculty members, and for the purpose of providing advice and guidance pertaining to the criteria stated in Section C.1.c., below a regular review of the academic performance of tenured faculty members will be conducted.

a. Such evaluations of tenured faculty members shall take place once every five years.

b. A faculty member may not undergo post-tenure evaluation in the same year as evaluation for purposes of promotion.

- c. These evaluations shall include evidence of continued teaching effectiveness; evidence of professional development; contributions to the College or Division; curriculum or instruction improvement, development or revision; and/or community service; and other assigned duties and responsibilities, including academic advising of assigned students.
- d. Post tenure review must be sent to the Academic Vice President for final action. Unsatisfactory review may result in reevaluation in two years

#### D. Post-Tenure Review File

Since the materials for the evaluation of tenured faculty may be different from those used for reappointment and promotion, a separate Post Tenure Review File (PTRF), containing materials collected since the last post-tenure evaluation, should be produced and maintained by each faculty member for the sole purpose of post-tenure review. This file will be kept with the Faculty Record file in an area designated by the Academic Vice President and maintained under secure conditions but clearly identified as the only file to be used for Post Tenure Review. This Post Tenure Review File (PTRF) and the Faculty Record File will be separate files and if material is appropriate for both it should be duplicated by the faculty member at the time of placement.

#### E. Notification and Deadlines

1. A list of faculty to undergo the post-tenure evaluation during any academic year shall be generated by the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Faculty undergoing post-tenure evaluation for the first time shall do so in an order based upon the duration of time since their last evaluation, whether for reappointment, promotion, tenure, or post-tenure review, so that 20 percent of tenured faculty are evaluated annually, but in no event shall a faculty member undergo post-tenure evaluation within less than five years since her/his last evaluation for any purpose. This list will be sent to the Deans by September 1 of the academic year prior to the academic year of the scheduled review. Copies of this list will be sent to the Executive Committee of the AAUP and the Tenured Faculty Review Committee.
2. Those faculty to undergo post-tenure evaluation during any academic year shall be notified of the pending review not later than September 30 of the previous

academic year. Such notification shall come from the appropriate academic officer.

3. Materials of evaluation shall be placed in the PTRF by the faculty member prior to September 30 of the academic year in which that faculty member is scheduled to be reviewed.
4. All file submissions by the faculty member must contain the signature of both the faculty member to be reviewed and the Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee. All material shall be logged in by the faculty member and the designee of the appropriate academic officer in the same manner as is used in preparing the Faculty Record File.
5. The PTRF shall be made available to the faculty member within five (5) days of notification of the intent to submit materials by the faculty member involved.
6. No material may be placed in the faculty member's Post Tenure Review File unless the faculty member receives prior written notification of the placement of such materials and the opportunity to attach comments and/or rebuttal statements to the material before it is placed in the file. A faculty member shall place in his or her PTRF all appropriate evaluation material at least three (3) days prior to the date of his or her Division evaluation, provided he/she has been given sufficient notice, at which time the Post Tenure Review File shall be closed.
7. By April 30, the appropriate academic officer will forward his/her evaluation, to the faculty member and to the Academic Vice President.
8. At each level of evaluation, the faculty member shall be given timely notice of the results of the evaluation, so that he/she may respond if he/she so wishes, to the recommendation, prior to the PTRF and recommendation being passed on to the next level.
9. If the notice requirements listed in Section E. 1, 2, and 5 of this Article are not met, a faculty member's evaluation shall be extended by a length of time equal to the delay in notification.
10. It is recognized that the purpose of post-tenure evaluation is to assist tenured faculty in maintaining excellence in teaching and appropriate other contributions to the College.

## ARTICLE XIV

### XIV. FACULTY RECORD FILE

- A. A record file shall be maintained for each faculty member in an area designated by the Academic Vice President and maintained under secure conditions.
- B. The following are the procedures for creating and maintaining a Faculty Record File. Each faculty record file shall consist of a Summary Folder plus one additional folder for each rank that the faculty member has held while at Union County College, and a Current Rank Folder, in which material to be considered for promotion to the next higher rank is to be placed.

#### 1. Summary Folder

A new Summary Folder shall be established whenever a faculty member is promoted to a new academic rank. It shall contain a listing of all major accomplishments before the latest promotion, such as degrees earned (with dates), positions held (with duration), honors awarded, etc., all with item number references to previous volumes where the actual documentation and back-up material shall remain as originally entered.

After a promotion all material contained in the Summary Folder shall be placed in the rank folder containing the activities while in the rank from which the faculty member was just promoted.

#### 2. Folder of Current Rank

Each faculty member shall establish a new volume (Current Rank Folder) upon being promoted. This folder shall contain its own item listing (sign-in sheet) and reflect the accomplishments since the last promotion which would presumably form the basis for consideration for the next promotion.

- C. The following is the type and nature of the material and its appropriateness within each of the categories as specified in Article XIII (Professional Evaluation), Part B, of this Agreement. The items in 1, 2, 3, and 4 below are merely listings of suggested activities within each category; the relevance and degree of requirement vary with each professional rank as spelled out in Article XIII (Professional Evaluation) of the Agreement.

1. Evidence of teaching excellence:
  - a. Objective summary of student evaluations using an instrument established by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The summary shall be of all classes taught during the previous academic year by the faculty member, if possible.
  - b. Peer evaluations.
  - c. Other appropriate evidence.
2. Evidence of service to the College:
  - a. Records of committee work (including A.A.U.P. Chapter work)
  - b. Records of course and/or program development.
  - c. Other appropriate evidence.
3. Evidence of contributions to the community:
  - a. Lectures or consultation to community groups.
  - b. Membership on or leadership positions in community advisory group(s).
  - c. Other appropriate evidence.
4. Evidence of professional development:
  - a. Successful completion of graduate courses in one's academic discipline or related field.
  - b. Evidence of the attainment of an additional graduate degree in one's academic discipline or related field.
  - c. Evidence of active participation in educational and/or professional societies.
  - d. Honor or award received from an educational or professional society, since the last reappointment or promotion.
  - e. A visiting professorship at another postsecondary institution.
  - f. Evidence of professional consultation.
  - g. Evidence of publications or other creative work (music, paintings, etc.).
  - h. Recognition by a national group, society, or organization.
  - i. Courses taken to gain or maintain licensure or professional standing or to gain additional professional skills in one's academic discipline or in a related area.

- j. Other appropriate evidence of scholarly, academic or professional attainments or activities appropriate to the faculty member's academic or professional area.
- D. The following procedures are to be used in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII (Professional Evaluation), Part B. Section 3.
- 1. Student evaluations
    - a. Student evaluation forms shall be distributed to students in a class by a person, other than the faculty member to be evaluated. When the evaluations are completed, that person shall collect them and bring them to the Dean's office. The forms will be forwarded by the Dean to the Computer Center for tabulation. Once the evaluations are tabulated, the forms and the summary of the tabulations shall be forwarded to the Dean. The Dean shall then sign, date, and give the forms and summary to the evaluated faculty member for placement in his/her record file, together with whatever comments the faculty member wishes to make about any aspect of the student evaluation summaries.
    - b. All student evaluations shall be conducted between the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) week of the academic semester, except in the case of a first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year faculty member, in which case the evaluations shall be conducted by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) week of the academic semester. In those courses that do not follow a 15-week semester, the evaluation shall be conducted in the last one third (1/3) of the course.
  - 2. Peer evaluations
    - a. Peer evaluations shall be conducted by a faculty member from the candidate's division (discipline/related discipline where possible), chosen by the Dean. The faculty member to be evaluated and the faculty member to do the evaluation shall agree upon a time for the evaluation. Within one week of the evaluation, the evaluator shall submit a written report to the faculty member evaluated and the Dean. If the faculty member evaluated wishes, s/he may append a written response to the report before placing it in his/her record file.



- b. It is recommended that at least one peer evaluation be done each year for tenured faculty and two per year for those who have not attained tenure.
- E. The Academic Vice President or his or her designee shall place in the faculty member's Record File all appropriate evaluation material as defined in Article XIII (Professional Evaluation), Part C, of this Agreement by September 10 in the case of a faculty member to be considered for promotion or reappointment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year or by October 10 in the case of a faculty member in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year who is to be considered only for reappointment. A faculty member shall place in his or her Record File all appropriate evaluation material as defined in Article XIII (Professional Evaluation), Part C, of this Agreement at least three (3) days prior to the date of his or her divisional evaluation, at which time the Record File shall be closed.
- F. Upon written notice to the Academic Vice President or his or her designee of at least three (3) class days specifying the date and time, a faculty member shall have the right to review all material in his or her Record File. The Academic Vice President or his or designee may be present. The faculty member shall initial and write the date of initialing on all documents in the Record File solely to indicate that s/he has seen the documents. A faculty member shall have the right to attach comments and/or a rebuttal statement to material placed in his or her Record File. A faculty member shall have the right to have material placed in his or her Record File. A faculty member shall have the right to have material in his or her Record File reproduced for his or her own use, for which s/he shall be charged ten cents per copy. All material in the Record File of a faculty member shall be confidential and shall not be subject to publication.

## ARTICLE XV

### XV. TENURE

- A. A faculty member who has previously been appointed or reappointed with tenure shall continue to have tenure, and shall not have her/his salary reduced, other than in accordance with all applicable provisions of New Jersey statutes and regulations.
- B. All non-tenured faculty members shall be considered and eligible for tenure in accordance with all applicable New Jersey statutes and regulations.
  - 1.
    - a. Faculty members shall be under tenure in their academic rank but not in any administrative position, during good behavior, efficient and satisfactory professional performance, as evidenced by formal evaluation and shall not be dismissed or reduced in compensation except for inefficiency, unsatisfactory professional performance, incapacity or other just cause and then only in the manner prescribed by subarticle B of Article 2 of Chapter 6 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, after employment by the College for:
      - (1) five (5) consecutive calendar years; or
      - (2) five (5) consecutive academic years, together with employment at the beginning of the next academic year; or
      - (3) the equivalent of more than five (5) academic years within a period of any six (6) consecutive academic years.
    - b. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth above, the Board may, as an exceptional action and upon the recorded two-thirds majority roll call vote of all its members and upon the recommendation of the President, grant tenure to an individual faculty member after employment in the College for two (2) consecutive academic years.

C.

1. Tenure shall only be awarded to an individual whose performance during his/her probationary period gives evidence of the ability and willingness to make a continuing contribution to the growth and development of the College.
2. Tenure shall only be awarded after presentation of positive evidence of excellence in teaching, scholarly achievement, contribution to the College or community, and fulfillment of professional responsibilities.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **XVI. FACULTY DISCIPLINE**

- A. Faculty members shall not be dismissed or reduced in compensation except for inefficiency, unsatisfactory professional performance, incapacity or other just cause and then only in the manner prescribed by New Jersey law.

## ARTICLE XVII

### XVII. ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. A faculty member is entitled to full freedom in research, in the publication of the results, subject to adequate performance of his or her other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return utilizing College facilities or College funds should be based upon a written understanding by the Vice President for Finance.
- B. A faculty member is entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing his or her subject, but should be careful not to introduce into his or her teaching controversial matter which has no relation to his or her subject.
- C. A faculty member is a citizen, a member of the learned profession, and a member of an educational community. When s/he speaks or writes as a citizen, s/he should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but his or her special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a man or woman of learning and as an educator, s/he should remember that the public may judge his or her profession and his or her institution by his or her utterances. Hence s/he should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that s/he is not a College spokesperson.
- D. The College shall provide to each faculty member and librarian with notice of the College's obligation to provide representation indemnification and costs of defense for any legal action brought against the individual because of any alleged act or omission in the scope of his/her employment. The College shall meet with the Chapter to agree upon the contents of this notice.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **XVIII. FACULTY MEMBERS APPOINTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

- A. Faculty members appointed to administrative positions at the college who hold an academic rank and tenure in a division (or who held academic rank and tenure in a department prior to being appointed to an administrative position) of the College shall continue to hold the academic rank and tenure in the applicable division, upon returning to the faculty. All such faculty members shall have seniority as of the date of employment by the College, or by the previous institution to which the College is successor.
- B. Upon returning to faculty status, faculty members appointed to administrative positions shall resume the salary originally held at the time of appointment to administrative positions plus all increases and benefits for their rank received pursuant to compensation articles in all Chapter Agreements for the duration of the appointment.

## ARTICLE XIX

### XIX. POWERS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE FACULTY

#### A.

1. The establishment of requirements for degrees in course, the determination that such requirements have been met in any individual case, are responsibilities vested in the Board. The recommendations regarding the above and recommendations that degrees in course be conferred are responsibilities vested in the faculty.
2.
  - a. Through appropriate faculty committees, the faculty shall actively participate in the making of recommendations to the President in the areas of:
    - (1) long-range planning; and
    - (2) the use of existing physical resources and the acquisition of additional physical resources; and
    - (3) priorities in the deployment of financial resources.
  - b. The President or his or her designee shall comply with reasonable requests from the appropriate faculty committee for information pertinent to the faculty committee's functions as specified in Part A, Section 2.a. of this Article.

## ARTICLE XX

### XX. DIVISIONS

#### A.

1. A faculty member may be reassigned by the Academic Vice President, from one division to another in the event that his or her scholarly preparation, teaching assignments, preference and interests would be better served through such a reassignment. Such reassignment shall be made in consultation with the faculty member. In the event that a division or the faculty member objects to such reassignment, they may submit their objection with as much specificity as possible, to the President for decision.
2. If a faculty member believes s/he is qualified to teach in a discipline or division other than the one to which s/he is assigned, the faculty member shall submit evidence of his/her qualifications to the Academic Vice President. The Academic Vice President, in consultation with the appropriate dean and coordinator, if applicable, shall review the evidence and decide as to the merit of the faculty member's claim. The Academic Vice President shall make his/her decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of the evidence and notify the faculty member in writing of the decision, including the reasons, whether the decision is positive or negative.

#### B.

1. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing between the Board and the Chapter, all courses for college credit, all developmental courses and/or all laboratories which are or traditionally would be offered through an existing division of the College shall be offered through an academically appropriate division.
2. UCC 101 will be offered through the First Year Seminar Committee, a standing committee of the faculty, which will operate in lieu of a department. The coordinator(s) of UCC 101 will report directly to the Academic Vice-President. The coordinator(s) will be selected by this committee, which will forward its recommendation to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Regulations and procedures pertaining to the duties, appointment, and terms for the coordinator(s) will be as for other coordinators (Article XX.J., paragraphs 1 and 4).



C. Those decisions which by the terms of this Agreement are required to be made by a division shall be by a majority vote of faculty members in the division.

D.

1. When both the Academic Vice President and the Dean agree that, in order to carry out academic responsibilities in a division, such as scheduling of courses, laboratories and clinics, supervising instruction, advising students in specific curricula, supervising students in clinical or field work placements, consulting with licensing agents or advisory boards, assisting the Dean in the performance of his/her duties, or carrying out other assignments necessary for the functioning of the Division, the appointment of a Coordinator is necessary, the Academic Vice President may authorize the appointment of a Coordinator.
2. The Dean shall recommend such appointments with the approval of the members of the division, and recommend the appointment to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his/her designee.
3. More than one name may be submitted. If more than one name is submitted, the names shall be unranked.
4. Except for those positions in Article XX. D. 5, all appointments will be for two years, from July 1 until June 30.
5. The following positions shall be permanent administrative positions and are not covered by this Article:

Director of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program

Director of the Institute for Intensive English

6. Persons in charge of academic programs or areas and reporting to deans shall be referred to as coordinators, except for those positions that require another title for external relations.
  7. No non-faculty person may be appointed if a qualified faculty member is able and willing to assume the position, unless the College assigns a non-faculty member who is better qualified for the position. If a non-faculty person is appointed under this provision, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will state the reasons to the appropriate Dean and the Chapter President in writing.
- E. Coordinators may not teach more than one overload course per semester between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

F. Termination of a Coordinator Position

If for sufficient reasons, the Vice President for Academic Affairs concludes that a particular coordinator position should be eliminated, he/she shall notify, in writing the President of the Union County College AAUP of his intention to eliminate the position at least one academic semester prior to taking such action.

## ARTICLE XXI

### XXI. COMPENSATION

#### A. Instructional and Library Staff Salaries

1. Effective September 1, 2018 each full time member of the instructional and library staffs covered by this Agreement who was a full-time member of the instructional staff (or was a full-time member of the professional library staff) during the preceding academic semester shall have their annual base salary increased by \$2450.
2. Effective September 1, 2019, each full time member of the instructional and library staff covered by this Agreement who was a full-time member of the instructional staff (or was a full-time member of the professional library staff) during the preceding academic semester shall have their annual base salary increased by 2.5%.
3. Effective September 1, 2020, each full time member of the instructional and library staffs covered by this Agreement shall have their annual base salary increased by \$2600

4. Salary Minimums for 2018-2019 academic year:

Instructor (without Master's degree)	\$53,864-65,376
Instructor (with Master's degree)	\$55,065-66,827
Assistant Professor	\$69,334-84,286
Assistant Professor (with Doctorate)	\$73,253-89,576
Librarian I	\$60,980-74,233
Assistant Librarian	\$70,465-86,092
Associate Professor	\$78,603
Associate Professor (with Doctorate)	\$82,671
Professor	\$95,669
Senior Professor	\$103,605
Associate Librarian	\$80,784
Librarian	\$99,437
Senior Librarian	\$107,474

5. Salary Minimums for the 2019-2020 academic year are as set forth below.

Instructor (without Master's degree)	\$55,211-67,010
Instructor (with Master's degree)	\$56,442-68,498
Assistant Professor	\$71,067-86,393
Assistant Professor (with Doctorate)	\$75,084-91,815
Librarian I	\$62,505-76,089
Assistant Librarian	\$72,227-88,244
Associate Professor	\$80,568
Associate Professor (with Doctorate)	\$84,738
Professor	\$98,061
Senior Professor	\$106,195
Associate Librarian	\$82,804
Librarian	\$101,923
Senior Librarian	\$110,161

6. 2020-2021 Salary Minimums

For purposes of guidance in the employment of new faculty members hired during the 2020-2021 academic year, the minimum salaries shall be:

Instructor (without Master's degree)	\$57,811-69,610
Instructor (with Master's degree)	\$59,042-71,098
Assistant Professor	\$73,667-88,993
Assistant Professor (with Doctorate)	\$77,684-94,415
Librarian I	\$65,105-78,689
Assistant Librarian	\$74,827-90,844
Associate Professor	\$83,168
Associate Professor (with Doctorate)	\$87,338
Professor	\$100,661
Senior Professor	\$108,795
Associate Librarian	\$85,404
Librarian	\$104,523
Senior Librarian	\$112,761

B. Promotional Increases

Commencing September 1, 2018, a faculty member promoted to a new academic rank shall receive a six percent (6%) increase in his/her salary as of September 1 of the year in which the promotion is effective, or the minimum salary for their new rank, whichever is greater. This increase shall be computed after the addition of any generally applicable annual salary increase.

C. Doctoral Increase

1. A full-time member of the instructional staff (Professional Library Staff) who acquires an earned doctorate on or after September 1 shall receive a six percent (6%) increase in his/her current academic year salary providing that the doctorate is officially granted, except for ceremonial conferral, on or before December 31. If the doctorate is granted after December 31, the faculty member shall receive this salary increase as of September 1 of the succeeding academic year. This increase shall be in addition to any other salary increase provided in this Agreement and shall be computed after the addition of the increase provided in Part A of this Article.

D. Deferral of Increases

If a full-time member of the instructional staff (Professional Library Staff) would otherwise be entitled to a Promotional Increase and a Doctoral Increase during the same academic year, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXI.B and XXI.C, above, they will only receive the increase (either Promotional or Doctoral) that they become entitled to first. The other increase will be deferred until September 1 of the following academic year.

E. Overload Compensation

A faculty member who is entitled to overload compensation as defined in Article XXIX of this Agreement shall be compensated for each three (3 credit) or equivalent contact hours of overload at the rate of \$3150. Overload compensation shall be paid in equal installments starting on the last day of October, and continuing during each semi-monthly pay period in November, December, and January for the fall semester, and starting on the last day of February, and continuing during each semi-monthly pay period in March, April, and May for the

spring semester. No overload shall be due or payable unless the faculty member teaches at least fifteen (15) credit/contact hours in a given semester.

F. Summer Compensation

A faculty member who teaches during the summer session shall be compensated for each three (3) credits or equivalent contact hours of summer session teaching at the rate of \$3150.

G. Other Compensation

1. A faculty member who agrees, as part of his/her required load, to teach courses where the time between the end of the first class hour and the beginning of the last class hour exceeds eight and one-half (8 ½) hours on any one day shall be compensated at the rate of \$125.00 for each contact hour taught beyond the time restriction.

2.

a. A faculty member assigned field work supervision shall be compensated at a rate of \$100 for each student supervised.

b. A course that a faculty member agrees to teach on a per student basis or independent study shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$100 per credit hour or equivalent contact hour for each student enrolled or at a rate of \$200 per student, whichever is higher. If a course a faculty member agrees to teach on a per student basis reaches an enrollment of twelve or more students by the last day of registration, the faculty member will be paid at the standard payment rate. If the course does not reach an enrollment of twelve or more students by the last day of registration, the faculty member will be paid on a per student basis for the number of students that were in the class on the tenth day of enrollment, which is the tenth day of classes, excluding weekends and holidays. For summer and other sessions, a prorated point in time shall be used, based upon the duration of the session.

3. In the event the maximum teaching load of a faculty member, as defined in Article XXIX, Part A, Section 5.a. is exceeded, a faculty member shall be compensated in the amount of one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160) for each student above the maximum.

4. A faculty member assigned supervision of the liaison clinics shall be compensated at the overload rate specified in Part E of this Article on the basis of each three (3) contact hours in the liaison clinic in a given course, regardless of the number of students in that course, being the equivalent of one (1) credit or equivalent contact hour. Supervision of liaison clinics may be included as part of the faculty member's required teaching load on this same basis.

#### H. Faculty Pay Periods

1. A full-time member of the instructional staff shall, at his/her option, be paid his/her academic year salary in eighteen (18) or twenty-four (24) equal semi-monthly installments. Effective July 1, 2018, a full-time member of the instructional staff shall, at his/her option, be paid his/her academic year salary in twenty (20) or twenty-four (24) equal semi-monthly installments.
2. A full-time member of the professional library staff shall be paid his/her twelve-month salary in twenty-four (24) equal semi-monthly installments.

#### I.

The Licensed Practical Nursing faculty contract will be in effect for an eleven month period, from September 1 to July 31 of each academic year. The total number of credit hours required during this time is forty (40) credits or an equivalent of 600 contact hours (classroom and clinical instruction. Contact hours may be achieved through day, evening, and/or weekend class offerings.

Salaries for present incumbent faculty were pro-rated for the 2008-2009 academic year to reflect the additional two months of work required. This additional salary will remain with the faculty member as long as s/he continues to teach in this eleven-month (11) program. Faculty will be paid twice each month (24) pay periods from September through August. New faculty members will be hired based on a pay range that pro-rates the standard nine (9) month ranges to reflect the additional two months of work.

- J. Faculty members hired to work in the Magnet High School also work for an additional two months beyond the requirements of the standard nine (9) months established under this Agreement. Faculty members will be paid according to a pay range pro-rated to reflect the eleven-month work year.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

### **XXII. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS**

Health and Welfare benefits are provided as enumerated in this article for full-time members of the instructional and library staffs. Temporary members of the instructional staff and library staff are not eligible for Health and Welfare benefits.

#### **A. Medical Insurance**

The College agrees to provide for the following insurance benefits during the term of this Agreement for full-time members of the instructional and library staffs covered by this Agreement and their eligible dependents:

1. Health Benefits under the State of New Jersey State Health Benefits Program for Local Education Employees or succeeding State health benefit plan(s). Employees shall continue contributing to his/her healthcare coverage in accordance with the rates set forth in Ch. 78, P.L. 2011.
2. New full-time members of the instructional and library staffs shall be eligible for such plan coverage on the first day allowable under the applicable provisions of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program for Local Education Employees.
3. Benefits provided for retired employees under the expired AAUP or NJEA collective bargaining agreement shall be continued for those retired employees presently receiving such benefits, if permitted by State law and regulations.
  - a. Existing dental plan shall remain in place for the duration of the Agreement. For the 2000-2001 academic year, any increase in the dental premium as established on July 1, 1998, which is \$41.93 monthly, shall be paid by the employee. Employees moving between coverage levels shall only be required to pay the premium above the base coverage level in which they are enrolled. During the second and third year of the contract an employee will be obliged to pay 50 percent (50%) of any subsequent increase.
  - b. Existing Group Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance Benefits shall remain in place for the duration of the Agreement.



## B. Pension Plans

1. Present participation in the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) for those members of the faculty covered by that plan shall be continued in accordance with applicable State laws and regulations.
2. All faculty members not covered by the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund shall continue to be covered by the Alternate Benefits Program (TIAA/CREF) provided such program is provided by the State of New Jersey.
3. The faculty members' contributions and the contributions from the State shall be as provided by State law. In addition, the College shall continue its supplementary contributions for those faculty members on behalf of whom the College contributed ten (10) percent prior to the merger, to insure that those faculty members will have ten (10) percent contributed on their behalf.
4. Eligibility to the appropriate pension plan shall be in accordance with appropriate State law and regulations.
5. Within ninety (90) days of the publication of final regulations in the New Jersey Register, the College agrees to submit to the Board of Trustees for action plans to make available to the faculty any and all pension plans offered by T.I.A.A.-C.R.E.F. or another retirement vehicle.

## C. Supplemental Retirement Plans

1. Supplemental Retirement Plans including those offered by T.I.A.A.-C.R.E.F. are at the employee's option. Salary deductions authorized by the employee pursuant to the plan will not be matched by the College.  
Faculty members who are presently enrolled in deferred compensation plans may continue to participate according to their agreement with the College.
2. Within ninety (90) days of the publication of final regulations in the New Jersey Register, the College agrees to submit to the Board of Trustees for action plans to make available to the faculty any and all supplemental retirement plan options offered by T.I.A.A.-C.R.E.F. or another retirement vehicle.

## D. Worker's Compensation

1. As defined by the applicable State laws.

## E. Unemployment Compensation

1. As defined by the applicable State laws.

F.

It is the responsibility of each employee to contact the Human Resources Department if s/he wishes to apply for any one of the above listed benefits. Furthermore, the employee eligible for such benefits agrees to complete and execute all forms and applications and authorizations as requested by the College and/or insurance carrier(s) affording the aforesaid benefits. The College will furnish appropriate descriptive material to all faculty members.

G.

It is agreed and understood that the sole liability of the College is to pay the aforesaid premiums for the insurance coverages heretofore set forth, and that any and all claims for benefits, eligibility requirements, and other conditions shall be as set forth in the insurance policy or policies affording the aforesaid benefits, and applicable State laws and regulations. The terms and conditions of said policy or policies and State laws and regulations shall govern and control all questions or claims arising hereunder.

H.

The College reserves the right to change the insurance carrier or carriers providing the aforesaid benefits or to consolidate any or all of the above plans. Covered employees shall not suffer any loss in benefits as a result of a change.

I. Tuition Remission

1. The College agrees to accord full-time members of the faculty, their spouses, civil union partners, and their dependents free tuition and all fees (does not include text and course material) in any course of study at the College, provided space is available and they meet the normal College requirements for admission to credit courses. Tuition remission shall also apply to dependents of retired faculty members and surviving dependents of deceased faculty members up to the age of 25. This benefit covers tuition cost and all fees (does not include text and course material). Employees and/or dependents must obtain a tuition waiver form from the Human Resources Department. A proof-of-dependency status is required for dependents. A dependent is a person for whom the employee claims an exemption under the provision of the Internal Revenue Service laws, rules, and regulations.

## 2. Non-Credit Courses

The College agrees to accord full-time members of the faculty or their spouses, or civil union partners, or eligible dependents, free tuition and all fees (does not include text and course material or other out-of-pocket costs) (Fall, Spring, and Summer) in any Non-Credit Continuing Education course at the College, provided they meet the normal requirements for admission to the course(s). The College will make available non-credit courses on a seat or space available basis to employees or their dependents. Fee-free memberships to the Fitness Center will be limited to the full-time employee only with membership available to dependents on a fee basis. Employees and/or dependents must obtain a “tuition remission” form from the Human Resources Department. A proof-of-dependency status is required for dependents. A dependent is a person for whom the employee claims an exemption under the provision of the Internal Revenue Service laws, rules, and regulations.

## J. Faculty Improvement Plan

1. The College has instituted a Faculty Improvement Plan to assist faculty members in the completion of doctoral requirements and for post-doctoral work. Loans from the Faculty Improvement Plan may be made, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Applicant must hold an appointment and must have previously completed at least two consecutive academic years as a full-time faculty member at Union County College.
  - b. Applicant must have been admitted to doctoral candidacy or post-doctoral work at a recognized university, with all course work completed.
  - c. Loans will ordinarily not exceed \$2,500.00, but in any case may not exceed \$5,000.00.
  - d. No interest will be charged while the candidate holds an appointment to the Union County College faculty (in either “on-leave” or “active” status).
  - e. No interest will be charged after the candidate has received the degree, so long as s/he continues as a member of the Union County College faculty.
  - f. At the end of each academic year after the one in which the degree has been received or post-doctoral work completed, provided the recipient has served

for that year as a full-time faculty member of Union County College, \$400 will be canceled from the loan. The balance of the loan shall be canceled at the end of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) year.

- g. If the recipient of a loan voluntarily leaves the Union County College faculty before annual forgiveness has wiped out the loan, whether or not s/he has received the degree, repayment of balance is due with interest of 5 percent per annum from the date of the loan.
- h. If the recipient of a loan retires or is dismissed from the Union County College faculty before annual forgiveness has wiped out the loan, whether or not s/he has received the degree, repayment of balance is due with interest of 5 percent per annum from the effective date of the retirement or dismissal.
- i. In case the recipient fails to receive the degree or to complete post-doctoral work within three academic years after the one in which the loan is made, the loan becomes a legal interest-bearing debt to Union County College, subject to modification as to principal or interest or both by the Board of Trustees on recommendation of the President in light of the circumstances of the case.

Applications for such a loan are filed with the Academic Vice President and must be accompanied by a written recommendation from the appropriate Academic Officer. They are presented by the President to the Board of Trustees for approval.

#### K. Tuition Reimbursement

Tuition Reimbursement shall be made under the following conditions:

##### 1. Eligibility

- a. All full-time members of the faculty taking courses in accredited institutions towards the completion of a graduate degree in their academic discipline or a discipline deemed appropriate to their academic specialization by the Academic Vice President or courses required as a prerequisite for relicensure or recertification in their discipline are eligible for such tuition reimbursement as defined further below.

- b. Reimbursement for such courses not directed toward a degree or courses not in a faculty member's discipline must be approved by the Academic Vice President.
- c. In all cases involving individual courses which are part of an established and approved degree program, approval must be obtained prior to registration for such courses. In the case of degree programs, only the first registration for courses in such a program requires prior approval. Failure to obtain prior approval shall relieve the College of its obligation to reimburse.

An application for Tuition Reimbursement must be completed and submitted to the Academic Vice President for approval prior to enrolling in the course or program. The completed application must be filed by the faculty member with the Human Resources Department no later than twenty days before the faculty member registers for classes in any academic semester. The Human Resources Department will provide the faculty member with a certification of receipt of application and will send a written response to the faculty member within ten days.

- d. In all cases, reimbursement will be made only for courses satisfactorily completed.
- e. A faculty member shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement only for courses beginning after the faculty member has completed one (1) academic year of service at the College.

## 2. Amount and Limitations

- a. After June 30, the Business Office determines the total requested for the preceding academic year. Whenever the request for reimbursement exceeds the amount available, reimbursement will be paid proportionally; whenever possible reimbursements will be 100 percent of tuition paid. Tuition reimbursement will be paid at 150 percent of the Rutgers graduate rate. A full-time member of the faculty may receive payments totaling not more than \$8,000 per academic year.
- b. Payments will be made once a year on or about July 31 for courses taken during the preceding academic year.

- c. No reimbursement is payable for fees, room, board, or the like, which are regarded as fees and not tuition, inasmuch as class attendance is normally not involved.
  - d. Reimbursement is payable of “maintenance of matriculation” fees and “Thesis or Dissertation supervision” for one academic year.
  - e. In order to obtain tuition reimbursement, a full-time member of the faculty must fill out an “Application for Tuition Reimbursement” form obtainable from any Academic Officer’s office or the Human Resources Office and file it with the appropriate Academic Office, not later than June 30 of the academic year in which the course(s) was (were) taken.
3. Budgeting for Tuition Reimbursement

The total amount available for tuition reimbursement shall be capped at \$90,000 per fiscal year during the life of the Agreement.

## ARTICLE XXIII

### XXIII. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

- A. The primary responsibility of the faculty is to the College.
- B. A faculty member may undertake outside employment provided that this employment does not interfere with his or her faculty responsibilities or with applicable rules and regulations of the Commission on Higher Education.
- C. Any faculty member planning to engage in employment outside the College on a regular or continuing basis shall notify the President, in writing of such activity, indicating employer (or self-employment), specific days and hours of the assignment and overall duration, and receive pre-approval from the President before engaging in such outside employment. S/he shall also affirm that such employment does not interfere with his/her faculty responsibilities or with the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission on Higher Education. Faculty members are required to seek approval each and every semester in which the faculty member plans to engage in outside employment, irrespective of whether the employment is identical to previously approved outside employment. Approval shall be granted unless the President reasonably determines that the outside employment interferes with the faculty member's responsibilities or violates the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission on Higher Education. The President will respond to the faculty member in writing within two (2) weeks, either granting or denying approval, and setting forth reasons for any denial.

## ARTICLE XXIV

### XXIV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE BECAUSE OF COURT APPEARANCE

- A. Faculty members who are requested to report to court in person in response to an involuntary subpoena or in response to a jury duty summons, or who are required to report for jury examination or qualification, or who are required to serve on a jury, shall receive their regular salary with no loss of other benefits during these absences. The faculty member shall perform his or her duties as set forth in this Agreement during the period of his or her absence because of court appearances to the extent practicable.
- B. During the first five (5) working days of court appearance, the faculty members in the affected division shall cover the professional assignments of the faculty member involved to the extent possible. Thereafter, if the court appearance continues beyond the initial five (5) working day period, the Academic Officer shall secure a suitable replacement for the faculty member in accordance with the provisions of Article X of this Agreement.
- C. In areas of expertise having five or fewer faculty members and if the division indicates its inability to cover, the Dean shall, without delay, secure a suitable replacement for the faculty member in accordance with the provisions of Article X of this Agreement.



## ARTICLE XXV

### XXV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, INJURY, OR BEREAVEMENT AND PERSONAL LEAVE

#### A.

1. Subject to the provisions of Section C. of this Article, each faculty member shall be granted leave with pay, less disability insurance and/or workmen's compensation payments, with no loss of other benefits for absence because of illness or injury (including inability to work arising out of or connected with pregnancy or recovery therefrom) for a period of up to four (4) months during an academic year. The Board may require medical certification which shall be submitted to the Academic Vice President or his or her designee that such a condition warrants the leave. Such leave shall be considered as service within the meaning of Article XIII.A. and Article XXX. In order to maintain salary continuance, unused accrued sick days will be utilized during the elimination period for temporary disability benefits. If the faculty member continues to be disabled after the four (4) month period, accumulated sick days may be used during the balance of the six month temporary disability period to supplement the insurance carriers payments on a one (1) sick day for each two (2) days of disability.
2. At the beginning of each academic year, commencing September 1, 1984, each faculty member will be credited with ten (10) days of sick leave allowance for absences caused by illness or injury. Sick days used will be compensated for pursuant to Section A.1. of this Article. Unused sick days may accumulate year to year with no maximum limit. Accurate records shall be maintained of sick days used and sick days accumulated to reflect a running balance. This balance shall be tallied and recorded by the Human Resources Department, the record of which will be made available to individual faculty members upon request. If no records are available at the date of this Agreement it will be assumed that no sick days have been used and the total accumulated will be tallied from September 1, 1984, or from the date of hiring, whichever is later.

The Human Resources Department will maintain records that will reflect the official balance of sick days available. Any discrepancies between the official records and the records of an individual faculty member will be resolved between that individual and the Director of Human Resources.

3. Faculty members will be granted leave with pay for the total number of unused sick days accumulated, after the time limits of Section A.1. of this Article have been exhausted, should s/he be absent because of sickness or illness.
  4. During the first five (5) working days of leave, the faculty members in the affected division shall cover the professional assignments of the faculty member involved, to the extent possible. Thereafter, if the leave continues beyond the initial five (5) working day period, the College shall secure a suitable replacement for the faculty member in accordance with the provisions of Article X of this Agreement.
  5. When a faculty member returns from a leave of absence during a semester, and the Academic Vice President determines the faculty member should not return to their teaching schedule, an alternate assignment shall end on the last day of the semester's final exams.
- B. For periods longer than six (6) months, the monthly income benefit provisions outlined in the respective pension plans shall prevail. Those faculty members currently covered by T.P.A.F. shall continue to be covered by T.P.A.F. All other faculty members shall be covered by the Alternate Benefits Plan.
- C. A faculty member must notify the Human Resources Department, if reasonably possible, in advance of any anticipated absence. Such notice shall include notice of the anticipated duration of the absence. Subsequent notice concerning the same absence only must be provided if there is a change in the anticipated duration of the absence.
- D.
1. A faculty member who has used up the leave allowance defined in Section A of this Article and who is still unable to return to work may request in writing additional leave with pay and/or with no loss of other benefits for review by the Board. The Board, at its discretion, may grant this request.

2. A faculty member, employed at the College for more than one (1) academic year, who has used up the allowance in Section A. of this Article and who is still unable to return to work shall be granted leave without pay for a period of up to two (2) academic years.
  3. A tenured faculty member who has used up the leave allowance defined in Section A. of this Article and who is still unable to return to work shall be granted leave without pay for a period of up to three (3) academic years.
  4. The Board, at its discretion, may grant leaves or parts of leaves referred to in Section D. 2. and 3. of this Article with no loss of health and welfare benefits.
  5. During a leave referred to in Section D. of this Article, a non-tenured faculty member shall not acquire any years of credit toward tenure or seniority for purposes of Article XXX (Reduction in Force).
- E. The Bereavement Policy contained in the Employee Handbook in effect at the time of ratification shall apply to all faculty members. To the extent that this policy is changed during the course of the Agreement such changes shall also apply to faculty members, except that such changes may not result in faculty members receiving bereavement benefits that are less generous than those afforded members of the non-aligned staff.
- F. Each full-time faculty member will be provided with two (2) personal days per academic year. There is no accumulation of personal days from year to year. Faculty members will provide advanced notice of their intention to take a personal day when this is reasonably possible.

## ARTICLE XXVI

### XXVI. PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### A. Authorized Short-term Leaves of Absence

1.
  - a. A faculty member who attends a professional meeting or conference shall be granted a short-term leave of absence up to a maximum of four (4) working days with pay and with no loss of other benefits with the approval of the Academic Vice President.
  - b. Any reimbursements for short-term leaves of absence must be approved by the appropriate Academic Officer.
2. A short-term leave of absence with pay and with no loss of applicable benefits may be granted for other reasons related to professional activities up to a maximum of ten (10) working days, upon notification to the appropriate Academic Officer and the approval of the Academic Vice President.
3. During the first five (5) working days of leave as provided by Part A, Section 1 and 2 of this Article, faculty members in the affected division shall cover the professional assignment of the faculty member involved, to the extent possible. Thereafter, if the leave continues beyond the initial five (5) working days, the College shall secure a suitable replacement for such a faculty member in accordance with the provisions of Article X of this Agreement.
4.
  - a. After six (6) months of continuous employment during the first year of employment, Librarians shall be entitled to one and two-thirds (1 2/3) vacation days for each month worked on or before July 1, retroactive to the date of hire, up to a maximum of twenty (20) days.
  - b. Librarians who have completed one (1) year of continuous employment, but less than five (5) years of continuous employment on or before July 1 of each year, shall accrue one and two-thirds (1 2/3) days of vacation for each month worked, up to a maximum of twenty (20) days of vacation during the vacation year.
  - c. Librarians who have completed five (5) years of continuous employment or more on or before July 1 of each year, shall accrue two (2) days of vacation

for each month worked, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) days of vacation during the vacation year.

- d. A Librarian who is on leave of absence without pay shall not accrue vacation benefits for the time s/he is not at work.
5. Vacations for members of the Professional Library staff shall be taken during the year in which the vacation time is earned, except that, with the concurrence of the Dean of Learning Resources, up to ten (10) days of vacation may be transferred from one year to the next. The total accumulation of vacation time shall not exceed thirty (30) days.
6. If at the time of termination, provided that a member of the library staff has provided the College with thirty (30) days' notice, s/he shall be compensated in cash, at said member's current rate of pay, for accumulated vacation time up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. In the event of a library staff member's death, accumulated vacation time shall be paid to his/her estate.

B. Sabbatical Leaves—Leaves for Professional Advancement

1.
  - a. Sabbatical leaves (Leaves for Professional Advancement) may be granted to faculty members for study and research, pursuit of an advanced degree or for creative work in their discipline. Requests for these leaves must be submitted to the appropriate Academic Officer in writing. In justifying the request the faculty member shall explain the plans for the leave, state the length of the leave desired, and sign an agreement to continue his or her services at the College for at least one (1) academic year following the termination of the leave. Priority shall be given to faculty members who are doctoral candidates at accredited institutions and who have completed all course requirements and are engaged in dissertation research or dissertation writing. Such leave (for Professional Advancement) shall be considered as service within the meaning of Article XIII, Part A of this Agreement.
  - b. Upon completing a sabbatical a faculty member shall submit a five-page report detailing his/her activities during the sabbatical.

2.
  - a. A faculty member shall be eligible for a sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Advancement) for one (1) semester after each six (6) years of service at the College.
  - b. A faculty member who takes a sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Advancement) shall receive full pay (100% of their base salary) for the duration of the leave.
  - c. The benefits received during the period of the sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Advancement) shall be in accordance with State law and regulations.
  - d. If the sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Advancement) is for the completion of a doctoral dissertation and the recipient fails to receive the degree within one and one half (1½) academic years upon returning from the sabbatical leave; said recipient will be responsible to repay 15 percent (15%) of their annual salary over a one-year period following the one and a half (1½) year deadline. If there are extenuating circumstances, the Vice President for Academic Affairs may extend the deadline.
3.
  - a. Normally, no more than one member of a division of 15 members or less, or in the case of the Library, no more than one member of the professional library staff, shall be granted a sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Advancement) at one time. In divisions of more than 15 members, one person may be granted a sabbatical leave for each 15 members or fraction thereof in that division in the event more than one member of the division applies for sabbatical leave at the same time.
  - b. Priority in granting such leaves shall be extended to those faculty members with the longest term of faculty service to the College per leave granted.
  - c. In the event of a dispute as to priority, the Departmental Coordinating Committee shall recommend a solution to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

4.
  - a. The College agrees to the formation of a faculty committee which shall be responsible for reviewing all applications for sabbatical leave (Leave for Professional Development) and making recommendations to the College for granting such leaves. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his action. Where the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Committee disagree an appeal can be brought to the President. The President's recommendation to the Board will be final. Requests for sabbatical leaves (Leaves for Professional Development) which meet the criteria for such leaves shall not be unreasonably denied.
  - b. Applications for sabbatical leaves shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Faculty Sabbatical Committee and the faculty member's Dean by October 15 of the academic year prior to the academic year for which the leave is to be granted. The Chairperson of the Faculty Sabbatical Committee will transmit the committee's recommendations, the faculty member's application, and any input from the Dean to the Vice President for Academic Affairs by November 15 of the academic year prior to the academic year for which the leave is to be granted.
  - c. Faculty members shall be notified of the outcome of the application no later than January 31 of the academic year prior to the academic year for which the leave is to be granted.

## ARTICLE XXVII

### XXVII. LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

#### A. Maternity Leaves

1. A faculty member who has borne a child or who is expecting a child or has legally adopted a minor child shall have the right to maternity leave without pay for a period of up to one (1) academic year if s/he notifies the appropriate Academic Officer at least one (1) month before the leave begins. Maternity leave shall begin the first day of a semester and shall end the last day of a semester. If a faculty member on maternity leave decides not to return to the College, s/he shall inform the Academic Vice President or his/her designee of the decision at least three (3) months prior to his/her expected date of return. Requests for an extension of the leave shall be submitted in writing with as much notice as practicable, normally not less than three (3) months prior to the requested return date. Maternity leaves shall be considered as service under the meaning of Article XIII, Part A, and as service toward tenure and/or seniority. Other terms and conditions of such leave shall be governed by Part B. of this Article.

#### B. Other Leaves of Absence

1. A faculty member may be granted a leave of absence without pay of up to one (1) academic year for personal or professional reasons with the approval of the Academic Vice President or his/her designee. Such leaves of absence without pay may be extended up to one (1) additional year if the personal or professional reasons so warrant. Requests for such professional leaves must be submitted in writing at least one (1) semester before the leave begins. Requests for personal leaves shall be submitted in writing with as much notice as is practicable, but not less than three (3) months prior to the intended date of the leave. If a faculty member on personal or professional leave decides not to return to the College, s/he shall inform the Academic Vice President or his or her designee of the decision at least three (3) months prior to the expected date of return.
2. Such leaves of absence without pay shall not be considered as service within the meaning of Article XIII.A., nor as service toward tenure and/or seniority unless otherwise agreed to by the Board and the Chapter or unless the leave of



absence is for study and research, pursuit of an advanced degree, or for creative work in their discipline. However, in no event shall a leave of absence during the faculty member's fifth year provide service credit toward tenure for that year.

- C. Immediately upon return from a leave of absence the faculty member shall receive any increase otherwise due for the current year.
- D. Continuation of benefits during the period of any leave of absence without pay is determined under appropriate legislation and rules and regulations implementing such legislation.

## ARTICLE XXVIII

### XXVIII. SUMMER AND WINTER SESSIONS

#### A.

1. Full-time members of the instructional staff shall be given the right of first refusal in the assignment of summer session courses offered for credit, developmental courses and/or laboratories if they are otherwise qualified to teach these courses pursuant to the selection procedure in Section E of this Article, unless the College assigns the course to a non-faculty member who is better qualified.
2. The Dean of each division shall inform the appropriate Academic Officer of the names of those adjunct and full-time faculty members who have committed themselves to teach summer session courses by April 1 of that year. The Board shall rely on this information for the purpose of administering Section A.1. of this Article.

B. The assignment of summer session courses for credit, developmental courses, and/or laboratories to persons other than full-time members of the instructional staff shall be considered tentative, pending cancellation of courses and/or laboratories.

C. No faculty member may teach six (6) hours in a summer session until every member who has requested an assignment in that session and who is qualified to teach the course in question is teaching one course in that summer session pursuant to the selection procedure in Section E of this Article, except that no change in course assignment will be made after the first meeting of a course has commenced.

D. No faculty member shall teach more than two (2) courses in a summer session, and no more than four (4) courses in both summer sessions, unless otherwise agreed to between the faculty member and the Academic Vice President.

E. Selection of faculty for summer session assignments shall be as follows:

Faculty shall be selected on the basis of seniority as defined in Article XXX, (Reduction in Force), except that full-time faculty members who desire to teach summer session sections, but were not assigned for either summer session I or II, shall have first priority in the summer session of the following year. Nothing in this provision shall prevent the College from assigning non-faculty members to summer session courses if the non-faculty member is better qualified.

F. Full-time members of the instructional staff shall be given right of first refusal in the assignment of winter session courses offered for credit, developmental courses and/or laboratories if they are otherwise qualified to teach these courses pursuant to the selection procedure in Section E of this Article, unless the College assigns the course to a non-faculty member who is better qualified.

## ARTICLE XXIX

### XXIX. FACULTY WORKLOAD

#### A. Full-time Members of the Instructional Staff

##### 1.

a. Except as otherwise provided in Section A 1.c. of this Article, a full-time member of the instructional staff shall be required to teach a maximum of fifteen (15) credit or equivalent contact hours per semester, requiring no more than three (3) separate course preparations, and shall perform all duties related to teaching including the submission of grades and reports, shall fulfill proctoring requirements, shall keep no fewer than five (5) scheduled office hours per week in order to counsel students and shall serve on faculty or other College committees, if given the opportunity.

It is imperative that all full-time members of the faculty attend the regularly scheduled annual plenary session. Absences will be reported by the Deans to the academic vice president. All faculty are required to attend one (1) commencement ceremony each academic year.

b. A faculty member shall be available during the academic year to provide seven (7) hours of academic advisement during the Fall Semester and seven (7) hours during the Spring Semester.

i. Each semester three (3) hours will be scheduled, on campus, at the faculty member's discretion subject to verification. During these hours the faculty member will advise the content as determined by the College. The College will inform the faculty member of the content prior to the commencement of each semester.

ii. Each semester the remaining four (4) hours will be scheduled by the College with reasonable advanced notice. These hours shall not be scheduled on evenings or weekends without a faculty member's consent. These hours, if scheduled in blocks of three (3) or more hours can be scheduled on any weekday. If scheduled in increments of less than three (3) hours they must be scheduled on a faculty member's class days and must end

within an hour or less of their scheduled class time or begin within an hour or less of class end time, and will be scheduled on the same campus where the faculty member teaches on the day in question.

- iii. Instructors who advise students through the UCC 101 course are exempt from this requirement. Coordinators shall be available for five (5) working days and evenings prior to the commencement of each semester. The obligation of a Coordinator may be met, in part, by telephone.
- c. Teaching load requirements for full-time members of the instructional staff shall be modified only as follows:
- (1) The Chairperson of the Faculty shall have his or her teaching load reduced by four (4) credit or equivalent contact hours each semester and two (2) credits during the first summer session. The Chairperson of the Peer Evaluation Committee, the Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee, the Chairperson of the Professional Development Committee, and the President of the Union County College AAUP shall have their teaching loads reduced by three (3) credits or equivalent contact hours each semester.
  - (2) Full-time members of the instructional staff having agreed to assume administrative duties shall have their teaching load reduced proportionately with these duties up to a maximum reduction of twelve (12) credit hours or equivalent contact hours for the academic year.
  - (3) Where the terms and conditions of a grant or fellowship require a reduction of the teaching load of a faculty member, his or her teaching load shall be reduced in accordance with the requirement of the grant.
  - (4) With the approval of the Academic Vice President, a faculty member shall be given a reduced teaching load proportional to his or her work in developing new curricula, new options of existing curricula, new courses, laboratory exercises or similar activities. Where there is a request in writing such approval shall be given in writing and a copy shall be forwarded to the Chapter.

(5) A full-time member of the instructional staff may, with the prior written approval of the appropriate Academic Officer, in the form of a memo to the appropriate Dean and the Chapter President, agree to more than three (3) separate preparations per semester within his/her required teaching load of fifteen (15) credit or equivalent contact hours if s/he is compensated at the overload rate specified in Article XXI (Compensation), Part E of this Agreement for each credit hour of the course or courses requiring additional preparation. For purposes of this provision, the additional course preparation(s) shall be for that course(s) with the greatest number of credit or equivalent contact hours. Lecture and laboratory sections of the same course shall be considered as two separate course preparations.

If a faculty member agrees to teach beyond the required load of fifteen (15) credit or equivalent contact hours per semester and receives overload compensation for additional or equivalent contact hours beyond his or her required or reduced load and this additional teaching results in a fourth preparation, double compensation will not be paid for this course as a fourth preparation. An exception shall be made in the case of a faculty member teaching in a specialized discipline where there are no other faculty credentialed to teach the course(s). The Academic Vice President must approve the exception.

- d. Courses taught during Late-Start will be compensated as overload. Winter semesters will be compensated as overload.
- e. Committee Service obligations within the meaning of Part A. Section 1.a. of this Article shall be deemed met if a full-time member of the instructional staff serves on at least one faculty or other College Committee.
- f. The Chapter and the College agree that released time for faculty, for whatever reason, should continue to be counted as part of the fifteen (15) credit/contact hours teaching load in accordance with past practice.
- g. UCC 101 will be compensated as an overload course, unless the Dean and Academic Vice President agree otherwise.

2.
  - a. Every effort shall be made to avoid assigning a faculty member to teach courses commencing after 5 p.m. as part of his or her required teaching load except where the faculty member requests this assignment in which case the request will be granted if at all possible. In any event, no faculty member shall be assigned to teach more than six (6) credits or equivalent contact hours after 5 p.m. as part of his or her required teaching load during an academic year, unless the assignment of more than six (6) credits or equivalent contact hours is required in order to provide the faculty member with a full teaching load. At the request of a faculty member and with the agreement of the Academic Vice President, or his or her designee, a faculty member may be assigned additional hours after 5 p.m.
  - b. No faculty member shall be assigned to teach classes scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays as part of his or her required teaching load except where s/he requests this assignment, in which case the request will be granted if at all practicable.
  - c. Beginning with the Academic year 1995-96, Faculty of the Practical Nursing Program may be assigned all or part of their load during Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings in order to provide coverage for an evening program or on Thursday evening, Friday evening, and Saturday in order to provide coverage for a weekend program. A maximum of four (4) hours may be assigned on a single evening. A maximum of seven (7) hours may be assigned on a Saturday. A Practical Nursing faculty member may not be assigned to teach in both an evening program and a weekend program as part of her/his regular teaching load during the same semester.
3.
  - a. No faculty member shall be assigned to teach courses scheduled to meet on the same day as part of his or her required teaching load where the time between the end of the first class hour and the beginning of the last class hour exceeds eight and one-half (8½) hours except under unusual circumstances, in which case the faculty member shall receive additional

compensation at the rate specified in Article XXI (Compensation), Part G, Section 1, of this Agreement. However, if the faculty member is receiving overload compensation during the semester, s/he will not be additionally compensated.

- b. No faculty member shall be assigned to teach courses scheduled to meet on consecutive days as part of his or her required teaching load where the time between the end of the last class hour one day and the beginning of the first class on the succeeding day is less than ten (10) hours.

4.

- a. No faculty member shall be assigned to teach courses meeting on more than two campuses or other locations on the same day nor be assigned to teach on two (2) campuses/locations more than three (3) days a week. A faculty member shall not be assigned to teach courses on three (3) campuses or campuses/locations while having more than four (4) course preparations.

- b. Where a lecture or any other classroom activity is transmitted electronically for a semester to any location or locations the following provisions will apply:

- (1) Each location to which the transmission is sent shall be considered an additional section, if enrollment in said section satisfies the provisions of Part A, Section 5. a. and b. of this Article, toward the faculty member's load and therefore shall be considered as part of his/her regular load or as an overload which shall be compensated according to the provisions of Article XXI, Part E of this Agreement.

- (2) The number of students in each of the additional sections shall be regulated by the provisions of Part A, Section 5. a. and b. of this Article.

- (3) If enrollment in said section does not satisfy the provisions of Part A, Section 5. a. and b. of this Article, then aggregate enrollment of live and electronically transmitted sections of a course will be used to calculate the class size provisions of Part A, Section 5. a. and b. of this Article and the compensation provisions of Article XXI (Compensation) Part E, and Part G, Section 3 and Article XXIX (Faculty Workload), Part A, Section 1.a. of this Agreement.



(4) The recording and/or transmission of any lecture, recitation, laboratory, tutorial or other instructional activity shall be agreed to by the appropriate faculty member(s) and the Vice President of Academic Affairs before such activity takes place. In addition the terms of compensation for use shall be agreed to in advance.

c.

(1) Distance learning courses offered for credit by the College shall be subject to the appropriate conditions and limitations referred to in Article IX (Work of the Faculty), Article X (Appointment of Part-Time Members of the Instructional Staff and Professional Library Staff), and Article XXIX (Faculty Workload).

(2) Any faculty member who agrees to teach a course utilizing distance learning technology for the first time shall be given a course reduction equal to three (3) credits or equivalent contact hours, or they may choose instead to be paid three (3) credits of overload compensation. Such course release or additional compensation will be one-time and shall not apply if the faculty member subsequently teaches another course utilizing distance learning. If a faculty member agrees to accept this course reduction, or additional compensation, the individual faculty member will agree to teach two additional sections of the course for which they received such a course reduction or additional compensation over the next three semesters. If a faculty member refuses to teach the additional sections in accordance with the statement above (i.e., two additional sections of the course over the next three semesters), he/she must reimburse the College for the reductions received at the overload rate or the appropriate proportion thereof. However, if for academic, financial, or other reasons it is deemed after the course has been taught for the first time that it is not viable to teach it again utilizing this methodology by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the faculty member involved, the faculty member shall not be held liable for the above requirements or reimbursements. When the College changes the Learning

Management System, it will notify the faculty member in a timely manner as to whether they, or someone else, will be assigned to migrate the course to the new LMS. If they are pre-approved and directed by the administration to migrate the course to the new LMS, they may elect to receive extensive assistance beyond the required training from the Distance Education Department or alternatively the faculty member will receive a stipend of \$1,000 per course migrated to the new LMS.

- (3) Any faculty member who agrees to develop a new distance learning course shall be given the opportunity to choose a course reduction equal to three (3) credits or equivalent contact hours, or they may choose instead to be paid three (3) credits of overload compensation. If they choose to receive a course reduction or overload compensation then the newly developed course will be the property of the College. If, however, they decline to receive a course reduction or overload compensation, the faculty member shall retain full property rights to the newly developed distance learning course.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, faculty members who teach a distance learning course and/or develop such a course, shall retain the right to continued use of underlying materials they develop and use, e.g., course outlines and syllabi. Any relinquishment of property rights pursuant to Article XXIX.A.4.c(3) shall take effect commencing with courses developed beginning with the first full semester following the ratification of the Agreement.
- (5) Union County College shall provide adequate support services at both the sending and receiving sites for distance learning courses, including the necessary equipment and personnel. The Faculty Academic Technology Committee and appropriate administrative officers shall meet jointly in order to continually review and if necessary recommend modifications and improvements to distance learning support services.

(6) Methods of presentation and course materials are to be under the control of the instructor and the individual or individuals who actually developed the methods or materials. Any recording of the classroom lecture, recitation, laboratory, tutorial or other instructional activity shall be made only with advance permission of the participating faculty member. Any such recordings shall be the property of the instructor. The use of any such material, such as its transmission over a network, shall be subject to the instructor's approval. Terms for compensation for the use of such material shall be negotiated between the faculty member and the appropriate academic officer of the College.

Intellectual property created, made or originated by a faculty member shall be the sole and exclusive property of that faculty member for perpetuity or so long as the federal law applicable thereto allows.

(7) A faculty member may choose to teach a distance learning course as part of their base load or as an overload.

(8) The teaching load limits for a distance learning course shall be the same as those stated in Article XXIX (Faculty Workload), Section A.5.a. The total number of students registered for a distance learning course shall not exceed these limits. If the limits are exceeded, the provisions of Article XXIX, Section A.5.b(1 and 2) shall apply.

5.

a. The nominal class teaching load limits for faculty members shall apply to all courses taught during the academic year and summer sessions and shall be:

(1) twenty-four (24) in developmental classes, modern language conversation classes and interpreter for the deaf classes with practice laboratories and developmental laboratories.

(2) twenty-eight (28) in English composition and speech classes, modern language classes, and fine arts studio classes.

(3) thirty-four (34) in all other classes.

- (4) twenty-six (26) in laboratories; twenty-two (22) in chemistry laboratories, except in Chemistry, (CHE 211 and CHE 212) where the limit shall be twenty (20).
- (5) twenty-six (26) in online courses with a limit dependent on any required on-campus laboratory which is part of the course.
- (6) thirty-four (34) in telecourses except for those telecourses which require an on-campus laboratory, the size of the seating in the laboratory to be the determinant. Blended courses shall have the same limits as their counterpart in item 7 unless they are further limited by any required on-campus laboratory which is part of the course.
- (7) twenty-seven (27) in UCC 101 courses
- (8) twenty-six (26) in EDU courses
- (9) twenty (20) in any class previously entitled to a TAC hour.

b.

- (1) If the number of students in a class exceeds the nominal limits noted in Part A, Section 5.a. of this Article, a faculty member shall be compensated at the rate specified in Article XXI, Part G, Section 3, of this Agreement.
- (2) Calculation of student overages shall be on the basis of the number of students officially registered in classes immediately following the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of class.
- (3) Where a course is part of a normal sequence required by a specific course of study, and is listed as such in the course catalogue, it will run and be treated as a regular course (not a low-enrolled course) regardless of the number of students actually enrolled in the course.
- (4) Except as provided in Section A.1.b. of this Article, no faculty member shall be required to be in attendance at the College during the Winter and Spring recesses, on holidays recognized on the College calendar or Saturdays and Sundays, during intersession, or at other times when his or her classes are not scheduled to meet, when s/he is not proctoring, when office hours are not scheduled, or when committees on which the faculty member serves are not scheduled to meet.

6.
  - a. A faculty member who requests it will be assigned up to two overload courses in one semester provided every faculty member in his or her division who has requested overload assignments and who is qualified to teach the course in question has been assigned at least three (3) overload hours. Nothing in this section shall prevent the College from assigning non-faculty members to overload courses if the non-faculty member is better qualified.
  - b. The distribution of overload assignments to full-time members who desire overload assignments shall be as follows:
    - (1) Selection shall be on the basis of seniority as defined in Article I (Definitions), X., except that:
    - (2) Full-time faculty members who desire to teach overload sections, but were not assigned for that semester shall have first priority in the following semester.

7.
  - a. Tutoring shall be voluntary and shall not be compensated.
  - b. A faculty member who works in a program in which students receive help on an individualized basis shall receive credit toward his/her required teaching load or shall receive overload compensation on the basis specified in Article XXI (Compensation), Part G, Section 2 of this Agreement.
8. A faculty member assigned field work supervision shall receive additional compensation at the rate specified in Article XXI (Compensation), Part G, Section 2, of this Agreement.

B. Academic Learning Center Staffing

1. Faculty members assigned to the Academic Learning Center shall work thirty-five (35) hours per week. Their assignments will conclude on any given semester once final exams for that semester have concluded.
2. Up to two (2) developmental or other regular courses per semester may be assigned, in which case there will be a six-hour reduction in Academic Learning Center hours assigned for each three (3) credit or equivalent credit hour course assigned.

The referral work in the Academic Learning Center shall be treated in a fashion similar to the above, e.g., six (6) contact hours of the instructor's load are to be counted as three (3) credit or equivalent contact hours, such work to include:

1. Preliminary diagnosis and program prescription.
2. Conferences with students.
3. Ongoing evaluation of student progress

C. Full-Time Members of the Professional Library Staff

1. Except as otherwise provided in section A.1.c. of this Article, a full-time member of the professional library staff shall work thirty-five (35) hours a week on a twelve (12) month contract.
2. A full-time member of the professional library staff who serves on faculty or other College committees shall have his/her weekly hours reduced to the extent necessary for him/her to attend and to participate fully in all meetings of one (1) committee per academic year.
3. Holiday benefits shall be as follows:

- a. Librarians in the employ of the College during the week of each recognized holiday are to receive the following holidays without deduction in pay:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Washington's Birthday

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Friday following Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

- b. Whenever said holidays are celebrated, employees shall be considered as having worked that day. Any holiday which falls on Saturday shall usually be observed on the preceding Friday, but in no event later than the succeeding Monday. Any holiday, which falls on Sunday shall be observed

on the following Monday. Holidays which are observed during a scheduled vacation shall extend that vacation by a period equal to the holiday(s).

- c. In addition, librarians are to receive three (3) holidays to be designated by the College, without deduction in pay.
  - d. No holiday pay shall be granted for any period for which a leave of absence has been granted, e.g. sick leave, leave of absence without pay.
- 4. Vacation benefits shall be as stated in Article XXVI Section A.4. and 5.
  - 5. A full-time member of the professional library staff who teaches a course for credit, developmental course or laboratory, in addition to his/her regularly assigned duties shall receive compensation in accordance with Article XXI, Part E.

#### D. Reduced Teaching Load

- 1. A faculty member (Librarian) who has completed 15 years of continuous full-time teaching service at Union County College (including service at the former Union College or Union County Technical Institute) may request to have a reduced required teaching load for the academic year. This reduction may be by as much as 50 percent of the required academic year teaching load. The President or VPAA shall consider the request, provided such a reduction is in the best interests of the College. Application for such a reduced load must be submitted each academic year.
- 2. A faculty member granted a reduced teaching load shall have his/her base salary reduced proportionately to the reduced teaching load.
- 3. A faculty member granted a reduced teaching load shall be considered “faculty” as defined in this Agreement.
- 4. A faculty member requesting a reduced teaching load shall notify the Academic Vice President no later than February 1 of the academic year prior to the academic year s/he seeks a reduced teaching load, except in unusual circumstances.
- 5. The benefits a faculty member receives on such a reduced teaching load will be in accordance with State law and regulations and the faculty member shall be informed in writing as to these benefits prior to being granted a reduced teaching load.

- E. Three hours of overload payment or released time for each of the two semesters preceding completion of a comprehensive self-study by a specialized accrediting agency shall be made available to the coordinator, or designated faculty of the program. Distribution of the overload hours or released time will be assigned by the appropriate academic officer, in consultation with the program coordinator, if any.
- F. The Licensed Practical Nursing faculty contract will be in effect for an eleven month period, from September 1st to July 31st of each academic year. The total number of credit hours required during this time is forty credits (40) or an equivalent of 600 contact hours (classroom and clinical instruction). Contact hours may be achieved through day, evening, and/or weekend class offerings. Salaries for present incumbent faculty were pro-rated for the 2008-2009 academic year to reflect the additional two months of work required. This additional salary will remain with the faculty member as long as s/he continues to teach in this (11) eleven month program. Faculty will be paid twice each month (24) pay periods from September through August. New faculty members will be hired based on a pay range that pro-rates the standard (9) nine month ranges to reflect the additional two months of work.
- G. Faculty members hired to work in the Magnet High School also work for an additional two months beyond the requirements of the standard (9) months established under this agreement. Faculty members will be paid according to a pay range pro-rated to reflect the eleven month work year.



## ARTICLE XXX

### XXX. REDUCTION IN FORCE AND SENIORITY

- A. *Reduction in force* due to a fiscal crisis, a natural diminution in the number of students in a program or at the College or a reduction of programs shall be effected in full accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey and effective regulations promulgated thereunder, particularly N.J.A.C. 9:4-5.1.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in Section A of this Article, seniority for faculty members shall be determined in accordance with Article I.W of the Agreement. If two faculty members have the same seniority but are in different academic ranks, the faculty member in the higher academic rank shall be deemed to have greater seniority or if they are in the same academic rank, the faculty member first appointed to that rank shall be deemed to have greater seniority.
- C.
1.
    - a. If a faculty member desires to obtain qualification to teach in areas other than his/her own discipline, the faculty member will submit a plan for undertaking such retraining to the Academic Vice President for his or her review and approval. If the Academic Vice President judges the plan to be satisfactory and the area in which the faculty member(s) wish to be retrained is appropriate to the needs of the College, the College will agree to fund the retraining effort of the faculty member(s) while following said plan.
    - b. Section C.1.a. of this Article shall be available to all members of the full-time instructional staff prior to implementation of the provisions of Section A. of this Article.
  2. When the retraining plan is completed, evidence of successful completion will be submitted to the Academic Vice President pursuant to Article XX, Section A.2.
- D. Tenured faculty laid off because of a reduction in force shall be notified of the lay off at least one academic semester in advance.

## ARTICLE XXXI

### XXXI. RETIREMENT

#### A. Retirement Status and Benefits

1. All retired faculty members shall have emeritus status.

All retired faculty members, at their request, shall be listed in the faculty directory, shall be invited to participate in College ceremonies, may attend faculty meetings without the right to vote, shall have library privileges, and shall have the same discounts on purchases at College facilities as faculty members.

2. All retired faculty members, with at least ten (10) years of employment at the College, shall have a right to a UCC email account, a computer usage code, an automatic fee-free membership at the Fitness Center, free day-use parking permits on request.

## **ARTICLE XXXII**

### **XXXII. COLLEGE CALENDAR**

An official College calendar shall be published each year. The calendar shall be prepared by the President or his or her designee in consultation with the Faculty Executive Committee. Modifications of the calendar during the year may be made by the President in order to meet unforeseen circumstances. The President or his or her designee will consult with the Faculty Executive Committee regarding such modifications.

## ARTICLE XXXIII

### XXXIII. GENERAL WORKING CONDITIONS

- A. All faculty members, their spouses, civil union partners, and dependents shall be admitted free to those College-sponsored activities, which shall not include activities the charge for which is the primary determination of students, to which faculty members have been admitted without charge in the past.
- B. A discount of ten (10) percent shall be granted to all faculty members for all books purchased from the Union County College Bookstore for the faculty members' personal use.
- C. A Faculty Lounge at each of the campuses located in Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield shall continue to be maintained for the use of the faculty.
- D. Telephone service for intra-campus communications and incoming calls shall be provided in each faculty member's office.
- E. Faculty members shall have reasonable access to the Computer Center and Computer Resource Center, if practicable, for research and related purposes.
- F. The College shall continue to provide at each of the campuses located at Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains adequate parking facilities to all members of the faculty.
  - 1. The Chapter and the College agree that the parking fee should be set at ten (10) dollars for the duration of this Agreement.
- G. Secretarial services in a division, the allocation of which shall be under the supervision of the Academic Vice President, adequate for the transaction of all College business shall be available to all faculty members in that division.
- H. Each faculty member shall be provided at the campus at which s/he performs his/her primary teaching function a suitably equipped office space and the necessary supplies for his/her work. Each faculty member shall be provided with one computer in their office space.
- I.
  - 1. When it is necessary for an individual to use his/her own automobile on College business, including, but not limited to, communication between campuses and locations, a mileage allowance at the OMB rate. The appropriate Academic Officer shall have the authority to approve these mileage allowances.

- 2. A faculty member who is assigned classes at two or more locations on the same day shall be entitled to compensation for travel between these locations in accordance with Section I.1. of this Article.
- 3. Requests for compensation shall be made on standard forms for travel reimbursement at the end of each semester, with the amounts computed based on the dates of actual travel and the distances as listed below. Reimbursement for travel to or from locations not listed below shall be based on actual distance traversed.

**Standard Distances:**

Cranford to Elizabeth	6 miles
Cranford to Plainfield	7 miles
Cranford to Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder School of Nursing (Muhlenberg)	7 miles
Cranford to Trinitas Regional Medical Center	6 miles
Elizabeth to Plainfield	13 miles
Elizabeth to Trinitas Regional Medical Center	.5 miles
Plainfield to Muhlenberg	1.8 miles
Plainfield to Trinitas Regional Medical Center	14 miles
Muhlenberg to Trinitas Regional Medical Center	17 miles

- J. The Board shall keep in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement liability insurance which covers individual faculty members, a copy of which will be provided to the President of the Chapter. Under no circumstances will Academic Officers be covered under a more favorable liability policy than faculty members.
- K. As soon as practicable after the commencement of the academic year, the College will provide a current Faculty handbook to each faculty member in order to provide the faculty members with information useful for the carrying out of their duties and providing information concerning the rules, practices, and procedures of the Faculty and the College.

- L.
  - 1. Full-time members of the instructional and library staff must notify the appropriate Academic Officer of absences from classes or regularly assigned duties.
- M. The Faculty Executive Committee will appoint one (1) faculty member from each of the campuses at Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield to sit on the Space Committee.
- N. All faculty members assigned to laboratory classes shall be provided with safety equipment and clothing in accordance with Federal, State, and County statutes and/or regulations of Federal, State, and County agencies.
- O. The College shall provide work and storage space at a campus at which a faculty member has teaching assignments other than his/her primary teaching site.
- P. The Board shall make every effort to eliminate hazardous or potentially hazardous working conditions in order to assure the health and safety of faculty working under such conditions.
- Q. There shall be a College Committee on Safety, Security, and Parking, the purpose of which shall be to monitor and review safety, security, and parking conditions at the College and to make recommendations concerning those to the President. The faculty members of the Committee shall be nominated by the Faculty Executive Committee and shall be appointed by the President. The number of faculty members on the committee shall be approximately proportional to the number of full-time faculty members in relation to the number of full-time employees at the College.
- R. The Board shall provide the business office services necessary to permit participation by faculty members in the Union County Teacher's Federal Credit Union.

## ARTICLE XXXIV

### XXXIV. GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

#### A. Definitions

1. A grievance is an allegation by a faculty member(s), or the Chapter or an allegation by the President that there has been a breach, misinterpretation, or improper application of the terms of this Agreement.
2. A complaint is an informal claim by a faculty member(s) of improper, unfair, arbitrary, or discriminatory treatment by the Board or its agents. A complaint may, but need not, constitute a grievance. Complaints shall be disposed of through informal procedures set forth in Part B of this Article.
3. Arbitration is the proceeding before the Public Employment Relations Commission provided for in this Article.

#### B. Informal Procedures for the Resolution of Complaints and Grievances

1. A complaint or a grievance may be resolved informally, with a representative of the Chapter present if requested by the complainant or grievant, so long as the resolution is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.
2. The disposition of a complaint or grievance pursuant to Part B, Section 1 of this Article shall not constitute precedent for the disposition of similar complaints or grievances.

#### C. Formal Procedures for the Resolution of Grievances

1.
  - a. A grievance shall be filed no later than thirty (30) class days after it was found to exist or should have been found to exist or in cases where informal resolution is sought pursuant to Part B of this Article, no later than thirty (30) class days after the grievance has been informally presented.
  - b. The time limits provided for in Part C, Section 1.a. of this Article may be extended by written agreement between the parties to the grievance.
  - c. A grievance shall be filed in writing and shall state the reasons for the grievance and the remedy sought.
  - d. If the grievant is a faculty member, or the Chapter, the grievance shall be filed with the President or the President's designee. If the grievant is the President, the grievance shall be filed with the President of the Chapter.

2.
  - a. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a filed grievance, there shall be a conference between the President, or the President's designee, a representative of the Chapter, the grievant, if the grievant is not the President of the Chapter, and any other necessary person.
  - b. Within seven (7) class days after this conference or a subsequent conference terminated by a party to the grievance, the party with whom the grievance is filed shall render a decision in writing.
  - c. If the grievance is not disposed of as a result of this decision, the Chapter or the President may notice the grievance for arbitration within thirty (30) class days before the Public Employment Relations Commission (hereinafter referred to in this Article as the "Commission"), provided the issue is arbitrable.
3.
  - a. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the Commission.
  - b. The arbitration shall be held within thirty (30) class days of receipt of the notice by the Commission and shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Commission.
  - c. In no event shall the arbitrator have the authority to add to, subtract from, modify or amend the terms of this Agreement.
  - d. The decision of the arbitrator shall be rendered within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the arbitration hearing.
  - e. The decision of the arbitrator concerning those matters which are arbitrable shall be final and binding, except as otherwise provided by law.
  - f. The costs of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties of the arbitration.
4. The following grievances are not arbitrable:
  - a. Controversies and disputes arising under higher education law which are subject to appeal to and adjudication by the Board of Trustees of the College.



- b. Grievances concerning the application or interpretation of New Jersey Statutes, Rules and Regulations, and disputes involving the discipline of employees which are subject to appeal to and adjudication by the Board of Trustees of the College.
  - c. Matters which do not intimately and directly affect the work and welfare of faculty members.
  - d. Matters which would significantly interfere with the exercise of inherent managerial prerogatives pertaining to policy.
  - e. Matters which have been preempted by statute or regulation.
  - f. Grievances relating to appointment, nonreappointment or promotion are not arbitrable; however, a claimed violation of the procedural process prescribed in this Agreement may be arbitrated. The arbitrator shall not order appointment, reappointment, or promotion, but in an appropriate case the arbitrator may remand the matter to the proper procedural step for processing in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4 of this Article, all grievances which are lawfully arbitrable under New Jersey statutes, or deemed arbitrable by rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, are arbitrable.

## ARTICLE XXXV

### XXXV. WORK OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION

- A. No faculty member, officer, or representative of the Chapter, will call, sanction, approve, or engage in any strike or work interruption during the term of this Agreement.
- B. The Board and/or its agents will not engage in any lockout during the terms of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XXXVI

### XXXVI. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- A. The Board and the Chapter agree to consider and to acknowledge all requests for information properly submitted by one to the other. A request for information submitted in writing shall be acknowledged in writing.
- B. All written communications from the Board to the Chapter shall be sent to the President of the Chapter. All written communications from the Chapter to the Board shall be sent to the President or his or her designee.
- C. The Academic Vice President or his or her designee shall provide the Chapter with notice of all persons employed as faculty after the effective date of this Agreement or within thirty (30) days of the date of employment, whichever is later, and notice of all changes in faculty status within thirty (30) days of the date of the change.
- D. The Chapter agrees to furnish the President with a complete list of all officers and representatives of the chapter, including titles, addresses, and designation of responsibility, and to keep such list current. The Chapter will also provide copies of its constitution and by-laws or other governing articles and will keep these current.
- E. The Chapter President or his/her designee shall be provided with a copy of the tentative agenda for each Board of Trustees and joint Board of Trustees/Board of Governors meetings and copies of proposed resolutions to be acted upon at said meeting(s) prior to the meetings.

## **ARTICLE XXXVII**

### **XXXVII. SEPARABILITY**

- A. In the event any provision of this Agreement, in whole or in part, is declared illegal, void, or invalid in any final determination by an agency or court of competent jurisdiction, all of the other terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

## **ARTICLE XXXVIII**

### **XXXVIII. INTEREST SUCCESSION**

- A. All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding and upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns.

## **ARTICLE XXXIX**

### **XXXIX. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- A. Except as specifically provided elsewhere in this Agreement, this entire Agreement shall be effective as of September 1, 2018, and shall continue in full force and effect until August 31, 2021.
- B. The Board and Chapter shall enter into negotiations for a new Agreement no later than April 30, 2021.

## **APPENDIX A**

Supplemental Language to Article XXII. Health and Welfare Benefits.

Full-time faculty members and their eligible dependents will be insured under the State of New Jersey School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) or succeeding State health benefit plans. The plans currently available are: NJ Direct 10, NJ Direct 15, Aetna HMO, and CIGNA Healthcare HMO. The State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC) determines which Plans are offered and sets the standards for coverage and operations for all participating plans.

## SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT

1. All wage increases provided for under this agreement, including but not limited to increases to salary minimums, shall be retroactive to their effective dates. Faculty members who were on payroll at the time of ratification, and faculty members who separated/retired in good standing during the term of this Agreement shall be entitled to retroactive increases.
2. Faculty members who would have been entitled to wage increases as a result of promotional increases or doctoral increases, under the terms of the 2015-2018 Agreement, but did not receive such increases following the expiration of that Agreement and prior to ratification of the 2018-2021 Agreement, including faculty members who separated/retired in good standing during the term of this Agreement, shall receive those increases retroactive to the date of their promotion and/or doctorate degree. All retroactive payments due pursuant to this Side Letter shall be paid within one (1) month of the ratification of this Agreement.



## SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT / ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS

1. The parties recognize the March 1, 2019, Memorandum of Agreement concerning Academic Specialists as being in full force and effect except as modified in this Side Letter.
2. Pursuant to the October 28, 2019, Memorandum of Agreement, Academic Specialists shall receive a salary increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2019.
3. Pursuant to the October 28, 2019, Memorandum of Agreement, Academic Specialists shall receive a salary increase of \$2600 effective July 1, 2020.
4. Academic Specialists who were on payroll at the time of ratification, and Academic Specialists who separated/retired in good standing during the term of this Agreement shall be entitled to retroactive increases.