

# **AGREEMENT**

**between**



**COLUMBUS STATE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CSCC)**

**and**



**COLUMBUS STATE  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CSEA)**

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## **ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION**

This Agreement is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code by and between Columbus State Community College (CSCC), hereafter referred to as the “College,” and the Columbus State Education Association (CSEA), an affiliate of the Ohio Education Association and the National Education Association, and hereinafter referred to as the “Association.”

The College hereby recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining on all matters pertaining to wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment, and the continuation, modification or deletion of an existing provision of this Agreement.

The bargaining unit shall include: Full-time faculty members of CSCC, including instructors, assistant professors, associate professors, and professors; Visiting Lecturers and Lecturers (outlined in Article 22). The bargaining unit shall exclude: Adjunct faculty members; those full-time temporary faculty members outlined in Section (A) and Section (B); heads/directors of non-academic departments or programs; Chairpersons of academic departments; administrators at the level of department Chairperson and above, including by way of illustration: Deans, Chief of Staff, Senior Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, associate Vice Presidents, assistants to the President, counselors, and library employees.

Full-time, temporary faculty fall into two categories:

- A.** Those adjunct faculty who are used, for a period not to exceed two (2) consecutive semesters, to replace full-time tenure-track faculty who:
  - 1.** are on any form of paid and/or unpaid leave;
  - 2.** are on sabbatical; or
  - 3.** are off summer semester.
- B.** Adjunct faculty who are hired for a temporary period, not to exceed one semester, to meet the operational needs of the College.

## **ARTICLE 2 – PAYROLL DEDUCTION**

### **Section 2.01 – Authorization of Deductions**

The College will deduct from the pay of the members of the Association covered by this Agreement any dues, assessments, and fees levied in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and its affiliates. Deductions shall be made or changed only following Human Resources' receipt, from the Association Treasurer and executed by Association members for that purpose, of an individually signed OEA Membership Enrollment Form.

### **Section 2.02 – Termination of Deductions**

The College's obligation to make deductions will terminate automatically upon receipt of revocation of authorization by an employee due to:

1. termination of employment;
2. transfer to a job classification outside the bargaining unit; or
3. termination of affiliation with the Association.

### **Section 2.03 – Deduction Period**

All authorized deductions will be made from the Association member's pay on a regular basis, October 15th through May 31st. Pay deductions shall be transmitted to the CSEA Treasurer monthly, with a list detailing the names of the members and the amounts deducted for Association dues from each member, October 31st through May 31st. The College shall levy no charge upon the Association for administering the payroll deduction.

When a Bargaining Unit Member takes an unpaid leave of absence, or is otherwise separated from active employment at Columbus State Community College, the balance of the Association dues to be deducted for that year shall be withheld from the member's last paycheck.

### **Section 2.04 – Indemnification**

The Association agrees to indemnify and hold the College and any of its agents 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 College for the purpose of complying, or seeking to comply with this provision, or in reliance on any notice or authorization form furnished under any provision of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 3 – NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

### **Section 3.01 – No Strike**

During the term of this Agreement, the Association shall not sanction nor authorize, and no

members of the bargaining unit shall withhold services, or engage in any strike, slowdown, or refuse to perform assigned duties, or interrupt the normal operations of the College. If there is a violation of this clause the involved members of the unit will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Section 3.02 – No Lockout**

The College agrees that there shall be no lockouts during the term of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 4 – FACULTY WORKLOAD AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Section 4.01 – Purpose**

The College recognizes that the faculty, as professionals in their respective disciplines, play an integral role in aiding the College to achieve its teaching and service mission. Similarly, faculty members recognize that, as members of the College community, their duties and responsibilities must contribute to the overall mission of the College. Both parties agree that any duties assigned will be fundamentally guided by the needs of the students, the College, and the larger community that all serve.

### **Section 4.02 – Overview**

#### **A. Tenure-Track Faculty Workweek:**

**The tenure-track faculty workweek is defined in Procedure 5-20(B), Faculty Instructional Workload.**

- **Instructional and Reassigned Workload:** The standard instructional load (i.e., standard minimum workload) is thirty (30) contact hours per academic year as provided in Section 4.03.
- **Contact Hour:** A contact hour is one lecture, laboratory or clinical hour. Contact hours may be voluntarily reassigned to other work as provided for in this Agreement.
- **Grading and Class Preparation:** Twelve (12) hours per week each semester.
- **Office Hours:** Faculty are required to hold eight (8) hours per week each semester as provided in Section 4.04.
- **Mission and Learning Support:** Faculty will be required to undertake a minimum of five (5) hours per week in Mission and Learning Support activities that are not grading and class preparation, as provided in Section 4.05.

#### **B. Faculty Workday**

Tenure-track faculty will not be required to teach at more than one location on a given workday, with a maximum of two (2) locations (CSCC campus, regional learning center, or high school) per semester. Faculty shall normally not have fewer than twelve (12) hours between the end of their last class/office hour on one day and the beginning of the first class/office hour on the following day without the

approval of the faculty member. Exceptions to this are:

- to report for a Department meeting.
- to report for In-Service Day.
- to report to teach a course that enables faculty to fulfill their workload.
- to report to teach a course for which they are the only qualified faculty.

### **C. In-Service Day and Day of Service**

It is understood that department meetings will generally occur on In-Service Day and that faculty will participate in community service on Day of Service. Faculty are expected to work at least six and a half (6.5) hours on these days. Attendance at the In-Service morning plenary session is expected and is included within the six and a half (6.5) hour requirement. Any absence during said six and a half (6.5) hours will require appropriate leave for the actual time missed.

If a faculty member has established web hours that day that are posted and are required to be worked, then the six and a half (6.5) hours can be adjusted/modified when approved in advance by the Chairperson. If a faculty member is scheduled to teach evening classes on In-Service Day or Day of Service, the faculty member shall be released from attending activities for a number of hours equal to the faculty member's scheduled teaching and office hours that evening.

### **D. Full-Time Faculty Annual Appraisals**

Full-Time Faculty Annual Appraisals shall be submitted to the department chairperson no later than June 30. The appraisal period includes the prior Summer, Autumn, and Spring semesters.

## **Section 4.03 – Instruction**

The College and faculty will strive to finalize the workload one week prior to the public release of the schedule. The Chairperson has the discretion to adjust the faculty workload in response to unforeseen circumstances or operational need, including but not limited to adequate staffing of classes, adapting to enrollment changes, and meeting accreditation requirements. In order to compensate for these changes, the Chairperson will allow the affected faculty to make additional adjustments to their assigned workload in a manner that does not negatively impact the established schedules of other full-time faculty. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all faculty are required to teach in their respective program or discipline. Shared courses, interdepartmental plan of study courses, and courses created by faculty members from two (2) or more different departments are considered home department teaching regardless of the department in which the course is listed.

The faculty workload calculation for a section of a distance-learning course will be the same as for a traditional section of the course. All faculty are required throughout each semester to post in the College's Learning Management System's gradebook, in accordance with their department's grading guidelines, at least within ten (10) business days of the assignment due date, all points and grades that contribute to a student's final grade.

The parties support experimental models of course delivery for those faculty who volunteer

and are approved by the Chair to teach using such delivery models. During the life of this Agreement, an experimental model will only be implemented as a replacement for current delivery models after discussion between the College and the Association per Article 13, and after going through an appropriate faculty review process.

## **A. Course Scheduling and Assignment**

### **1. Determination of Course Offerings**

At the departmental level, the schedule is managed and set by the Chair. The Chair may modify the schedule in consultation with the faculty. The final decision to offer a specific course and/or section shall be made by the Dean. If there is a concern or question about the decision, upon request, the Dean will give the full-time faculty a rationale for the decision.

### **2. Scheduling Considerations**

As the Chairperson, or their designee, makes course/section assignments, they will take faculty seniority, the faculty member's preference, their assigned campus, and the faculty member's full-time status into consideration. If these assignments cannot be agreed upon, the Chairperson shall retain authority to make a final determination of course assignments. Upon request, the Chairperson will give the faculty member the rationale for the assignment. The faculty member may request a meeting with the Chairperson and the Dean to discuss further the rationale of the assignment. An Association Representative may be present at such a meeting.

It is expected that faculty will focus on meeting their workload within their department and content area. However, there may be occasions in which a faculty member wishes to teach a portion of their minimum workload or overload in a different department or discipline; or that due to an operational need, a Chair or Dean may request that a faculty member teach in a different department or discipline. In order for a faculty member to be considered for such assignment, the faculty member must be properly credentialed and current within the cross discipline. Any such requests to teach across departments or disciplines must first be submitted to the home department Chairperson for consideration. Chairs of both impacted departments must agree to grant a faculty member's request to teach overload hours across disciplines and academic departments. The request will be considered after all full-time faculty of the department in which the faculty member seeks to teach have selected their desired overload. Such requests will not be unreasonably denied, and full-time faculty requests will not be denied in favor of an adjunct instructor.

Cross-departmental teaching is voluntary, and faculty may decline a request from another department to teach outside of their home department.

#### **a. Seniority**

Seniority is generally defined as the length of continuous service with Columbus State Community College as a member in a bargaining unit position.

- Continuous service shall mean performing two (2) or more semesters as a faculty in an academic year not interrupted by resignation. Seniority shall not accumulate during an unpaid leave of absence, lay off, or other services or employment outside the bargaining unit for a period of thirty (30) or more days. Issues regarding the application of equal seniority shall be determined by the College, after discussion with the Association.
- When scheduling full-time faculty members, seniority shall be defined as years of experience teaching within a program or discipline at CSCC as a tenure-track faculty member. For Chairpersons or academic administrators who have returned to full-time faculty status, seniority shall be accumulated at the rate of one academic year of experience for every thirty (30) contact hours years of teaching while serving as a Chairperson or academic administrator in accordance with Article 40.
- When scheduling Lecturers, seniority shall be defined as years of experience teaching within a program or discipline at CSCC as a Lecturer.

### **3. Course Selection**

Tenure-track faculty will be given preference for their standard instructional and reassigned workload hours selected at their assigned campus (Columbus or Delaware) and the amount of overload hours allowed under this Agreement. If the College determines there is an enrollment decline impacting a faculty member's ability to meet their standard minimum workload within a department, the College will make every reasonable effort to offer work that completes the standard minimum workload.

Lecturers will be given preference of assignments to reach their maximum workload hours after tenure-track faculty have selected overloads and before assignments to adjunct faculty.

Ultimately, course assignments are subject to the department Chairperson's discretion.

### **4. Course Development and Course Offerings**

To support the faculty curriculum review process, the Chairperson will acknowledge receipt of a course pre-proposal within seven (7) business days. The provisions of Article 9, with regard to College-owned work-for-hire, apply to course development, revision, and redesign. When a course is offered or proposed for development, or a course is subject to revision or redesign in any modality or term length the College will extend to qualified tenure-track faculty the right of first refusal to teach, revise, or redesign the course. If qualified tenure-track faculty refuse the opportunity to develop, teach, revise, or redesign a course, the College will offer the opportunity to a qualified Lecturers or a qualified adjunct instructor.

The following provisions apply to course development, revision, and redesign:

- a. The full-time faculty who develop a new course in any modality shall have the right of first refusal to teach the course, for the first two (2) semesters following development, up to a full workload. Thereafter, full-time faculty shall have the right of first refusal to teach the course for up to two (2) sections per semester for the next five (5) semesters in which the course is offered.
- b. During the above seven-semester period, the full-time faculty developer assumes responsibility for maintaining the accuracy and currency of the departmental shell for that course as part of their instructional duties. Those responsibilities continue for so long as the original full-time faculty developer continues with the course. If the original full-time developer is replaced by another full-time faculty, that successor will assume those responsibilities. Any recommendations to the responsible developer for revision or redesign shall be made only by the Chairperson with agreement of the Department curriculum committee.
- c. After the initial seven-semester period, if the original developer elects not to continue, or declines or refuses to implement recommendations for revision or redesign, the Chairperson may retain a new full-time faculty member as a successor developer. If the original developer continues, or if other full-time faculty are subsequently assigned, they shall then be considered the developer of the course and assume the right of first refusal to teach the course for two (2) sections per semester for the next five (5) semesters. The evaluation process would then repeat.

## **5. Flex Courses**

A flex course is a course in any modality that either begins before, or extends beyond, the standard ten (10) or sixteen (16) week semester. Full-time faculty may teach flex courses as part or all of a full-time workload. Full-time faculty may also teach flex courses as an overload.

Flex courses taught entirely during semester breaks or which begin during semester break with no more than one day of overlap in the upcoming term may be excluded from maximum allowable overload workload, at the discretion of the faculty member.

The Mission and Learning commitment to the department, the division, and the College will encompass the entire semester. Therefore, during Autumn and Spring semesters faculty will hold their required weekly office hours during each week of the semester. During Summer semester, faculty may meet their entire semester's office hours requirement during the flex term with prior approval from the Chairperson.

## **6. Multi-Campus Assignments**

A flexible schedule that includes a variety of times, days, and locations, will be taken into consideration when determining a full-time faculty member's workload.

**B. Class Size and Compensation**

Class size will be determined by the College's mission, values, and goals.

The College considers reasonable minimum class size to be eight (8) students. There is no guarantee a section will run with an enrollment of fewer than eight (8) students. The College understands there may be classes with a maximum capacity below eight (8) students due to extenuating circumstances, such as limited course and/or room resources, or graduating student need. Those sections will be exempt from this provision and an appropriate section capacity will be determined by the Chairperson in conjunction with the faculty. Internship, clinical, and practicum sections are also exempt from this class size standard and will be staffed in accordance with program accreditation standards.

The Chairperson, in consultation with the Dean, may temporarily increase by up to four (4) students the maximum class size in a section in order to mitigate the impact of deregistration. The Chairperson will confer with the affected faculty before increasing the course maximums. After the deregistration period, the Chairperson will restore the affected section to the original maximum class size to prevent additional students from enrolling after deregistration. If the course runs with a class size larger than the cap due to this temporary increase, the faculty member will be paid in accordance with Article 23.07 (Enrollment over Maximum) for the additional students. No student will be signed into a section above the cap without the permission of the instructor.

**C. Decision Point for Section Enrollment Compensation Rates**

Any sections on the course schedule that have eight (8) or more registered students by Tuesday of finals week, in the immediately preceding semester, will not be canceled and assigned faculty will receive full compensation for the course. If at the decision point, the College decides to run a course with less than eight (8) students, the faculty will receive full compensation for the course. Internships, clinicals, practicums, and field experiences will be staffed according to program accreditation standards and instructional workload will be calculated by headcount or by lab-hour ratio as established by the College.

**D. English Composition Compensation**

The following English courses will carry a 1.25 factor per credit hour for workload calculation: ENGL 0199, ENGL 1100, ENGL 1101, ENGL 2367, ENGL 2467, ENGL 2567, ENGL 2667, and ENGL 2767.

**E. Distance Learning (DL)**

DL is any learning arrangement in which the instructor/facilitator is physically removed from the learner. At no time will instruction or facilitation occur outside of the State of Ohio without express advance written approval by the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs (SVPAA), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) or their designee.

The intent of DL is to broaden access for the student. This learning arrangement may be synchronous or asynchronous and may have high or low technology requirements. DL outcomes are qualitatively equivalent to those achieved in a more traditional learning arrangement.

Adequate equipment and technical support personnel will be available to support the course offerings. A distance-learning course will deliver the required content, meet the required objectives, utilize similar assessment methods, and be comparable in the degree of rigor and interactivity as the traditional sections of the course. It is understood that the instructor of record in a distance-learning course will spend time on instruction equal to the contact hours of the course, in addition to their office hours and the time spent on evaluation of student assignments.

The maximum class size of a distance-learning section shall be the same as the maximum class size of its corresponding traditional section.

The College acknowledges in some instances multiple single sections may be combined into one large section. In order to be considered a multiple section class, the section must meet the section capacity plus have eight (8) additional students enrolled on the first day of the section.

#### **F. Lateral Transfers Between Departments/Programs/Campuses**

The Association and the College recognize that in rare circumstances, a full-time faculty member may wish to transfer from one department/program/campus to another department/program/campus in which there is a full-time faculty vacancy. If, upon consultation with the tenure-track faculty within the department who are serving on the search committee, the SVPAA and/or designee, the Dean, and the Chairperson of the department with the vacancy, agree that the faculty member who wishes to transfer into that position meets the qualifications for the vacant position, the College may forgo the normal search process and allow the faculty member to transfer into the vacant position. The faculty member who transfers will maintain their current tenure status, rank, and salary.

If the SVPAA and/or designee, the Dean, and the Chairperson of the department with the vacancy wish to interview other candidates for the vacant position and do not decide to forego the normal search process, then the faculty member desiring a transfer may still apply for the vacant position through the normal full-time faculty search process. Any current faculty member hired through this process shall retain their tenure status, faculty rank, and salary.

#### **G. New Program/Discipline Development, Compensation, and Hiring**

1. When a new program or discipline is considered for development, the College may extend to qualified tenure-track faculty the right of first refusal to develop the program/discipline, including but not limited to the development of program design, policies and procedures, admissions requirements, processes to meet accreditation standards and requirements, curriculum, and new courses. The College retains the right to adjust the new program/discipline in response to operational needs or unforeseen circumstances.

2. The involved faculty will be compensated for this work either through reassigned time in accordance with Article 4.09, or as work for hire in accordance with Article 9.05, or as secondary employment in accordance with Article 4.13. As stated in Article 4.13, the terms and conditions of these engagements are not covered by the Agreement, and the terms and conditions related to course developer rights are not applicable. The method of compensation is determined by the Chairperson in collaboration with the faculty member.
3. Faculty Hires, Seniority and Scheduling
  - a. Faculty hires for the new program/discipline will be in accordance with the applicable articles within the Agreement (Article 39 and Article 4.03(F)).
  - b. Seniority is established per Article 4.03(A)(2)(a) and schedule selection per Article 4.03(A)(2) and (3). In the case of a new program/discipline, Article 4.03(A)(2) regarding cross-discipline teaching may also be applicable in order for the faculty member to reach their desired workload.
  - c. The following provisions apply to qualified full-time faculty outside of the new program/discipline who have been designated as course developers and who receive reassigned time or work for hire assignment(s) in accordance with Article 4.09 and/or Article 9.05.
    1. Developers will be given preference of teaching the course(s) they developed to reach their maximum workload hours after Tenure-Track and Lecturers within the new program/discipline have selected their full workloads and overloads and before assignments to other qualified faculty for the first two (2) semesters following development. When there is more than one developer of a course, scheduling between them will be in accordance with Article 4.03(A)(2)(a). Thereafter, developers will be given preference to teach the course for up to two sections per semester for the next five semesters in which the course is offered. Ultimately, course assignments are subject to the department Chairperson's discretion in accordance with Article 4.03(A)(2).
    2. During the above seven (7) semester period, the full-time faculty developer assumes responsibility for maintaining the accuracy and currency of the departmental shell for the course as part of their instructional duties. Those responsibilities continue for so long as the original full-time faculty developer continues maintaining the accuracy and currency of the course. If the original full-time faculty developer is replaced, resigns, or relinquishes responsibility, the developer position will be offered first to faculty in the new program/discipline, then qualified tenure-track faculty, qualified Lecturers, or qualified adjunct instructors. The successor will assume the responsibility to

maintain the accuracy and currency of the departmental shell for the course as part of their instructional duties. Any recommendations to the responsible developer for revision or redesign shall be made only by the SVPAA and/or designee with the agreement of the Department Curriculum Committee.

3. After the initial seven (7) semester period, if the original developer elects not to continue or declines or refuses to implement recommendations for revision or redesign, the Chairperson may retain a new full-time faculty member as a successor developer, offering the position first to full-time faculty in the new program/discipline, then qualified tenure-track faculty, qualified Lecturers or qualified adjunct instructors. If the original developer continues, or if other full-time faculty assume the role of developer, they shall then be considered the developer of the course and will have preference to teach the course for two sections per semester for the next five (5) semesters, after tenure-track faculty within the new program/discipline have selected overloads and before assignments to other qualified faculty. The evaluation process would then repeat.
- d. Qualified full-time faculty in the new program/discipline that have been designated as course developers will follow the procedures in Article 4.03(A)(4).

#### **Section 4.04 – Tenure-Track Faculty Office Hours**

Tenure-track faculty are required to hold eight (8) office hours per week each semester. Six (6) of those eight (8) hours must be regularly scheduled and communicated to the students at the beginning of the term. Faculty teaching traditional courses will hold office hours on campus. Faculty teaching a full load of distance learning courses may hold office hours in a virtual format. Office hours will be scheduled and posted by the faculty member, and faculty will provide written notification of those hours to the department Chairperson or their designees. Office hours should correspond with departmental responsibilities, learning activities, and reasonable student access. No leave is required for the canceling of posted office hours if initiated or sanctioned by the College, such as attending conferences, department meetings, the College In-Service Day, Day of Service, and any other Mission and Learning Support Activity as approved by the Chair. Faculty who are late for or miss scheduled office hours for unforeseen reasons may make up those hours provided the faculty member:

- Makes every effort to give notice in advance to their students and to the Chairperson or designee; and
- Reschedules the office hours during that particular week.

If the above two (2) items are not followed the appropriate leave must be taken.

Any planned amendment to previously posted and scheduled office hours must be agreed upon by the Chairperson and the faculty member. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied. Faculty who miss scheduled office hours without adjusting those hours must inform the Chairperson and take appropriate leave.

A faculty member may serve up to two (2) of their scheduled office hours per semester in an alternate campus location, such as a tutoring lab, Regional Learning Center, or College Credit Plus teaching location, with approval from the Chairperson. On occasion, the faculty member may serve more than two (2) hours in an alternate campus location after notifying the Chairperson and posting it prominently.

Faculty are responsible for their eight (8) office hours during finals week. They may adjust the scheduled office hours provided they are approved by the Chairperson, posted, and shared with students prior to the start of finals week.

#### **Section 4.05 – Mission and Learning Support**

Mission and Learning Support activities should generally be related to the promotion and tenure categories of Teaching and Learning Activities, Professional Activities, and Service Activities, and/or the overall goals and initiatives of the College. Tenure-track faculty will be required to undertake a minimum of five (5) hours per week in Mission and Learning Support activities that are not grading and course preparation. The specific nature of these activities may vary depending on individual expertise, College need, and faculty rank. Examples of these activities include serving in a role (participatory, actively contributing, or leadership) in the work of the College and the profession, engaging in professional development related to teaching, pursuing various professional activities, and participating in committees.

Within the Faculty Annual Appraisal, referenced in Article 4.02(D), faculty will describe the mission and learning work they did during the year, along with their proposed plans and goals for the coming academic year. The Chairperson and Peer Review Team will provide guidance to the faculty member in selecting activities that support the College's mission, meet department and division needs, enhance the learning environment, and contribute to the tenure and promotion process. The Chairperson will discuss any proposed modifications to the plan with the faculty member. At any point during the year, either the faculty member or the Chairperson may request a change in this plan. If such changes negatively impact the departmental initiatives, then the change can only be altered by agreement. The Faculty Annual Appraisal documents the objectives achieved in this component for workload.

#### **A. Professional Development**

Both parties recognize that professional development is a necessity for faculty growth, maintenance of professional credentials, and the advancement of the mission of the College. Full-time faculty at Columbus State have a well-established history of ample opportunities for professional development, including but not limited to: attending conferences, webinars, and workshops; reading books and professional journals; joining professional organizations; and activities related to accreditation, licensure, and certifications necessary to support and advance the College's mission.

The SVPA will decide how much funding will be considered for professional development, along with other budgetary priorities that may arise. However, a minimum of \$300,000 will be designated annually for professional development. Of this amount, \$100,000 will be earmarked by the Academic Council Faculty Entry Training and Professional Development (FETPD) Committee to support required accreditations, licensures, and certifications that faculty must maintain in order to teach. The remaining professional development funds will be distributed among departments based on priorities and needs determined by individual departments.

Faculty professional development committees within each department and/or division will be convened to determine what continuing education needs exist, decide on conference priorities, and allocate department funds accordingly. As a part of the evaluation process, faculty committees will make every reasonable effort to approve development opportunities for non-tenured faculty within each department and/or division.

#### **Section 4.06 – Advising**

The College will maintain the advising model consisting of embedded advisors for each division to work specifically with students of the division. The joint Advising Committee, developed by the Administration and CSEA, will meet every semester to evaluate the impact of this model on the advising workload for faculty. The Committee will consist of three (3) tenure-track faculty representing each division appointed by CSEA, and the Administration shall appoint three (3) members to the Committee. If the joint committee finds that the embedded advising model is not adequate to meet the advising needs of students and/or if it does not provide adequate relief to faculty,

then the Committee will send its findings and improvement recommendations to the Association/Labor Management Committee for further action.

#### **Section 4.07 – Mandatory Department Meetings**

Faculty attendance will be required at no more than four (4) department meetings per semester. These meetings shall be scheduled at least two (2) weeks in advance. The meetings may be offered in a virtual format at the Chairperson's discretion.

If an emergency department meeting must be called with less than two (2) weeks' notice, the Chairperson will announce such meetings as soon as practicable. Attendance at these meetings is mandatory and does not count as one of the four (4) department meetings per semester referenced above. In these instances, faculty will be paid at the meeting rate.

Faculty members will make every attempt to attend each of these meetings but will be required to take leave if they are not able to do so. If the meeting conflicts with a faculty member's class schedule or mission and learning, the faculty member will inform the Chairperson and, in response, the Chairperson will communicate to the faculty member which shall take priority.

#### **Section 4.08 – Supplemental Contracts**

##### **A. Summer**

Tenure-track faculty are eligible for Summer semester teaching assignments. Such requests are to be filed with the designated administrator by March 1 or a later provided deadline of the given year. A full load for Summer semester will be twelve

(12) contact hours, six (6) office hours, five (5) mission and learning support hours, and nine (9) hours for grading and class preparation. The summer salary for full-time faculty shall be computed as follows: by taking the faculty member's daily rate of pay (i.e., 2-semester salary divided by 170 days), multiplying by 55 and then applying the appropriate percentage up to 100%.

##### **B. Overloads**

Tenure-track faculty have first preference to select overloads before Lecturers will be given preference to reach their maximum instructional workload hours.

If sections are available, Chairpersons will grant a tenure-track faculty member overload if the faculty member is meeting their workload responsibilities. The teaching of an overload assignment by a tenure-track faculty member shall be entirely at the faculty member's discretion. During Autumn or Spring semester, an overload will be anything over fifteen (15) hours. During Summer semester, an overload will be anything over twelve (12) hours.

In Autumn and Spring semesters, the maximum tenure-track faculty overload shall be fifteen (15) contact hours per semester, not to exceed thirty (30) per academic year. In Summer semesters, the maximum tenure-track faculty overload shall be twelve (12) contact hours. Pay for full-time faculty members shall be in accordance with Article 24, Overload Pay.

During the Autumn or Spring semesters, with the approval by the appropriate Chairperson and Dean, tenure-track faculty will have the option to flex up to three

(3) hours of overload. For example, a faculty member may work eighteen (18) hours of overload in Autumn semester but would be limited to working twelve (12) hours of overload in Spring semester, which would equal a total of thirty (30) hours of overload worked for the two (2) semesters. Or, the faculty may work twelve (12) hours of overload in Autumn semester and eighteen (18) hours of overload in the spring and stay within the limit of thirty (30) total overload hours for the two (2) semesters. Faculty will be required to complete the Request to Exceed Contact Hours form and obtain approval from their Chairperson and Dean, if they work more than fifteen (15) hours of overload in Autumn or Spring semester. Faculty may exercise the Banking Hours option from Section 4.10 for hours worked in autumn, which would defer payment to Spring semester. There is no option to exceed overload hours in Summer semester.

Overload scheduling for tenure-track faculty shall occur in a minimum of two (2) rounds. The first round will allow for scheduling up to twelve (12) hours of overload in Autumn and Spring, and up to nine (9) hours of overload in Summer. A second round of scheduling will allow faculty to add course(s) up to a maximum of fifteen (15) overload hours in Autumn and Spring and up to a maximum of twelve (12) overload hours in Summer.

### **C. College Initiatives**

Initiative contracts will be provided to full-time tenure-track faculty for hours to be spent on College Initiative projects. These hours will be paid at the current overload rate. College Initiative projects are those bodies of work that would not normally be considered Mission and Learning Support or reassigned hours. The Chairperson and faculty member will identify the appropriate amount of hours per project and forward recommendations to the Dean for final approval. In most cases these initiatives are driven by external mandates or expectations of the College, such as but not limited to:

- Ohio Department of Higher Education initiatives
- University System of Ohio Strategic Plan initiatives
- Major grant leadership

### **Section 4.09 – Reassigned Hours**

Reassigned hours are distinguished from Mission and Learning hours and include "leadership roles" at the College. These include but are not limited to lead instruction, program coordination, and special projects. There are many other opportunities within the faculty member's expertise for which full-time faculty may receive release time assignments that are not defined as leadership roles above. Open leadership roles for Faculty Fellow positions and for lead instruction, program coordination, and special project positions shall be communicated to all tenure-track faculty in the appropriate department/program or at the College and applications from qualified tenure-track faculty shall be solicited.

The Association and College are committed to transparency involving any reassigned hours. The College will provide the Association President a list of all reassigned hours by week eight (8) of the semester.

Qualified full-time tenure-track faculty in the department/program shall be given the right of first refusal on any reassigned hours opportunity. If no tenure-track faculty member in the department/program wishes to accept the leadership role, the Association President will be notified, and qualified Lecturers in the department/program shall be given the opportunity. If no qualified Lecturer in the department/program accepts, the Chair may assign the opportunity to a qualified adjunct instructor. The Chair has the discretion to allow adjustments of reassigned hours in response to operational need or unforeseen circumstances.

The full-time faculty member has the right to request the assistance and participation of an Association representative in the reassigned hours process. The specific agreed upon hours, duties, and responsibilities for any reassigned hours shall be recorded in writing and signed by both the full-time faculty member and the Chairperson. Unless otherwise agreed upon, this document shall be submitted at least one week prior to the public release of the schedule for the term in which the reassigned hours will occur. For reasons related to operational need, the reassigned hours may be amended thereafter upon agreement of the faculty member and the Chairperson.

The amount of reassigned hours is negotiated and calculated based on the sixteen-week semester model. It is assumed that, for every reassigned hour granted, two (2) hours will be dedicated to the task. The faculty member will adjust their workload for each reassigned hour as follows: one hour from direct instruction and one hour from grading and class preparation.

Program Coordinator and Lead Instructor are voluntary roles appointed by the Chairperson, except in the case of small programs that may only employ one full-time faculty. Qualified full-time tenure-track faculty in the department/program shall be given the right of first refusal on these leadership roles. A full-time faculty member assuming one or more of these roles is not required to perform every task within the range of possible functions listed below. However, the faculty member(s) will perform specific Lead Instructor/Program Coordinator duties and responsibilities upon which the faculty member and Chairperson agree for the upcoming term. For reasons related to operational need, the agreed upon duties and responsibilities may be amended thereafter by mutual agreement of the faculty member and Chairperson. Both positions may provide administrative support and assistance to the department Chairperson.

Lead Instructors and Program Coordinators are not precluded from accepting supplemental contracts, which may include additional reassigned hours for approved projects.

Departmental or other College staff will provide support to faculty in these leadership roles to complete tasks that do not require specialized knowledge and expertise. These faculty should work closely with department Chairpersons in obtaining the necessary clerical support in fulfilling their roles.

The total number of Lead Instructor and Coordinator hours will not fall below six hundred (600) during the term of this Agreement.

**A. Lead Instructor**

Lead Instructor is a voluntary position held by full-time faculty at the request of the Chairperson. Lead Instructors provide academic leadership and support for departments and department Chairpersons. While Lead Instructors have no administrative authority over other full-time or adjunct faculty, their assistance is important in helping department Chairpersons effectively manage multifaceted departments. The number of Lead Instructor reassigned hours may be up to eight (8) hours per semester and is based upon the Chairperson's determination of operational need.

The following roles delineate a range of possible Lead Instructor functions that a Chairperson may identify as needed for the department:

**1. Adjunct Faculty**

- a. Coordinate meetings and communications.
- b. Assist in the development of staffing plans.
- c. Recommend new adjunct faculty for hire and the continuation of adjunct faculty contracts.
- d. Assist in the completion of classroom observations of adjunct faculty.
- e. Conduct orientation/mentoring for new adjunct faculty.
- f. Review and assist adjunct faculty in the development of syllabi, exams, and course material.

**2. Curriculum**

- a. Coordinate the process of textbook adoption.
- b. Lead review and update of course outlines, syllabi, exams, and course materials.
- c. Coordinate curriculum design, revision, and assessment of student academic achievement.

**3. Facilities**

- a. Troubleshoot issues and condition of classrooms and labs.
- b. Monitor condition of specialized equipment.
- c. Facilitate software requests as needed for computer labs and classrooms.

**4. Students**

- a. Mediate student concerns and/or refer student complaints to the department Chairperson if the situation warrants.

## **5. Academic Leadership**

- a. Lead the process of assessment and required report writing for the department.
- b. Provide input to operational and capital budgeting.
- c. Provide input into the schedule of classes.
- d. Provide input into the development and updating of transfer guides and articulation agreements.

## **B. Program Coordinator**

Program Coordinator is a voluntary position held by full-time faculty at the request of the Chairperson. Program Coordinators provide academic leadership and support for departments and department Chairpersons. While Program Coordinators have no administrative authority over other full-time or adjunct faculty, their assistance is important, and in some programs even required, for maintaining quality programs.

The number of Program Coordinator reassigned hours may be up to eight (8) hours per semester and is based upon the Chairperson's determination of operational need.

The following roles delineate a range of possible Program Coordinator functions that a Chairperson may identify as needed for the department:

### **1. Adjunct Faculty**

- a. Coordinate meetings and communications.
- b. Assist in the development of staffing plans.
- c. Recommend new adjunct faculty for hire and the continuation of adjunct faculty contracts.
- d. Assist in the completion of classroom/clinical observations of adjunct faculty.
- e. Conduct orientation/mentoring for new adjunct faculty.
- f. Review and assist adjunct faculty in the development of syllabi, exams, and course materials.

### **2. Off-Campus Educational Experiences (Clinical/Practicum/Internships/Placements)**

- a. Coordinate student placements.
- b. Assist the Chairperson in monitoring contracts.
- c. Maintain communication with site liaisons and disseminate relevant information to the faculty.

### **3. Curriculum**

- a. Coordinate the process of textbook adoption.

- b. Lead review and update of course outlines, syllabi, exams, and common course materials.
- c. Coordinate curriculum design, revision, and assessment of student achievement.
- d. Monitor changes in credentialing examinations.

**4. Facilities**

- a. Troubleshoot issues and condition of classrooms and labs.
- b. Monitor condition of specialized equipment.
- c. Facilitate software requests as needed for computer labs and classrooms.

**5. Students**

- a. Coordinate the development/updating of the student program handbook.
- b. Mediation of student concerns and/or referring student complaints to the department Chairperson if the situation warrants.

**6. Academic Leadership**

- a. Lead the process of assessment and report writing for the program.
- b. Provide input to operational and capital budgeting.
- c. Develop/input the schedule of classes.
- d. Lead review of advising, counseling, and public relations materials for the program.
- e. Coordinate advisory committee meetings and communications.

**C. Special Projects**

Reassigned hours will be granted for special projects, as defined below, that require more hours than is allocated in the faculty workload model.

Special project reassigned hours may be offered by a Dean, an Administrator, the SVPAA, or the College President, after consultation with the Chairperson.

Special projects are voluntary. However, should a faculty member agree, reassigned hours may be granted for, but is not limited to, the following projects:

- 2. Preparation, leadership, or significant participation in an accreditation or certification process.
- 3. Development of approved and budgeted new courses. The amount of reassigned hours granted to develop new courses shall not exceed the contact hours of the course.
- 4. Development of new programs of study.

5. Changing the modality/delivery format of a course, such as the conversion of a traditional course to a distance-learning format or vice versa. The amount of reassigned hours granted to convert the course shall be determined by the Chairperson and will be based upon the individual course and the technology used to design it.
6. Substantive redesign or revision of a distance-learning course as a result of significant changes to the content of the course, changes in delivery systems, or changes in other learning technologies.
7. Development and implementation of international experience (study abroad).
8. Grant opportunities.
9. Other projects.

#### **D. New Faculty**

New tenure-track faculty will receive a total of four (4) contact hours of release time during their first academic year to participate in College-sponsored professional development activities, and to become acclimated to Columbus State and new course preparations. The Chairperson will include these release hours in the new tenure-track faculty member's workload report.

#### **Section 4.10 – Banking Hours**

Tenure-track faculty will have the option of deferring compensation during Autumn semester for overload assignments, up to a maximum of three (3) contact hours, to either reduce their Spring semester teaching load accordingly or accept payment for any overload hours during Spring semester.

Due to the number of contact hours for courses offered in certain departments, a tenure-track faculty member may fall below the contact hours required for a full teaching workload. In such a case, a faculty member may choose to "reverse bank" up to three (3) hours that they are short to be taught (made up) in Spring semester. During the semester that the tenure-track faculty member is teaching a reduced workload and "reverse banking," they will be paid the full workload amount, and they will hold eight (8) office hours per week in accordance with Section 4.04 and five (5) Mission and Learning Support hours per week. No banking activity will occur during Summer semester.

#### **Section 4.11 – Assignment of Faculty Offices**

The parties agree that faculty generally will be assigned to a private office with a location to secure their belongings. There may be instances in which faculty have to share an office space, but in those instances each faculty member will have a location to secure their belongings. When faculty are assigned a shared office space, faculty within the department will be given an opportunity to establish a process for determining such assignments. If no such process can be agreed upon, then the department Chairperson will make these assignments, with seniority being a primary consideration in making such assignments. Other factors, including expected teaching modalities (e.g., traditional vs. distance learning), expected teaching schedules (e.g.,

morning classes vs. evening classes), faculty rank, and Coordinator/Lead Instructor responsibilities may also be considered by the Chairperson. Faculty who do not have an on-campus workspace will retain the right to request an on-campus workspace if their teaching modality changes or if they seek to return to on-campus instruction.

#### **Section 4.12 – Parking and Travel Reimbursement**

Faculty will be reimbursed for all documented, work-related parking expenses. In accordance with College Procedure No. 9-06(A), travel expenses to and from a faculty member's primary work assignment or clinical course assignment are the faculty member's responsibility, and faculty will not be reimbursed for mileage incurred traveling between their homes and primary work assignment or clinical course assignment in their daily commute. "Primary work assignment" refers to a faculty member's assigned campus (Delaware or Columbus) and "clinical course assignment" refers to course instruction delivered at a medical/dental facility.

Faculty will be reimbursed for mileage related to travel expenses necessary to support and advance the College's mission (i.e., committee meetings, field meetings, College Credit Plus Lead Instructor duties, and site visits related to general supervision and monitoring of clinicals, practicums, externships, and similar student experiences) when such activities occur at a location different than their primary work assignment or their clinical course assignment. For such activities, mileage will be reimbursed for the difference between normal commuter mileage and the mileage from the faculty member's primary work assignment to the outside location. Travel related to such activities that occur from the faculty member's primary work assignment to a location, and then to a faculty member's home, will be reimbursed only for the distance that is beyond the mileage from their primary work assignment to their home.

#### **Section 4.13 – Secondary Employment at The College**

The College and Association support faculty members' engagement in secondary job opportunities in non-union positions at the College as long as the assignments do not interfere with their primary duties as faculty.

While full-time faculty cannot serve as adjuncts, at the college, they may serve in part-time regular, casual, non-credit and/or seasonal positions.

Terms and conditions of these engagements are not covered by this Agreement.

#### **Section 4.14 – Faculty Academic Year**

Each bargaining unit member will be assigned duties by the College for 170 days for the academic year: Autumn (80 teaching days); Spring (80 teaching days) and 10 professional workdays. Faculty members teaching in corporate, union, or grant-funded degree programs that require additional days will be assigned beyond 170 days.

Ten (10) professional workdays are required of all faculty. Semester and class preparation deliverables (such as the posting of syllabi) will be completed by three (3) business days before the start of each term. Faculty will be accessible (either physically or virtually) and responsive to students during the two (2) business days immediately prior to the start of Autumn semester and the one (1) business day immediately prior to the start of Spring semester. In addition, these days can be used

for department, division, or College-level meetings as the College deems necessary. If a department meeting is called during this time, it counts as one (1) of the required department meetings specified in Section 4.07. Faculty can also arrange to attend workshops, conferences, training, or pedagogical research activities. The results of the professional activities performed during these ten (10) days will be documented through the annual faculty appraisal process.

All holidays within the two (2) semester academic calendar are paid: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving (3 days), Martin Luther King Day, and Presidents' Day.

## **ARTICLE 5 - MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO COLLEGIALITY, RESPECT, AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

### **Section 5.01 – Purpose**

The Association and the College agree to support a workplace culture that promotes collegiality, fairness, and respect for all employees. The Association and the College are committed to maintaining an environment where individuals who are part of the College family are treated justly, fairly, and free from harassment, bullying, or discrimination in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

### **Section 5.02 – Professional Development**

Both parties agree to collaborate in Labor Management Committee on a mutually agreeable topic and support a required annual training initiative for both the faculty and academic administration.

The Academic Affairs Collaborative Learning Committee shall include a total of four (4) faculty representatives chosen by CSEA and Academic Council and four (4) Administration representatives. The Committee will review needs, recommend and coordinate new training programs related to the mutually identified area of professional development to CSEA Leadership and College Leadership by the end of each Autumn semester. In addition, the Committee will meet at least semi-annually to consider modifications and improvements for existing training delivered under this Section. Relevant Faculty Fellow(s) will serve as liaisons between this committee and departments to coordinate training and assist with the facilitation of training as needed.

## **ARTICLE 6 – DELAWARE**

“Delaware faculty” refers to all full-time faculty who are hired with Delaware as their home campus or who transfer to the Delaware campus (see Article 4.03(F)). This article addresses operational provisions that are specific to the Delaware campus.

### **A. Scheduling Considerations and Assignments**

#### **1. Determination of Course Offerings**

The schedule of Delaware traditional course offerings is managed and set by department Chairs and Delaware administration. These administrators, in consultation with the faculty, may modify the schedule to maximize enrollment and aid staffing. As enrollment increases, consideration for innovative course offering day and time may be needed to address student access considerations. The final decision to offer a specific course and/or sections shall be made by the Divisional Dean. If there is a concern or question about the decision, upon request, the Divisional Dean will give the full-time faculty a rationale for the decision.

## **2. Scheduling Considerations**

If Delaware faculty, after selecting traditional course selections at the Delaware campus and online courses assigned to the Delaware campus, have remaining workload or overload hours, the faculty shall have the same opportunities as all other faculty with regard to teaching modalities and locations, and will select their remaining workload or overload based upon seniority within their department. Teaching opportunities that arise in the Delaware campus will be offered to faculty in the following order: Delaware tenure-track faculty, Delaware Lecturer, Columbus tenure-track faculty, Columbus Lecturers, and then adjunct faculty.

The Chairperson has the discretion to adjust the faculty workload in response to unforeseen circumstances or operational need, including but limited to adequate staffing of classes, adapting to enrollment changes, and meeting accreditation requirements.

If the College determines there is a significant change in enrollment impacting scheduling, the need to modify course offerings should be considered to promote student success

## **3. Temporary Assignment to Delaware Campus**

In cases of an instructional shortage at the Delaware Campus, faculty assigned to the Columbus Campus may be assigned to traditional Delaware courses, following Article 4.03(A)(2).

### **B. Course Development and Course Offerings**

Delaware full-time faculty who have been approved for developing a new course will have all the rights and privileges outlined in Article 4.03(A)(4).

### **C. Reassigned Hours**

The department Chairperson, in consultation with Delaware administration and Delaware tenure-track faculty, may determine the need for a Lead faculty assigned to the department at the Delaware campus.

### **D. Delaware Full-Time Faculty Search Committee**

Full-time faculty will be hired in accordance with Article 39. In the case of a newly created full-time Delaware faculty position, the College will offer all Delaware tenure-track faculty members the opportunity to serve on the search

committee and allow at least one Delaware tenure-track faculty member to search on the committee.

**E. Travel Reimbursement**

Delaware faculty shall be reimbursed for the mileage incurred traveling from the Delaware campus in accordance with Article 4.12.

For meetings or required activities scheduled on the Columbus Campus, Delaware faculty may request a virtual attendance option when class schedules or other assigned duties make travel impractical.

**ARTICLE 7 – ASSOCIATION BUSINESS**

**Section 7.01 – College Facilities**

The Association shall be permitted reasonable use of College facilities to conduct Association business in a similar manner that such facility use is and has been allowed by other groups.

**Section 7.02 – Communications**

The Association shall be permitted access to College bulletin boards, faculty mailboxes, and communication systems in the course of performing its representation responsibilities in communication with members of the bargaining unit.

**Section 7.03 – Printing**

The Association shall be permitted the reasonable use of College printing/reproduction services in activities and communications related to its role as exclusive bargaining representative. The College may charge the Association for use of consumable supplies; however, such charge shall not exceed the actual per unit cost to the College.

**Section 7.04 – Appointment**

The Association President shall become a member of or appoint an Association Representative to the Academic Council and all College-level committees except the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee.

**Section 7.05 – Representation**

**A. Appointment of Association Representatives**

Upon request, the Association shall provide to the College written notification of the Association Representatives who are responsible for designated programs or departments.

**B. Weingarten Rights**

A faculty member has the right to representation during any investigatory interview (meeting) that the faculty member reasonably believes will lead to

discipline. This right is commonly called the “Weingarten Rule” or “Weingarten Rights.”

An investigatory interview (meeting) is when management is searching for facts relevant to determining a faculty member’s guilt or deciding whether to impose discipline. When a faculty member reasonably believes that the purpose of the investigatory interview (meeting) is for this purpose or could result in disciplinary action, then the faculty member may exercise their Weingarten rights. Whether or not a faculty member’s belief is “reasonable” depends on the circumstances of each case. The Weingarten Rule includes the right to a pre-interview consultation with an Association Representative and representation during the investigatory interview (meeting).

The Association Representative cannot exercise Weingarten Rights on the faculty member’s behalf. Management is not required to inform the faculty member of the Weingarten rights. However, if a faculty member chooses to exercise their Weingarten rights, the Association Representative has the right to participate and advocate on behalf of the faculty member.

**C. Additional Representation**

Whenever a change in terms and conditions of employment are being negotiated with a faculty member by a College official, the faculty member shall have the right to representation by the Association.

**Section 7.06 – Reassigned Time**

The Association shall be afforded twenty-two (22) hours of reassigned time each semester (Autumn and Spring), and twenty (20) hours of reassigned time Summer semester, to attend to contract administration duties. The Association will allocate the hours to its Executive Committee or Association Representatives. Association members receiving reassigned time will notify their Chairpersons in accordance with the timeline established in Article 4, Section 4.09. These reassigned hours are available during the semester in which they are allocated and may not be banked into future semesters.

## ARTICLE 8 – ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A.** The College endorses full academic freedom as essential to attain the goal of the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom and academic responsibility are twin guardians of the integrity of institutions of higher learning. This integrity is essential to the preservation of a free society and explains the willingness of society historically to accept the concept of academic freedom and, in addition, to protect it through the institution of academic tenure.
- B.** The principal elements of academic freedom include the freedom of faculty to:
1. Teach, conduct research, and publish research findings;
  2. Discuss in classrooms, in their own manner, any material that is relevant to the subject matter as defined in the course syllabus;
  3. Exercise their constitutional rights as citizens without institutional censorship or discipline;
  4. Seek changes in academic and institutional policies through lawful and peaceful means.
- C.** Academic freedom carries with it correlative academic responsibilities. The principal elements include the responsibility of faculty to:
1. Meet their defined teaching, research, and service obligations;
  2. Pursue excellence, intellectual honesty, and objectivity in teaching, in conducting research, and in publishing research findings;
  3. Encourage students and colleagues to engage in free discussion and inquiry;
  4. Evaluate student and colleague performance on a scholarly basis;
  5. Refrain from persistently introducing matters that have no bearing on the subject matter of the course;
  6. Work with appropriate individuals and bodies to provide optimal conditions conducive to the attainment of the free search for truth and its free exposition;
  7. Differentiate carefully between official activities as faculty and personal activities as citizens, and to act accordingly.

## ARTICLE 9 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### Section 9.01 – Purpose

The purpose of this Article is:

- A. To define ownership of original works (College-owned or faculty-owned).
- B. To clarify the rights of the faculty and the College with respect to the creation of original works of authorship entitled to copyright protection. No faculty member shall be required, as a condition of continued employment, to create or publish original works entitled to copyright protection and/or royalties.
- C. To protect the rights of the faculty member and the College in such original works and to protect the faculty member and the College against claims of infringement.

### Section 9.02 – Definitions

- A. **College-Owned – Work-for-Hire** – Work-for-Hire is defined as work that is done for pay as reassigned time, overload pay, College initiatives, or as part of the faculty contract, except as specified as “faculty-owned material” below.
- B. **Faculty-Owned Materials** – Any materials created by a faculty member for a course, including exams, supplementary materials, audio and/or video lectures, and lecture notes, shall belong to the faculty member. This specifically excludes course outlines, syllabi, and other departmentally developed materials. The College and the faculty member may agree to contract to create exams, supplementary materials, lectures, and lecture notes as Work-for-Hire, as described in Section 9.05.
- C. **Original Works of Authorship** – Any materials created by a faculty member, individually or in partnership with others, including written works of fiction or non-fiction, music, performances, presentations, audio-visual works, designs, and art regardless of medium.
- D. **College Resources** – College resources are defined as, but not limited to, College personnel, hardware, software, equipment purchased by the College, any computer assigned to the faculty member which the College owns, and any College-owned printer or copier. The use of College licensed software, installed with the College’s permission on the faculty-author’s personal computer and use of the College’s WiFi network shall not constitute use of College resources. Incidental use of College resources shall not constitute use of College resources.

### Section 9.03 – Ownership

The College shall be considered the author and copyright owner and entitled to 100% of the royalties when works are prepared by faculty as works-for-hire, as defined in Section 9.02(A); by special contract; or as work performed by a College-appointed committee, task force, or other group. (“Work-for-hire” is defined in Section 9.02(A) of

this Article.)

- A. The faculty-author shall be considered the owner and entitled to copyright original works of authorship defined in Section 9.02(C) of this Article, receive 100% of the royalties, and/or sell the work when the work is created on their own time and does not involve use of College resources.

With the student's permission, any materials collected by a faculty member from students in their course pursuant to course assignments may be used as examples in other classes or original works subject to copyright and/or royalties. When such materials must be retained by the College for accreditation or other purposes, the faculty member shall be entitled to copies of these materials.

- B. When College resources are used to create original works of authorship, defined in Section 9.02(C) of this Article, the notification and approval process in Section 9.04 of this Article must be completed. In such cases, the College and the faculty-author shall share ownership of the copyright and royalties, whether or not the work is created during regular hours of employment. Royalties shall be divided equally between the faculty-author and the College.

Once shared copyright ownership of an original work of authorship is established, either party may initiate subsequent revisions of the work. However, the faculty author retains the right of first refusal on such revisions, provided the faculty-author is still employed by the College and is able to complete the work in a reasonable or externally established time frame.

- C. The faculty member shall retain copyright or patent ownership of any work created pursuant to participation in an educational program for which the College pays the fees.

#### **Section 9.04 – Notification and Approval Requirements**

- A. Faculty creating original works of authorship, not using College resources, shall notify the department Chair and divisional Dean in writing when they are contemplating a body of work that may lead to copyright, compensation, or royalties. This notification shall include a specific description of the scope of the work and a statement that no College resources shall be used.
- B. Faculty creating original works of authorship, using College resources, shall obtain written approval to use such resources from the department Chair and divisional Dean for a body of work that may lead to copyright, compensation, or royalties. This approval must be obtained prior to commencement of the work. The approval request shall contain a specific description of the scope of the work, identification of College resources to be used, and a completed "Request for Reassigned Time" form, if appropriate.

The approval process shall not take longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the date the approval request is submitted to the department Chairperson.

The faculty-author may use the approved resources of the College and proceed with the project upon receiving consent from the department

Chairperson and divisional Dean.

- C. A copy of original works using College resources shall be delivered to the divisional Dean prior to submission for publication or public distribution.
- D. Original works of authorship that do not use College resources as defined in Section 9.02(D) and for which the faculty member has no expectation of compensation or royalties are exempt from this notification process.

#### **Section 9.05 – Delineation of Work for Hire**

In circumstances where the faculty member is being paid for specified deliverables as defined in Section 9.02(A) and (B), those items will be delineated in a written document signed by the faculty member(s), the department Chairperson, and the divisional Dean. The deliverables created as work for hire are owned by the College.

#### **Section 9.06 – College Use of Original Works of Authorship**

- A. An original work of authorship created by a faculty member shall be evaluated equally with any other work under consideration for adoption by any College department.
- B. The faculty member shall not participate in any decision process to adopt an original work of authorship created by that faculty member.

#### **Section 9.07 – Creation of Digital Course Materials and Apple iBooks**

The College and the Association understand and agree there is a growing need to digitize course texts and resources in order to reduce the cost(s) (for students) associated with traditional textbooks. Accordingly, the creation of digital textbooks and/or resources and/or courses to replace the need and expenses related to print materials and textbooks is a common interest that benefits the faculty, the College, and the students.

To support the digitization effort(s), a Division Digital Committee will be maintained for each respective division at the College. Faculty interested in digitizing part or all of the resources necessary for a given course, or the course itself, may submit to the Division Digital Committee a Proposal for Course Digitization. Project(s) that involve the creation of an iBook may be submitted. Faculty will be granted reassigned time commensurate with the agreed upon necessary effort.

This committee will consist of at least one faculty representative from each department within the division, at least one of which will be a current member of the Academic Council. The respective division committees may establish timelines for the submission of proposals for course digitization, solicit proposals for digitization from the faculty and select proposals for recommendation to the Office of Academic Affairs.

With regard to the creation of Apple iBooks that supplant all, or part, of the content required for a given course, the College will honor the standard Apple distribution of revenues from Apple iBook initiatives: 30% to Apple, 30% to faculty, and 40% to the College to support the technology and training for the initiative and potentially to assist students with purchasing/renting devices. Accordingly, all terms of Article 9 – Intellectual Property apply to work performed for Apple iBook initiatives, except that

faculty who are granted reassigned time for digitization work (“work-for-hire” as that term is defined in Article 9) will also be eligible to receive the above-referenced 30% revenue distribution for iBook initiatives.

Faculty will collaborate to direct the design process, provide subject matter content for iBooks and receive assistance from the College’s instructional design staff in DEIS. All iBooks will go through appropriate academic and technical review prior to adoption into a college course. Any additional course content will also continue to be available through the current Learning Management System, Blackboard, and the College will work to ensure that all students have access to course materials.

The Office of Academic Affairs, the Association, and the Academic Council will continuously collaborate to monitor the efficacy of the digitization process by which faculty are approved to begin a digitization effort. The Division of Business Services will lead the development of the financial infrastructure necessary to support the complexities of creating digital textbooks and resources, device purchases and rentals, and the royalty system. The Director of the College Library will review all digital assets created by faculty to verify adherence to copyright law.

## **ARTICLE 10 – ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

For the duration of this Agreement, Academic Council is the shared governance elective faculty body that recommends academic requirements, policies and processes.

### **Section 10.01 - Role of Academic Council**

The role of the Academic Council is to:

- A.** Serve as an avenue for communication about issues and initiatives;
- B.** Receive and consider the reports of its Committees, and provide programming consistent with same;
- C.** Make recommendations to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs regarding changes in academic requirements, policies, and processes; and
- D.** Work collaboratively with areas of the college on appropriate issues central to the success of the college’s academic programs.

### **Section 10.02 - Work of the Academic Council**

The Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, together with the Academic Council Faculty Fellow(s), focus the work of the Academic Council. At the end of Spring Semester, each Council committee is responsible for submitting an Annual Report to the Academic Council Faculty Fellow(s) for review. The Academic Council Faculty Fellow(s) will submit these Annual Reports and their recommendations to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs including prioritization and continuation of the committees’ work for the upcoming academic year.

### **Section 10.03 - Academic Council Recommendations**

- A. The Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee will acknowledge in writing receipt of all recommendations submitted by the Academic Council Faculty Fellow(s). The Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee will provide a written update regarding the recommendation within forty-five (45) days of the date of submission.
- B. Except in immediate emergencies, as determined by the President of the College or their designee, all major decisions and plans of the Administration that significantly affect academic requirements, policies, and processes will be conveyed to the Academic Council for an expression of views prior to implementation.

#### **Section 10.04 - Exclusions**

Failure to adopt an Academic Council recommendation is excluded from Article 19, Grievance Procedure.

### **ARTICLE 11 – GRADE GRIEVANCES**

The parties agree that College Policy 5-09, dated September 24, 2008, and Procedure 5- 09(D), dated July 14, 2025, regarding Grading and Academic Requirements will be changed only by agreement of the parties.

### **ARTICLE 12 – ELECTRONIC PRIVACY**

#### **Section 12.01 – Faculty Monitoring**

The parties agree that any issues they wish to discuss regarding Electronic Privacy will be considered by the Association/Management Committee.

If, under the College Information Technology Policy standards, the College determines that it is necessary to monitor an individual faculty member's use of College computer resources, the College will notify the Association at the same time the faculty user is notified per the versions of Policy 15-01 and Procedures 15-01(D) then in effect. Notification will take place no later than thirty (30) days after the conclusion of such monitoring regardless of the outcome of the monitoring unless the College is legally restricted from doing so. Notification will include a statement of the nature of the activity that triggered monitoring under Policy 15-01. Monitoring of an individual faculty member will be limited to the amount of time reasonably necessary to carry out an investigation to determine if there has been a violation of College Policy or Procedure under 15-01.

#### **Section 12.02 – Access to Online Course Components**

The department Chair and/or designee may need to engage in routine access to online components of courses for many purposes including, but not limited to, verifying course syllabi, ensuring consistency of content materials, ensuring

compliance with departmental policies, addressing routine student issues, and addressing accreditation matters. In cases of routine matters, prior collective notice shall be given to all affected faculty. Administrators and/or student support staff members may need to engage in access to online components of courses for routine purposes. The administrator/staff member should either get advanced permission to access course components or, prior to accessing online components, notify the faculty assigned to the course and provide a reason for accessing the course and a description of the areas accessed.

Distance Education and Instructional Support's (DEIS) access to course components, related to technical or instructional support, is exempt from prior notification requirements.

In cases of non-routine access involving legal issues, the Chairperson or designee will notify the faculty assigned to the course that they will access or has accessed the course within forty-eight (48) hours. When accessing an online component of a course for a non-routine purpose, such as addressing a student complaint, and in the absence of exigent circumstances, the Chairperson or designee will, prior to accessing online components, notify the faculty assigned to the course and provide a reason for accessing the course and a description of the areas accessed. The online access procedures outlined in this Article are not intended to alter the regular practice of referring students to directly address complaints with the faculty member prior to investigating the potential or actual complaint.

Faculty may, if they so wish, provide their Chair or designee open permission to access any course component without notice.

### **ARTICLE 13 – ASSOCIATION/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall have equal representation from each side unless agreed otherwise.

The parties agree to meet at least each semester to address issues related to administration of this Agreement and matters of concern to either party in order to maintain a harmonious relationship and to pursue opportunities for partnership. The parties shall jointly develop an agenda for the meeting no less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

Additional meetings shall be scheduled upon the request of either party. The meeting will be held within ten (10) days from the day of the request unless an extended date is agreed to by both parties. The parties shall jointly develop an agenda for the meeting no less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

This Committee shall not be used as a substitute for the Grievance Procedure.

## **ARTICLE 14 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Except to the extent expressly abridged only by specific articles and sections of this Agreement, the College reserves, retains, and possesses solely and exclusively, all of the inherent rights and authority to manage and operate its facilities and programs. The sole and exclusive rights and authority of management include specifically, but are not limited to the following:

1. determine matters of inherent managerial policy that include, but are not limited to areas of discretion or policy such as the functions and programs of the College, standards of services, its overall budget, utilization of technology, and organizational structure;
2. direct, supervise, evaluate, or hire faculty;
3. maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all operations;
4. determine the overall methods, processes, means, or personnel by which College operations are to be conducted;
5. suspend, discipline, demote, or discharge for just cause, reduce in force, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain faculty members;
6. determine the adequacy of the work force;
7. determine the overall mission of the College;
8. effectively manage the work force;
9. take actions to carry out the mission of the College; and
10. take action to ensure a culture of respect.

## **ARTICLE 15 – RE-EMPLOYMENT HIRING PROCEDURE**

A faculty member who has retired or has separated from the College and is seeking re-employment with the College shall be subject to the same hiring procedure as any other new employee.

## **ARTICLE 16 – PERSONNEL FILES**

### **Section 16.01 – Access**

Each faculty member shall have the right to inspect the contents of his/her personnel file upon request. Faculty shall make an appointment during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Access to review and copy the faculty member's personnel file shall also be granted to the designated representative upon written authorization by the faculty member. Any person inspecting a faculty

member's file shall sign indicating s/he has reviewed the file.

Personnel files shall not be made available to anyone other than the College without the faculty member's express written authorization unless pursuant to court order, subpoena, or proper request made pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act. All faculty personnel files shall be reviewed in the presence of a designated representative of the Human Resources Department.

### **Section 16.02 – Official File**

There shall be only one official personnel file for each faculty member. The official file shall be maintained by the Human Resources Department. A copy of all documents relating to conduct, discipline, or job performance shall be given to the faculty member at the time of their placement in the official file.

### **Section 16.03 – Review of Documents**

A faculty member who wishes to dispute the accuracy, relevance, timeliness, or completeness of materials contained in his/her personnel file may submit a memorandum to the Human Resources Department requesting that the documents in question be reviewed. The Department will review the matter and respond within fourteen (14) days, and immediately correct the file, if necessary. If the faculty member disagrees with the Department's determination, the faculty member may submit a written statement noting his/her objections to the material in question to be placed in the file within thirty (30) days of notification of the document. Documents may only be reviewed or destroyed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or College Policy and Procedure.

## **ARTICLE 17 – INTERRUPTION OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS**

The President of the College has the sole authority and responsibility to interrupt all or a specific part of the operations of the College.

If the operations are interrupted, the Board of Trustees will decide if the days will be rescheduled. If the days are rescheduled, faculty will work those rescheduled days.

## **ARTICLE 18 – REDUCTION IN FORCE**

### **Section 18.01 – General**

A decision to reduce full-time faculty, either through reduction in force, discontinuing a program, or discontinuing a department, will be made by the College after consultation with faculty in the affected department/division and the CSEA (the Association), in accordance with Article 13.

Reduction in full-time faculty "lay-off" is defined as suspension of the contract of faculty resulting from the reduction in the number of bargaining unit members within a designated academic unit, including a division, department, or program within an

academic unit or department under the procedures and conditions as hereinafter set forth. A member of the bargaining unit laid off as a result of a reduction in force shall retain certain rights under this Agreement, as hereinafter defined. Such rights shall distinguish such laid-off person(s) from members of the bargaining unit who are terminated for any other reason.

If a reduction in full-time faculty is deemed by the College to be necessary, it shall be based upon and reasonably supported by documented evidence.

No course that has been traditionally taught by faculty and that is interchangeable with a course contained in the current Columbus State Community College Catalog (or equivalently titled publication), or approved since its last printing, may be offered on campus by another institution during a period of RIF.

### **Section 18.02 – Non-Replacement of Vacated Full-Time Faculty Position**

When a full-time faculty position is vacated for any reason and the College anticipates not filling the position with full-time faculty, then written notification of this possibility shall be forwarded to the appropriate division Dean, the Association President, and the Chairperson of the affected department, who will then notify the department faculty.

Such notification shall occur no more than ninety (90) days after the date of the faculty member's separation of employment. The position may be reallocated to another division, department, or program as long as the total number of full-time faculty positions in the College is not less than the number of positions authorized by the Board on the effective date of this Agreement.

### **Section 18.03 – Documentation**

The College recognizes that the information including relevant evidence that the College believes may necessitate a reduction in full-time faculty, shall be made available to the Association President, affected departments, and faculty for their input prior to a final decision.

Once the determination that a reduction in full-time faculty is necessary has been made by the College, written notification of this determination (which shall include a written description and rationale for the proposed reductions) shall be compiled and forwarded by the College administration to the division Dean or immediate supervisor of the affected units or programs and to the Association President.

### **Section 18.04 – Order of Lay-off**

Once the College has determined the reasonable rationale for faculty workforce reduction, the College shall decide which department(s) within a division and the number of positions that shall be affected by the reduction. The following process shall apply when a reduction in faculty workforce is necessary:

- A.** Identify, with documentation, the division and department(s).
- B.** Identify, with documentation, the number of faculty affected in each of those departments.
- C.** Prior to initiating a reduction in force of full-time faculty members, the College shall lay-off individuals within the affected division and affected

program/departments in the following order:

1. First – adjunct faculty
  2. Second – non-bargaining unit faculty as defined in Article 1
  3. Third – non-bargaining unit teaching/teaching assistant personnel within the affected program/department
- D. If, after all the above-listed steps have been exhausted, a lay-off of bargaining unit members becomes necessary, it shall transpire in the following order and in reverse order of College seniority:
1. Lecturers
  2. Full-time faculty who are not yet eligible for tenure.
  3. Full-time faculty who are now eligible for tenure but have not yet received it.
  4. Full-time tenured faculty by seniority in rank. A tenured faculty member subject to a reduction in force shall have the right to displace a non-tenured faculty member in an unaffected area, as long as the tenured faculty member is qualified for the position.

#### **Section 18.05 – Appeal**

Appeal of the designation of the specific faculty members to be laid off under a reduction in staff, or any other alleged violation, misinterpretation, and/or misapplication of any provisions of this Article shall be made through the grievance procedure.

#### **Section 18.06 – Recall**

The following process will apply to the recall of full-time faculty in the bargaining unit.

- A. Recall shall be in inverse order of lay-off.
- B. Laid-off faculty members shall be recalled to fill any full-time faculty positions within the College that they are qualified to teach in order of College seniority, with the most senior laid-off full-time faculty member being recalled first, provided that such position openings occur within two (2) years of the date the full-time faculty member was laid off. Recalled faculty members return with tenure, rank, and years in rank as of the date of lay-off intact.
- C. The College shall provide notice of recall by certified mail to the faculty member at the last address of record maintained by the Human Resources Department. The displaced faculty member is responsible for maintaining a current address with the Human Resources Department.
- D. Failure of the faculty member to notify the College of an intent to return to work in response to the offer of recall within thirty-one (31) calendar days of documented receipt of the notice of recall, or receipt of notice of failed delivery, shall be considered a voluntary termination of employment.
- E. Once all full-time tenured faculty members have been recalled, non-tenured

full- time faculty members shall be recalled in like manner.

- F. A home department is obligated to take back a transferred faculty member before hiring a new faculty member or part-time faculty member in the area of his/her competency. However, the return to the home department must be acceptable to the transferred faculty member.
- G. No adjunct faculty nor other non-bargaining unit individuals shall be rehired, nor teach courses offered by the College, until all laid-off members of the bargaining unit who are qualified to teach those courses have been rehired by the College.
- H. Non-bargaining unit employees shall not fill a lay-off vacancy while a RIF situation is in effect.
- I. No subcontracting or out-sourcing of bargaining unit work shall occur during a RIF situation.

### **Section 18.07 – Hiring Preference**

A laid-off full-time faculty member subject to a reduction in force that is not qualified to teach in any unaffected areas, but that is qualified to fill a vacant non-faculty position within the College, will receive preference in hiring over external candidates and other College employees not currently on lay-off status for a period of two (2) years from the date of the lay-off.

### **Section 18.08 – Discontinuation of Program or Department**

Should the Administration make the judgment that the long-range educational mission of the College as a whole necessitates the discontinuation of a certificate consisting of thirty (30) or more hours, degree-granting program or department, and that such discontinuation necessitates the termination of full-time faculty members, the Administration's reasons for this judgment shall be put in writing and shall be presented to the faculty members in the program or department which the Administration proposes to discontinue, to the Academic Council, and to the Association President at least one and one-half years before the Administration makes a recommendation for discontinuation to the Board.

During the first six (6) months of this time frame, the faculty of the department or program may elect to devise a plan to create a redesign of the target program or department to ensure all possible avenues to reclaim the popularity of a program or department have been exhausted. During the remaining twelve (12) months (two semesters) of this time frame, the College, the affected department or program, and CSEA will undertake a review process, that measures the results of the redesigned program or department process, statistics such as enrollment and student success, etc. Upon completion of the twelve (12) months, the College will make a final determination as to whether the program or department will be discontinued.

The decision on discontinuation will only be implemented after discussion between the College and the Association per Article 13, and after going through an appropriate faculty review process. The College and the Association agree that, even in the event that a discontinuation of a program or department is determined necessary after the

review process, such discontinuation shall be accomplished in such a manner as to follow procedures from the Higher Learning Commission to "teach out" current students and to minimize any harm to students enrolled in the program or department.

## **ARTICLE 19 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **Section 19.01 – Purpose**

The parties recognize that in the interest of harmonious relations, a procedure is necessary whereby the parties are assured of prompt processing of grievances. The grievance procedure shall be the sole and exclusive method of resolving grievances except where otherwise provided by this Agreement. The parties agree to share reasonable and relevant documents, reports, and witness names to facilitate the resolution of grievances at the initial stage of the grievance procedure. Where the parties mutually agree, telephone and/or teleconferencing are acceptable options for the purpose of conducting grievance meetings.

### **Section 19.02 – Definitions**

- A. Grievance** – An alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of a specific provision of this Agreement or College Policy and Procedure to the detriment of the Grievant(s).
- B. Grievant** – An individual member of the bargaining unit, a group of bargaining unit members, or the Association.
- C. Day** – A calendar day when classes are in session, excluding days that occur on a break between semesters or during spring break.

The parties shall design a mutually acceptable grievance numbering and tracking system and grievance form. The assignment of a number is merely for tracking purposes and shall not be construed as a recognition that it is a valid grievance. A grievance under this procedure may be brought by any faculty member(s) setting forth the name of the Grievant(s). At each step of the grievance procedure, except Step One, the Association must specify on the written grievance form the specific provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated and the desired resolution. If the Association believes that the grievance raises a policy issue of general importance, which cannot be resolved by a department Chairperson, the grievance may be moved to Step Two by agreement of the College and the Association.

When a decision has been accepted by the parties at any step of this grievance procedure, the grievance shall be terminated. Should the Association fail to meet the time limits specified herein, that grievance shall be terminated and considered resolved in favor of the College. Should the College fail to meet the time limits specified herein, the grievance shall be advanced to the next step in the grievance process.

### **Section 19.03 – Grievance Procedure Exclusions**

The following procedure applies to the processing of all grievances except:

- A. Promotion and Tenure, unless:
  - 1. the SVPAA overrides a recommendation for promotion by both the academic division committee and the College faculty committee or
  - 2. the SVPAA overrides a recommendation for tenure by the College faculty committee.
- B. All forms of illegal discrimination claims.
- C. Non-renewal of a non-tenured Lecturer faculty contract.
- D. The substantive judgment/content of performance appraisals, including post-tenure reviews.
- E. Corrective counseling.
- F. A decision by the College to not adopt an Academic Council recommendation.
- G. The discontinuation of a Lecturer's contract for unsatisfactory performance.
- H. The termination of any non-tenured faculty.

#### **Section 19.04 – Step One – Informal – Chairperson**

A faculty member, or a group of members (where applicable), having a grievance shall first attempt to resolve it informally with their Chairperson no later than thirty (30) days after the event. Through mutual written agreement, the parties may extend this period. At this step, the faculty member(s) may be represented by an Association Representative if the faculty member(s) so desires. Every effort shall be made to resolve the grievance at the informal stage. Within seven (7) days after the faculty member(s) has met with the Chairperson, the Chairperson shall respond to the Attendees and the Association in writing. No resolution shall be formalized unless approved by the Association and the Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) or their designee.

#### **Section 19.05 – Step Two – Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) or Designee and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs (SVPAA) or Designee**

Should the Association not be satisfied with the written answer received at Step One, or if the parties have agreed in accordance with Section 19.02 to move a grievance to Step Two, within ten (10) days after receipt thereof or the date such answer was due, whichever is earlier, the grievance shall be filed with the CHRO/designee. The grievance shall be submitted by serving written notice (including a copy of the grievance and previous answer, if applicable) presented to the CHRO/designee. Upon receipt of the grievance, the CHRO/designee and the SVPAA shall hold a meeting within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the grievance with the Grievant and the Association Representative and render a written decision to the Association within ten (10) days after the meeting. The Association shall receive notification at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. The parties will engage in a full discussion of all issues involved in the grievance in a good faith attempt to resolve these issues and shall

identify relevant witnesses, documents, and any other evidence they believe relevant to these issues.

### **Section 19.06 – Step Three – Optional Mediation**

The parties may, upon mutual agreement, take the grievance to Mediation prior to the Arbitration step. If the parties agree to take a grievance to Mediation, the timelines to file a grievance at Arbitration (Step Four) shall be extended until the outcome of the Mediation.

The parties shall notify Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (FMCS) if available or, if not, American Arbitration Association (AAA) within ten (10) days of the receipt of the decision at Step Two. The parties shall agree to a federal mediator or shall ask FMCS to assign a mediator. The mediator will convene Mediation session(s) pursuant to FMCS grievance Mediation rules.

### **Section 19.07 – Scheduling of Mediation**

Mediation cases shall be scheduled in chronological order from the date of filing unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

### **Section 19.08 – Expenses**

All fees and expenses of the mediator and meeting, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties except as provided in this Section. All other costs incurred by each party will be paid by the party incurring the costs.

The parties acknowledge that communications made in the course of and relating to the subject matter of a Mediation are confidential under Ohio law (RC 2317.023).

### **Section 19.09 – Step Four – Request for Arbitration**

The Association may appeal the grievance to Step Four arbitration by filing a written appeal and copy of the grievance form to the CHRO/designee within fifteen (15) days of the Step Two answer or Mediation outcome, whichever is later. The Parties shall jointly request a panel of arbitrators from the American Arbitration Association.

### **Section 19.10 – Scheduling of Arbitration**

Arbitration cases shall be scheduled in chronological order from the date of filing unless otherwise agreed to by both parties.

### **Section 19.11 – Expenses**

All fees and expenses of the arbitrator and meeting shall be borne equally by the parties except as provided in this Section. The arbitrator shall submit an account for the fees and expenses for arbitration to each party. If one party requests a transcript of the proceedings, the total cost for such transcript shall be paid by the party requesting the transcript. If the other party requests a copy, then the total cost for such transcription shall be equally shared by both parties. All other costs incurred by each party will be paid by the party incurring the costs (to include witnesses).

### **Section 19.12 – Arbitration Limitations**

Only disputes involving the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of specific provisions of topics listed in Section A of Definitions of this Article shall be subject to

arbitration. Written reprimands may be grieved up to Step Three but are not subject to arbitration. Post-tenure reviews may only be submitted to arbitration for level of recommended corrective action (for suspension or above), not for substantive content. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement, nor shall the arbitrator impose on either party a limitation or obligation not specifically required by the express language of this Agreement.

### **Section 19.13 – Witnesses and Subpoenas**

The arbitrator shall have authority to subpoena witnesses pursuant to Section 2711.06 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Association shall assume all costs for witness pay, transportation, meals, and lodging for the Grievant's witnesses called by the Association.

### **Section 19.14 – Exchange of Issues and Documents**

At least one week prior to the start of an arbitration hearing, the representatives of the College and the Association shall attempt to reduce to writing the issue(s) to be placed before the arbitrator and any stipulations as may be agreed upon. At the meeting, they shall exchange individual versions of the issue(s), all documents to be used, and witness summaries in writing to each other, and shall submit copies to the arbitrator at the hearing. Where such a statement is submitted, the arbitrator's decision shall address itself solely to the issue(s) presented and shall not impose upon either party any restriction or obligation pertaining to any matter raised in the dispute which is not specifically related to the submitted issue(s).

### **Section 19.15 – Arbitration Decisions**

The arbitrator shall render a decision as quickly as possible, but in any event, no later than thirty (30) days after the close of the record unless the parties agree otherwise.

The arbitrator's decision shall be submitted in writing and shall set forth the findings and conclusions with respect to issues submitted to arbitration. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding upon the College, the Association, and the employee(s) involved, except as provided in Chapter 2711 of the Ohio Revised Code.

### **Section 19.16 – Rules for Arbitration**

The parties shall not ordinarily use pre- or post-hearing briefs, but either party may choose to do so.

Arbitration hearings shall normally be at a site jointly selected by the parties but usually at the College or at the Association's offices.

### **Section 19.17 – Time Extensions and Step Waivers**

The parties may agree to time extensions and the waiving of any step of the procedure. All extensions must be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

### **Section 19.18 – Disciplinary Grievance Procedures**

Faculty who wish to grieve a corrective action (except corrective counseling) shall file such grievance at Step Two of the grievance procedure within ten (10) days after notification of the corrective action.

### **Section 19.19 – Reduction in Force Grievance (RIF)**

Grievances, which arise due to a reduction in force, shall be filed at Step Two of the Grievance Procedure within ten (10) days of the notification of such RIF.

## **ARTICLE 20 – CORRECTIVE ACTION**

The College is dedicated to the policy of constructive corrective action. In general, corrective action should be imposed with the intent of giving the faculty member the opportunity to correct their behavior. If the behavior is not corrected, formal corrective action should be applied and become increasingly more severe up to and including removal. Certain major offenses warrant severe discipline, which could include removal on the first offense.

Imposing corrective action on faculty who violate work rules, policies, and/or established procedures of the College is necessary if order, safety, and efficiency are to prevail in the workplace.

### **Section 20.01 – Informal Process**

It is the goal of the College to identify inappropriate performance/conduct by faculty members as soon as practicable and utilize informal corrective counseling and early resolution where appropriate. While the Chairperson and the faculty member are encouraged to resolve issues by themselves, they may seek advice and assistance from the Human Resources Department (also identified as HR) and the Association. All resolutions derived through this informal process shall be subject to the approval of HR and the Association. Resolutions derived through this informal process may be recorded in the member's personnel files if agreed to by the parties.

### **Section 20.02 – Progressive Corrective Action**

The objective of imposing corrective action is to correct undesirable behavior that adversely affects the work area, other employees, and/or the mission of the College. Corrective actions shall be for just cause and shall be administered fairly and consistently throughout the College within the guidelines set herein. The suggested corrective action outlined shall also be commensurate with the offense taking into account the severity of the violation(s), mitigating circumstances, and previous corrective action history.

Progressive corrective action may include:

- A.** Corrective counseling
- B.** Written reprimand
- C.** Suspension with or without pay
- D.** Salary reduction
- E.** Demotion
- F.** Removal

All formal meetings and communications related to this Corrective Action provision shall occur in private and shall be conducted in a businesslike manner.

In general, it is the philosophy of the College to encourage the use of the Employee Assistance Program where appropriate and at the earliest possible time. Employee Assistance is not considered corrective action.

While recognizing that every expectation for appropriate conduct cannot be put in writing, the parties agree that it is helpful to provide illustrations of serious misconduct, which could lead to suspension or removal. The following are illustrations of such misconduct:

1. Serious violations of important College policies such as harassment, sexual harassment, discriminatory language or behavior, sexual misconduct, academic misconduct, and conflict of interest.
2. Any behavior that presents imminent serious threat to the health, welfare or safety of College employees, students, or others in the campus community or to College property.
3. Serious insubordination (i.e., willful disregard of direction by supervisor except as permitted by law).
4. Unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances on campus.
5. Illegally bringing or bearing firearms or other lethal weapons/devices on campus.
6. Intentional falsification of College records.
7. Serious misuse or misappropriation of College equipment, materials, funds, or other resources.
8. Job abandonment (i.e., no call-no show for three consecutive, scheduled workdays).
9. Conviction of a felony that negatively impacts either the College or the ability of the faculty member to perform their responsibilities.
10. Failure to rectify performance issues documented through the post-tenure review process per Policy 5-20(D).

The above behaviors may range from minor to very serious in nature. Therefore, each incident will be evaluated on an individual basis.

### **Section 20.03 – Definitions**

- A. **Day** – Shall be a calendar day when classes are in session.
- B. **Demotion** – The reduction in pay, position, and duties due to formal corrective action.
- C. **Last Chance Notice** – A formal warning/notice that may accompany a formal corrective action. The last chance is intended to put faculty on notice that any subsequent violation(s) of policy, procedure, or rules of the College will likely

result in removal of the faculty member from their position. The last chance is not a mandatory or additional step in the formal corrective action process, but merely an acknowledgement that removal is likely pending further violations.

- D. Corrective Counseling** - Occurs when a College official authorized to do so addresses a specific conduct or performance issue. There will be no record of this informal corrective counseling in the faculty personnel file.
- E. Removal** – The involuntary termination of employment with the College based on formal corrective action.
- F. Salary Reduction** – The reduction in pay of up to 5% for an established period of time.
- G. Suspension Without Pay** – The loss of scheduled workday(s) without pay.
- H. Suspension With Pay** – Faculty member is required to report to work and will receive normal compensation, but the period will be recorded as a suspension and is equivalent to a suspension without pay.
- I. Written Reprimand** – A memorandum to the faculty member with a copy to the personnel file recording and documenting the nature of the written admonishment. The memorandum should include the time, date, and the nature of the violation as well as the proper course of behavior and future consequences if the behavior is not corrected.
- J. Prima Facie Evidence** – Prima facie evidence is evidence that, until other evidence overcomes its effect, is sufficient proof of a fact in issue.

#### **Section 20.04 – Investigation Phase**

Any faculty member asked to participate in an investigatory interview is entitled, upon request, to have an Association Representative present during such interview. If circumstances warrant, the accused faculty member may be placed on suspension of duties for up to five (5) workdays without pay with approval of the CHRO where it is necessary to carry out an effective investigation. Suspension without pay for up to five (5) days by the CHRO may occur and be implemented by the CHRO only in instances where a prima facie case exists against a faculty member. In no instance shall a faculty member be placed on unpaid leave in excess of five (5) scheduled workdays during the Investigation Phase unless the additional time is caused by an outside investigatory agency.

Upon request, the faculty member may use Personal Leave to credit the unpaid suspension time to the extent they have Personal Leave available. If the President decides that formal corrective action is warranted, then the suspension during the Investigation Phase will be credited when serving a formal disciplinary suspension and the affected individual shall be made whole for the difference between the assessed formal corrective suspension and the number of days they had been suspended without pay. If the President gives no corrective action, then the time served without pay during the investigation, including any Personal Leave used, will be given back to the accused faculty member and that individual shall be made whole. If the faculty member is removed from their position for just cause, there shall be no compensation

for the time off during the investigation.

### **Section 20.05 – Pre-Corrective Meeting**

If corrective action involving suspension, demotion, salary reduction, or removal is proposed, the faculty member will be afforded a meeting prior to the final decision to impose corrective action. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the accused faculty member, either personally or through the Association's designated representative(s), the ability to tell their side of the story as to why they should not be disciplined/removed. The faculty member and the Association will be given at least five (5) days written notice before the meeting. Notification will be sent to their Columbus State email. If email is deactivated, notification will be sent via regular U.S. Mail to the last known address on file in the Human Resources Department. In attendance at the meeting will be the recommending supervisor if necessary, the faculty member, a representative from Human Resources, and representation as designated by the Association.

Accompanying the above-referenced written notice, the faculty member and the Association will be given the actual charges, a copy of the evidence, and a list of witnesses that the College will use to support the allegations. Any additional such information that becomes available will be immediately forwarded personally to the faculty member's Association Representative. There shall be no witnesses or testimony at the meeting. The faculty member may individually, or through their representation as designated by the Association, ask questions of College officials to clarify the issues and charges, as well as to tell their side of the story. The faculty member may also, individually or through their representation as designated by the Association, present any related written evidence on their behalf, including witness statements. However, there will be no cross-examination of the faculty member or the supervisor. The Human Resources Representative may ask clarifying questions of all parties involved.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Human Resources Representative shall write a summary of the meeting and determine if there was a violation of the work rules, policies or procedures. That report shall be sent to the CHRO within five (5) days of the conclusion of the meeting. The supervisor, SVPAA/designee, and the CHRO/designee shall meet to discuss the proposed corrective action. No later than ten (10) days after the meeting, the faculty member will be notified of the corrective action in writing in a meeting with the supervisor, the CHRO/designee, and the Association.

### **Section 20.06 – Personnel File**

All formal corrective actions will be placed in the faculty member's personnel file for a minimum of one year for written reprimands and two (2) years for all other forms of discipline, provided there are no subsequent infractions. All formal corrective action shall be removed from faculty member's personnel files at the faculty member's request and at the conclusion of the time periods as listed above herein and said faculty member's records shall be considered to have been cleared and purged. The CHRO/designee, in consultation with the supervisor, must remove the corrective action.

### **Section 20.07 – Outside Representative(s)**

The parties recognize that the College and the Association shall respectively select and determine their designated and participating representatives during all meetings and proceedings of this procedure. No matter who the parties select to represent them, the advocates are bound by the process and procedure negotiated herein.

### **Section 20.08 – Proactive Approach**

The CSEA President and/or designee and the CHRO and/or designee will consult informally regarding matters which come to their attention and, if permitted to develop unabated, could lead to corrective action being taken, including timing, notice, actions to be taken when faculty are not scheduled to be on campus, or other matters related to corrective action. The parties may agree to adjust the meeting dates pending the schedules of their respective designated representatives.

## **ARTICLE 21 – DRUG - FREE WORKPLACE POLICY**

### **Section 21.01 – Purpose**

The College and CSEA desire a workplace that is free from the adverse effects of alcohol and drugs. Both parties acknowledge that substance abuse is a serious, yet treatable condition/disease. Substance abuse may lead to safety and health risks in the workplace for the abusers, their co-workers, and the public at large. The College and CSEA pledge to work collaboratively in programs designed to reduce and eradicate the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

CSEA also recognizes the College's obligations under the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and other state and federal laws and regulations concerning the controlling of substance abuse in the workplace. The College recognizes faculty's rights to privacy and other constitutionally guaranteed rights. The parties agree that the emphasis of any drug-free workplace program shall be to prevent abuse, to rehabilitate faculty, and to abate risks created by faculty who are on duty in an impaired condition.

The College will periodically provide information and training programs concerning the impact of alcohol and other drug use on job performance, as well as information concerning the College's Employee Assistance Program and any other resources that a faculty member or his/her family may contact for assistance in overcoming an alcohol and/or drug problem. The confidential nature of the medical records of faculty with substance abuse problems and records relating to drug tests and their results shall be maintained.

### **Section 21.02 – Definitions**

- A. Alcohol** means the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol, or other low molecular weight alcohols including methyl and isopropyl.
- B. Chain of Custody** is tracking storage of specimens to be analyzed from point of collection to final disposition to ensure the integrity of the process.
- C. Collection Site** is a place designated by a testing laboratory where faculty

present themselves for providing a specimen to be analyzed.

- D. **College Property** includes any building, land, parking lots, or facilities owned, leased, or used by Columbus State Community College.
- E. **College Time** is any time spent conducting official business or travel for or on behalf of the College, or the faculty member's scheduled work hours, while on or in state- owned or leased property.
- F. **College Vehicles** are any vehicles owned, leased, or operated by Columbus State Community College.
- G. **Controlled Substance, Drug, Compound, Common Mixture, or Substance** includes any drug listed in the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic Act, federal narcotics law, and/or Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3719 or 3715. Examples listed but not limited to are:
  - 1. narcotics, such as opium, heroin, morphine and synthetic substitutes;
  - 2. depressants, such as chloral hydrate, barbiturates, and methaqualone;
  - 3. stimulants, such as cocaine (and any derivatives) and amphetamines;
  - 4. hallucinogens, such as LSD, mescaline, PCP, peyote, psilocybin, and Ecstasy;
  - 5. marijuana and hashish; and
  - 6. any chemical compound added to federal or state regulations and denoted as a controlled substance.
- H. **Licensed Medical Provider** is one who is licensed, certified, and/or registered under federal, state, or local laws and regulations to prescribe controlled substances/drugs.
- I. **Positive Test Result** is a test result that was positive on an initial approved immunoassay test, confirmed by a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS), or an equivalent or better scientifically accurate and acceptable method that provides quantitative data about the detected drug or drug metabolites or a positive result from an alcohol breath test equivalent to the statutory level for impairment.
- J. **Random Testing** means a testing process in which participants are selected by a computer-driven random selection process for unannounced controlled substances or alcohol and/or pre-selected but unannounced testing on a particular faculty, who has previously tested positive for drugs and/or alcohol.
- K. **Reasonable Suspicion Testing** means drug or alcohol testing based on a reasonable cause to believe that a faculty member is using drugs/alcohol in violation of College policy.
- L. **Refusal To Submit** is when a faculty member:
  - 1. Fails to provide adequate breath for alcohol testing without a valid medical explanation;

- 2. Fails to provide an adequate urine sample for controlled substances testing without a genuine medical inability;
  - 3. Engages in conduct that obstructs the testing process; or
  - 4. Takes any measure to dilute, alter, or substitute a sample provided.
- M. Specimen** is a tissue or product of the body chemically capable of revealing the presence of drugs or alcohol in the body.
- N. Substance Abuse Professional** means a licensed or certified physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, social worker, or licensed independent chemical dependency counselor with knowledge of and clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and controlled substance use disorders.
- O. Workplace** is College owned or leased property or any place where official College business is conducted and/or while on College time.

### **Section 21.03 – Requirements**

Faculty of Columbus State Community College are:

- A.** Required to report to work in a fit condition to perform their duties;
- B.** Prohibited from being under the influence of alcohol (equivalent to the statutory level for impairment) or unlawfully controlled substances as defined in Ohio Revised Code 3719.01 and 3719.41 at the workplace, while on College property, or in College vehicles and/or on College time. Reasonable use of alcohol at workplace events where alcohol is served is exempted;
- C.** Prohibited from using, misusing, dispensing, transferring, purchasing, or possessing controlled substances and abusing alcohol or prescription drugs in any way that is illegal in the workplace, on College property, on College time, or while conducting official business on behalf of the College.
- D.** Prohibited from operating College vehicles or equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Upon request, the College will periodically provide information, training programs, and resources concerning the impact of alcohol and other drug use on job performance as well as information concerning the College's Employee Assistance Program.

As required by the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, each faculty member covered by this Agreement is required to notify his/her Chairperson within five (5) days after he/she is convicted of a violation of any federal or state criminal drug statute. A faculty member's failure to report a conviction may subject that faculty member to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

All Chairpersons will be responsible for reporting the information to the Vice President of Human Resources of any faculty member who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a drug related crime as defined by Ohio Revised Code 2925.01 et.seq.

### **Section 21.04 – Types of Testing**

- A. Applicants for Employment** – Prior to the start date of employment all newly hired faculty must successfully pass a drug test as a condition of employment.

- B. Reasonable Suspicion Testing** – Faculty may be required by a Chairperson and/or Dean to submit to a test as hereafter specified where reasonable suspicion exists to believe that the faculty member, while on duty, is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and/or his or her job performance is impaired by drugs or alcohol. Cause for testing is based upon objective facts or specific circumstances that present a reasonable basis to believe that a faculty member is under the influence of, or is using, misusing, or abusing, alcohol or drugs. Examples of reasonable suspicion may include, but are not limited to: slurred speech; dilated pupils; disorientation; abnormal or change in conduct or behavior; odor/smell of drugs or alcohol; involvement in an on-the-job accident resulting in personal injury requiring immediate medical attention beyond first aid; and/or involvement in an accident involving property damage in excess of \$1,000 where the circumstances raise a reasonable suspicion concerning the existence of alcohol or other drug use or abuse by the faculty member.

Reasonable suspicion must be documented and supported by two (2) witnesses (supervisor or manager and person having original suspicion) except in cases of accidents or injuries. A Chairperson or Dean must present the written documentation to the faculty member suspected of being under the influence and shall maintain the report in the strictest confidence as provided by law. Upon request, the faculty member may have Association Representation present provided reasonable suspicion testing is not delayed. The College will release a copy to any person designated by the affected faculty member with a signed release of information. The written notice shall set forth the facts that form the basis of the order to test and shall be given to the faculty member prior to the test.

The College shall bear all costs associated with testing for the above circumstances.

No faculty member shall be subject to random testing unless s/he has previously tested positive as defined in Section 21.06 or if required by an outside authoritative agency.

### **Section 21.05 – Guarantees and Due Process**

The College will provide transportation to the licensed medical facility to obtain bodily fluid or material samples. In conducting the testing authorized by this Agreement, the College shall:

- A.** Use only a clinical laboratory, hospital facility, or other facility which is certified to perform drug and/or alcohol testing. The licensed medical facility will serve as a collection site and qualified laboratories will conduct the required testing of samples.
- B.** Abide by a chain of custody procedure for both the sample collection and testing that will ensure the integrity of the identity of each sample and test result.
- C.** Collect a sufficient sample of the same bodily fluid or material from a faculty member to allow for initial screening, a confirmatory test, and a sufficient amount to be set aside reserved for later testing if requested by the faculty member.

- D. Collect samples in such a manner as to preserve the individual faculty member's right to privacy while ensuring a high degree of security for the sample and its freedom from adulteration.
- E. Confirm any sample that tests positive in initial screening for drugs by testing the second portion of the same sample by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) or an equivalent or better scientifically accurate and acceptable method that provides quantitative data about the detected drug or drug metabolites.
- F. Provide the faculty member tested with an opportunity to have the other portion of the split sample tested at his/her own expense provided the faculty member notifies the College within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the results of the test. This test will be performed by the same collection site at the faculty member's expense. If the second test results are negative, the faculty member will be treated as having a negative test.
- G. Require that the laboratory, hospital facility, or other certified facility, report to the College that a blood or urine sample is positive only if both initial screening and confirmation tests are positive for a particular drug. The parties agree that should any information concerning such testing or the results thereof be obtained by the College inconsistent with the understanding expressed herein (i.e., billing for testing that reveals the nature or number of tests administered), the College will not use such information in any manner or form adverse to the faculty member's interests.
- H. Provide each faculty member tested with a copy of all information and reports received by the College in connection with the testing and results.
- I. Ensure that no faculty member is the subject of any adverse employment action except temporary reassignment or relief of duty while the test results are pending.
- J. Subject to the reasonable requirements of the laboratory, CSEA will have the right, upon reasonable request made to the laboratory, to inspect and observe any aspect of the drug-testing program, with the exception of the individual test results. CSEA may inspect individual test results, if the release of such information is authorized, in writing, by the affected faculty member.
- K. Faculty tested under the terms of this Article shall have the right to file a grievance concerning any testing, the basis for the order to submit to the test, the administration of the tests, the significance and accuracy of the test, or any other alleged violation of the Article. Such grievances shall be commenced at Step 2 of the grievance procedure. If disciplinary action is taken against a faculty member based in part upon the results of a test, the faculty member shall have the right to file a grievance concerning any portion of the test as previously stated.

#### **Section 21.06 – Procedure for Testing, Administrative Leave and Discipline**

A faculty member will be considered as testing positive in the following conditions for: drugs, if the initial test of the split sample is positive; or (b) alcohol, with a BAC

equivalent to the statutory level for impairment, except as exempted in Section 21.03 (B). A faculty member who tests positive will be immediately placed on administrative leave with pay and removed from his or her duties until further notice. The College will contact EAP (Employee Assistance Program). In addition or in the alternative, the faculty member may opt to see his/her family physician, or a substance abuse professional approved by the College. The faculty member must provide documentation of the assessment results and the recommended treatment regimen to the College that s/he is in a qualified treatment program.

On the first occasion in which a faculty member is determined to be under the influence of or using alcohol or drugs while on duty and confirmed by testing pursuant to this Article, s/he will be given the opportunity to participate in an assessment conducted by a qualified professional and follow the treatment recommendations made by said professional, by the Employee Assistance Program, or the faculty member's attending physician. The College shall take no adverse employment action against any faculty member who voluntarily seeks treatment, counseling, or other support for alcohol or drug related problems. However, the disclosure of the desire or intent to seek such treatment after an incident that could reasonably lead to testing, discipline and/or discharge will not be considered voluntary. Further, the College may require random drug testing for faculty who have previously tested positive and may reassign the faculty member with pay if he or she is unfit for duty.

The College will schedule a pre-disciplinary conference for the faculty member as soon as possible pursuant to Article 20 – Corrective Action. If the faculty member voluntarily agrees to participate in a substance abuse assessment and follow treatment recommendations through EAP or through a substance abuse professional, discipline will be waived. The faculty member must use any applicable leave time for time spent off work to attend substance abuse treatment. If the faculty member does not regularly follow the treatment recommendations within the guidelines established by the College and/or EAP and/or has a confirmed positive test while enrolled in treatment or subsequent to completion of the treatment, the faculty member will be subjected to discipline.

Notwithstanding the above, the faculty member may still be subjected to disciplinary action for just cause, up to and including termination for violations of workplace policy, procedures, or work rules and/or job-related incidents which may be directly or indirectly associated with the use of drugs or alcohol. Upon confirmation of a positive test result, the faculty member may be randomly tested for a period of two (2) years. Any future positive tests and/or breach of any Last Chance Agreement will result in a pre-disciplinary conference and appropriate progressive discipline up to termination.

## **ARTICLE 22 – LECTURERS (NON-TENURE TRACK FACULTY)**

### **Section 22.01 – Lecturer Faculty**

Lecturers are qualified professionals, in their respective disciplines, holding the same academic qualifications or degrees required of full-time, tenure-track faculty. They

play a vital role in advancing the College's teaching mission and are hired to meet ongoing and evolving instructional demands. The professional responsibilities of Lecturers are instructional in nature and include course preparation, grading, and routine advising of students relative to the course and subsequent courses in that sequence. Lecturer positions are not tenure-track and the provisions of this Article pertain only to Lecturers.

Visiting Lecturer appointments shall be for the terms of one (1) academic year, and Lecturer appointments shall be for terms of two (2) to three (3) academic years. Such appointments may be renewed for successive academic year terms without limitation. For purposes of this Article, the term "Lecturer" shall refer to both Lecturer and Visiting Lecturer appointments, with the exception of Section 22.04 or unless otherwise specified.

Prior to hiring a Lecturer in a department that has, for one (1) year or more, a vacant and funded tenure-track position, the College will, at the request of the Association, review and discuss in a Labor Management Committee meeting the circumstances surrounding the tenure-track vacancy and the future plan for filling the vacancy. The employment relationship between the College and a Lecturer will terminate unless the appointment is mutually renewed.

Lecturers shall be eligible for all rights and privileges outlined in this Agreement except as specified in this section. The following Articles do not apply to Lecturers:

- Article 33 (Sabbatical Leave)
- Article 35 (Unpaid Leaves of Absence)
- Article 38 (Promotion and Tenure)
- Article 48 (Tuition Reimbursement Program)

The following Articles are modified for Lecturers by the terms and conditions outlined in this Article:

- Article 4 (Faculty Workload and Responsibilities)
- Article 18 (Reduction in Force)
- Article 19 (Grievance Procedure)
- Article 24 (Overload Pay)
- Article 25 (Substitute Pay)
- Article 30 (Personal Leave)
- Article 31 (Sick Leave)

### **Section 22.02 – Lecturer Renewal Committee**

Each year, by September 15<sup>th</sup>, Chairpersons in academic units with Lecturer allocations will facilitate the creation of a Lecturer Renewal Committee, which will consist of the administrative Chairperson or Dean's designee, and up to four (4) tenured faculty members from the department. The Committee will consider input from the Lecturer's Peer Review Team.

The Lecturer will submit to the Chairperson the required observations and annual appraisals since the last renewal. For Lecturers in their first year, only observations will be required.

### **Lecturer Renewal**

1. By January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Lecturer Renewal Committees for departments that have assigned Lecturers will begin initiating the review process for current Lecturers and will assess the performance of the department's Lecturers based on classroom observations that begin the first semester, Annual Appraisals since the last renewal, and other methods used to evaluate faculty. The Lecturer Renewal Committee may make recommendations to the Chairperson to renew a Lecturer's contract for a one (1), two (2) or three (3) year period in order to meet departmental or special program needs.
2. By January 31<sup>st</sup>, the department Chairperson will send an e-mail notification to all current Lecturers whose appointments are up for renewal in the department to determine their interest in renewal as Lecturer.
3. By February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Lecturer will reply to the department Chairperson stating whether they intend to seek renewal.
4. By March 15<sup>th</sup>, the departmental Lecturer Renewal Committee will meet and make a recommendation of whether the Lecturer whose appointment is up for renewal in the department should receive an offer to renew the annual appointment for the next one (1), two (2) or three (3) academic year(s). The department Chairperson will share the recommendations with the division Dean.
5. By March 31<sup>st</sup>, the department Chairperson will evaluate each Lecturer whose appointment is up for renewal in the department and will notify the Lecturer via email whether they will be offered a continuing contract. Lecturers may be renewed for the next one (1), two (2) or three (3) academic year(s). If a renewal is denied, the department Chairperson or designee will offer to meet with the Lecturer to discuss the reason(s) leading to the denial.

If the College determines there is no longer a need for an existing Lecturer appointment to continue, the Chairperson or designee will notify the Lecturer about this change.

### **Section 22.03 – Workload and Responsibilities**

#### **A. Purpose**

Lecturers are professionals in their respective disciplines and, like full-time tenure-track faculty, play an integral role in aiding the College to achieve its teaching and service mission. Their duties and responsibilities must contribute to the overall mission of the College and will also be fundamentally guided by the needs of the students, student success, the College, and the community

that all serve. The use of Lecturers is intended to offset the utilization of adjuncts and to provide dedicated levels of support for the needs of the department and/or academic affairs division. The College has agreed to extend to tenure-track faculty scheduling preference and rights of first refusal prior to Lecturer workload hours as defined in this Article.

## **B. Lecturer Workload**

The Lecturer workweek is defined in Procedure 5-20(B), Faculty Instructional Workload. The Lecturer workload is eighteen to twenty-one (18-21) instructional hours, plus three (3) departmental hours, and up to an optional three (3) overload hours per week, per semester. Instructional hours may be voluntarily reassigned to other work as provided in this Article. Reassigned hours will be offered only after tenure-track faculty have exercised their right of first refusal in accordance with Article 4.

## **C. Departmental Hours**

Each Lecturer will be assigned three (3) additional departmental hours per week (each departmental hour is the equivalent of two clock hours) for departmental activities to include meetings with students and colleagues. These hours will be scheduled and posted, and the Lecturer will provide written notification of those hours to the department Chairperson.

With the approval of their Chairperson, a Lecturer may choose to serve any portion of these hours in an alternative location, such as a tutoring lab.

Departmental hours should correspond with learning activities. The canceling of posted departmental hours without taking leave time is permissible only if initiated or sanctioned by the College. Lecturers, who are late for scheduled hours, may make them up as outlined in Section 4.04 or must take leave for the time missed.

Upon approval by the Chairperson, a Lecturer may use departmental hours to attend formally scheduled meetings that are not otherwise compensated or attend professional development activities during times that are outside of their posted departmental hours. The Lecturer may subtract those hours from their scheduled departmental hours for the week. Lecturers are required to give students notice of any canceled office hours in these instances.

## **D. Overload**

The Lecturer overload is up to six (6) instructional hours.

Lecturers will not exceed total overload of twelve (12) hours for the Autumn and Spring semesters combined and are not to exceed six (6) overload hours in the summer.

During the Autumn or Spring semester, with the approval by the appropriate Chairperson and Dean, Lecturers will have the option to flex up to three (3) hours of overload. For example, a Lecturer may work nine (9) hours of overload in the Autumn semester but would only be eligible to work three (3) hours of overload in Spring semester.

Lecturers would be required to complete the Request to Exceed Contact Hours form and obtain approval from their Chairperson and Dean, if they work more than six (6) hours of overload in Autumn or Spring semester.

There is no option to exceed overload hours during Summer semester.

#### **E. Mission and Learning Support**

Lecturers are not eligible for and do not participate in the College's tenure and promotion process, and do not have the same Mission and Learning Support requirements/expectations as tenure-track faculty. Lecturers are expected to participate in professional development activities. Lecturers may elect to participate in College committees, initiatives, or other service activities; however, such participation is voluntary and shall not be required as a condition of employment, appointment renewal, or evaluation.

The time served as a Lecturer may not be counted for the purposes of promotion and tenure. However, activities conducted as a Lecturer that demonstrate advancement and communication of knowledge in the discipline, participation in professional development activities and contribution to the growth and development of the College may be used as evidence of excellence in instruction and instructional support and service should the Lecturer ever become a tenure-track faculty member and apply for promotion and tenure.

#### **F. In-Service and Departmental Meetings**

Lecturers are required to attend In-Service, Day of Service, departmental, and divisional meetings. Lecturers are paid at the meeting rate (half of the applicable Lecturer's hourly rate) for time spent at meetings/trainings for which tenure-track faculty are provided meeting rate compensation.

#### **G. Course Assignments**

Lecturers will be given preference of teaching assignments to reach their maximum workload hours after tenure-track faculty have selected overloads and before assignments to adjunct faculty. Ultimately, course assignments are subject to the department Chairperson's discretion as outlined in Article 4.

Lecturers may teach using all modalities, such as distance learning, blended, and flex courses, as part of a regular load. The College reserves the right to assign Lecturers to multiple campuses as needed.

The low enrollment section compensation stipulations specified in Article 4 apply to Lecturers.

#### **H. Banking Hours**

Lecturers may bank overload hours from Autumn semester for use in Spring semester to meet minimum/maximum workload requirements. The parties agree to limit the number of hours available for banking to three (3) overload hours. Banking hours is not available for hours worked in Spring semester or Summer semester.

## **Section 22.04 – Lecturer Compensation**

### **A. Visiting Lecturer Compensation**

A Visiting Lecturer may be offered a one (1) year appointment, subject to performance and operation need. Within that appointment period, each Visiting Lecturer will be offered a separate contract based on the workload for each semester at the Visiting Lecturer rate of \$60.00 per contact hour. At no time will the Visiting Lecturer rate fall below the adjunct rate.

### **B. Lecturer Compensation**

Lecturers may be offered a two (2) year or three (3) year appointment, subject to performance and operational need. Within that appointment period, each Lecturer will be offered a separate contract based on the workload for each semester at the Lecturer rate cap of \$65.25 per contact hour.

### **C. Salary Increases**

Lecturers who are employed as of the first day of Autumn semester 2027 will be paid at the rate cap of \$65.50 per contact hour.

Lecturers who are employed as of the first day of Autumn semester 2028 will be paid at the rate cap of \$66.25 per contact hour.

For each year of this Agreement, each Lecturer will receive the same lump sum payments that tenure-track faculty receive under Article 23.02.

Lecturers who have been renewed or who have a continuing contract for Autumn 2027 will receive a lump-sum payment of \$1,500 in the first paycheck of Autumn Semester.

Lecturers who have been renewed or who have a continuing contract for Autumn 2028 will receive a lump-sum payment of \$1,500 in the first paycheck of Autumn Semester.

### **D. Supplemental Contracts**

#### **1. Summer**

Lecturers and Visiting Lecturers are eligible to teach courses during the Summer semester on a separate contract at the College's discretion provided they have been renewed for the following academic year. A Lecturer and Visiting Lecturer's summer workload is twelve to eighteen (12-18) instructional hours, plus three (3) departmental hours to be compensated at the applicable Lecturer or Visiting Lecturer rate. If a Lecturer or Visiting Lecturer carries less than twelve (12) instructional hours, they will be considered to be teaching in an adjunct capacity and will be bound by the adjunct maximum load hours and will be compensated at the adjunct hourly rate. A Lecturer and Visiting Lecturer must submit a request to teach Summer semester in the same manner and within the same time frame as tenure-track faculty and as referenced in Article 4.08.

**2. Overload**

Lecturers and Visiting Lecturers are eligible for overloads (Autumn, Spring and Summer) up to a maximum of six (6) instructional hours per semester. Any overload will be paid at the overload rate. Lecturer and Visiting Lecturer overload hours will be scheduled after tenure-track faculty have scheduled their overload hours.

**3. Reassigned Time**

Upon approval by the Chair, Dean, SVPA, and upon the College's prior notification of such approval to the Association President, a Lecturer or Visiting Lecturer may be offered reassigned time in order to support the fulfillment of the College's objectives. Reassigned time is a voluntary agreement, and the Lecturer or Visiting Lecturer has the right to request the assistance and participation of a CSEA representative in the process of discussing reassigned time and the duties involved.

**4. Substitute Pay**

The College will compensate Lecturers and Visiting Lecturers who substitute for other faculty at the overload rate set forth in Article 24.

**E. Parity Compensation**

If during the duration of this contract the Board of Trustees approves lump sum payment in lieu of a salary increase for another bargaining unit or a broad class of non-bargaining unit staff within a fiscal year that is greater than the amount Lecturers receive (as outlined in Section 22.04(B)), Lecturer faculty pay will be adjusted so that Lecturers receive parity for that fiscal year.

This provision does not apply to market salary adjustments, adjustments to increase the compensation of employees who fall within the lower tiers of overall compensation for employees of the College, job reclassifications, departmental reorganizations, or increases provided by individual contracts or grants, or to any other payments to groups or individuals not intended as a general adjustment to salaries or in lieu of a salary increase, such as a one-time payment in recognition of specific services rendered, a payment to resolve a dispute, or a signing bonus paid in connection with ratification of a collective bargaining agreement. This provision also does not apply to individual merit increases or bonuses, unless such merit increases or bonuses become the primary means of adjusting salaries for another bargaining unit or a broad class of non-bargaining unit employees during the duration of this contract. Notwithstanding this section at no time will a Lecturer be paid above the Lecturer hourly rate cap.

**Section 22.05 – Benefits**

**A. Health Benefits**

Refer to Article 27 for all health benefits available for a Lecturer.

**B. Life Insurance**

The College shall provide life insurance in the amount of two (2) times the applicable Lecturer's contract rate or estimated contract rate for the academic year, exclusive of any summer contracts.

**C. Disability Insurance**

The College shall provide disability insurance coverage equal to 60% of the applicable Lecturer's contract rate or estimated contract rate for the academic year, exclusive of any summer contracts.

**D. Fee Waiver**

Lecturers are eligible for fee waiver once they meet the criteria established by the College for general eligibility.

**E. Flexible Spending Accounts, 403(b) and 457 Accounts**

Lecturers may participate in any flexible spending or investment account opportunities which the College may offer to employees.

**Section 22.06 – Leave**

**A. Sick Leave**

Lecturers will accrue a total of ninety-six (96) hours of sick leave in an academic year.

The terms and usage for sick leave are the same as those outlined in Article 31 and/or College Policies/Procedures, except that Lecturers may not cash out unused sick leave. Lecturers that are contracted to teach in Summer semester and who have a sick leave balance from the immediately preceding Autumn or Spring semester may carry over unused sick leave for the duration of the Summer semester. Upon completion of the Summer semester, a Lecturer may carry over any unused sick leave and may continue to accrue sick leave in the new academic year. At no time will a Lecturer's sick leave balance exceed the maximum accrual of one hundred twenty (120) hours.

**B. Personal Leave**

Lecturers will receive two (2) Personal Leave days at the start of each semester of the academic year.

The terms and usage for personal leave are the same as those outlined in Article 30 and/or College Policies/Procedures, except that Lecturers may be compensated at their current hourly rate for unused Personal Leave up to a maximum of one (1) day (8 hours) at the conclusion of each calendar year.

There shall be no carry over of Personal Leave from year-to-year.

## **Section 22.07 – Reduction in Force**

In the event of a reduction in force (“RIF”) or if the College has to lay employees off, Lecturers will be laid-off before tenure-track faculty but after adjunct faculty.

## **Section 22.08 – Annual Appraisals and Observations**

### **A. Annual Appraisals**

1. Lecturers, who are renewed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, will submit an annual appraisal to the department Chairperson no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. The annual appraisals will include a narrative summary to document how the Lecturer has met or exceeded expectations in the categories of Teaching and Learning Activities and Professional Activities. The narrative summary should highlight the important contributions the Lecturer has made toward improved student learning.
3. Lecturer annual appraisals are to include reflection upon the Lecturer’s growth as a faculty member, describing instruction and assessment methodologies, changes made in the teaching/learning process as a result of feedback, and other activities or contributions. Reflection should include comments on instructional activities as recorded on the Faculty Observation Report, which corresponds to a list of behaviors associated with instructional performance and student feedback.

### **B. Faculty Observation Reports**

1. Lecturer observations are to be conducted by the Lecturer’s department Chairperson, Peer Review Team members, and appropriate tenure-track faculty in the department, including but not limited to Lead Instructors, CCP Leads, and/or mentors according to the following minimum timelines:
  - a. First year – First semester – 1 class observed by department Chairperson or designee.
  - b. First year – Second semester – 1 class observed by department Chairperson or designee.
  - c. Continuing Appointments – Observed one time per year by the department Chairperson or designee.
2. Instructional activities to be observed include, but may not be limited to, classroom instruction, laboratory and clinical instruction, and web-based instruction.

## **Section 22.09 – Caps on Lecturers**

The parties agree that the College shall employ a maximum of 25 Visiting Lecturers, not to exceed a combined total of 100 Lecturers during the term of this contract. The College and the Association recognize that multi-year use of a Lecturer position might support the need for a more permanent faculty position in the department where that Lecturer position exists. In departments where Lecturer positions have continued for more than three (3) years, the College will review and discuss in a Labor Management Committee meeting the rationale for continuing these positions as Lecturers rather than converting them to tenure-track positions. Any Lecturer position identified to be converted to a tenure-track position through this process will be filled as outlined in Article 39 – Faculty Search Committees.

## **Section 22.10 – College Credit Plus Lecturers (CCP-Lecturer) Positions**

The College can hire and assign designated Lecturers whose primary responsibility will be teaching Dedicated College Credit Plus courses (“CCP-Lecturer positions”). CCP-Lecturer positions are not included in the maximum number of 100 Lecturer positions as stated in Section 22.09.

In semesters when CCP courses are offered, CCP-Lecturer workload will consist primarily of Dedicated College Credit Plus courses as defined in Section 36.03. CCP-Lecturer may serve as a Credentialed Instructor of the Course, a Credentialed Instructor of Record, or a College Credit Plus Faculty Lead.

Chairpersons shall strive to ensure that each CCP-Lecturer workload provides ample opportunity for the CCP-Lecturer to conduct office hours, travel between teaching locations, and participate in departmental meetings and professional development activities at Columbus State.

All of the terms and rights in Article 22 apply to CCP-Lecturer positions except as follows:

### **A. Departmental Hours**

CCP-Lecturer are subject to the terms in Section 22.03(C). When practical, CCP-Lecturer will serve these hours in a high school location.

### **B. Course Selection**

1. Credentialed Instructor of Course Selection: CCP-Lecturer will select Dedicated College Credit Plus courses, up to their full workload and overload, after tenure-track faculty and before non CCP-Lecturer.
2. Credentialed Instructor of Record Course Selection: CCP-Lecturer will select College Credit Plus Instructor of Record assignments following tenure-track faculty and before non CCP-Lecturer.

## **ARTICLE 23 – FACULTY SALARY**

### **Section 23.01 – Salary Ranges**

**A.** Effective Autumn semester 2026, the salary ranges of each rank shall be:

1. Instructor: \$54,033 - \$66,959
2. Assistant: \$61,480 - \$78,073
3. Associate: \$72,550 - \$97,068
4. Professor: \$83,931 – No Cap

Effective Autumn semester 2027, the salary ranges of each rank shall be:

5. Instructor: \$55,654 - \$68,580
6. Assistant: \$63,324 - \$79,917
7. Associate: \$74,726 - \$99,244
8. Professor: \$86,449 – No cap

Effective Autumn semester 2028, the salary ranges of each rank shall be:

9. Instructor: \$57,324 - \$70,250
10. Assistant: \$65,224 - \$81,817
11. Associate: \$76,968 - \$101,486
12. Professor: \$89,042 – No Cap

**B.** All tenure-track faculty employed as of the first day of Autumn 2026, 2027, and 2028 will either move to the new base of the salary range detailed in Section 23.01(A) or receive the market increase listed in Section 23.02(A), whichever is greater for each faculty member.

### **Section 23.02 – Salary Increases**

**A.** Tenure-track faculty who are employed as of the first day of Autumn semester 2026 and for whom the market increase would be greater than moving to the base of the applicable salary range will receive a one-time base salary market increase according to the following parameters:

1. Professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
2. Associate Professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
3. Assistant Professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
4. Instructors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)

Tenure-track faculty who are employed as of the first day of Autumn semester 2027 and for whom the market increase would be greater than moving to the base of the applicable salary range will receive a one-time base salary market

increase according to the following parameters:

5. Professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
6. Associate professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
7. Assistant professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
8. Instructors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)

Tenure-track faculty who are employed as of the first day of Autumn semester 2028 and for whom the market increase would be greater than moving to the base of the applicable salary range will receive a one-time base salary market increase according to the following parameters:

9. Professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
10. Associate professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
11. Assistant professors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)
12. Instructors: Per the Market Adjustment Exhibit in Section 23.02(B)

**B.**

<b>Market Adjustment Exhibit</b>				
<b>Years in Rank</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
n/a	Instructor	\$3,100	\$2,750	\$2,750
n/a	Assistant	\$3,500	\$2,900	\$2,900
n/a	Associate	\$3,950	\$3,100	\$3,100
1-2	Professor	\$4,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
3-9	Professor	\$4,750	\$3,750	\$3,750
10+	Professor	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

- C.** Effective July 1, 2026, each full-time faculty member will receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,000 and one-time signing bonus of \$1,500 in connection with ratification of this collective bargaining agreement. Neither of these payments will become part of the faculty member's base salary.

**Section 23.03 – Promotion Raises**

Upon promotion in rank, tenure-track faculty will have their salary increased to the base salary of the new rank, or receive a salary increase of 5%, whichever is greater. If that faculty member follows the traditional timelines and receives promotion to the rank of Associate or Professor within four (4) or five (5) years, then the faculty member

will receive an additional bonus of \$2,000.

#### **Section 23.04 – Salary Administration**

At no time will any faculty member's salary be outside the established pay ranges.

#### **Section 23.05 – Parity Compensation**

If during the duration of this contract, the Board of Trustees approves a lump sum payment in lieu of a salary increase for another bargaining unit or a broad class of non-bargaining unit staff within a fiscal year that is greater than the amount tenure-track faculty members receive (as outlined in Section 23.02), tenure-track faculty pay will be adjusted so that faculty members receive parity for that fiscal year.

This provision does not apply to market salary adjustments, adjustments to increase the compensation of employees who fall within the lower tiers of overall compensation for employees of the College, job reclassifications, departmental reorganizations, or increases provided by individual contracts or grants, or to any other payments to groups or individuals not intended as a general adjustment to salaries or in lieu of a salary increase, such as a one-time payment in recognition of specific services rendered, a payment to resolve a dispute, or a signing bonus paid in connection with ratification of a collective bargaining agreement. This provision also does not apply to individual merit increases or bonuses, unless such merit increases or bonuses become the primary means of adjusting salaries for another bargaining unit or a broad class of non-bargaining unit employees during the duration of this contract.

#### **Section 23.06 – Honors by Contract**

When there are not enough students to have a designated Honors class, individual faculty may agree to provide differential instruction to the Honors student. This is considered Honors by Contract. Faculty will be compensated at the normal rate for teaching the course plus fractional pay at the following rates, based upon the number of Honors by Contract students:

- 1-3 Students = 0.25 x section contact hours
- 4-5 Students = 0.50 x section contact hours
- 6-7 Students = 0.75 x section contact hours

#### **Section 23.07 – Enrollment over Maximum**

When class enrollment is over the maximum number of students per Article 4.03(B) Class Size and Compensation, the following supplemental pay will be added as compensation:

- 1-3 Students = 0.25 x section contact hours
- 4-5 Students = 0.50 x section contact hours
- 6-7 Students = 0.75 x section contact hours

## **ARTICLE 24 – OVERLOAD PAY**

Beginning Autumn semester 2026, the overload pay rate for this Agreement shall be \$61.00.

At no time during the life of this contract will the overload pay rate be less than the hourly rate for part-time instruction.

## **ARTICLE 25 – SUBSTITUTE PAY**

The College will compensate full-time faculty who substitute for other faculty at the overload rate of pay stated in Article 24.

## **ARTICLE 26 –TEACHING AWARDS**

### **Section 26.01 – Distinguished Full Professor Award**

Each academic year, up to four (4) full-time faculty holding the rank of Professor for four (4) years or more may be selected as a Distinguished Professor. Recipients will be selected during Spring semester of each year by a committee consisting of six (6) total Professors representing each of the Divisions, along with the Academic Deans of each division.

Professors may only receive this award once every three (3) years with a maximum of three (3) awards for any individual Professor. A selection committee will evaluate a portfolio submitted by the Professor that documents distinguished professorial achievements during the previous three (3) years.

Recipients of this award will receive an after-tax bonus of \$3,250.

### **Section 26.02 – Distinguished Teaching Award**

Each academic year four (4) faculty will be selected for a Distinguished Teaching Award. Distinguished Teaching Award winners will be selected during Spring semester of each year by a committee consisting of the previous year's Distinguished Teaching Award winners, and one academic administrator appointed by the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Winners of the Distinguished Teaching Award will receive a one-time after-tax bonus of \$3,250 and will be provided with a reserved parking space for one semester of their choice during the following academic year. In addition, full-time faculty who win the Distinguished Teaching Award will be provided with two (2) hours of reassigned time during Spring semester in order to perform classroom observations of the next year's nominees and to participate on the selection committee for the next year's Distinguished Teaching Award.

## **ARTICLE 27 – BENEFITS**

### **Section 27.01 – Benefits**

Columbus State Community College shall make group medical, dental and vision coverage available to all bargaining unit members, as well as group life and long-term disability insurance for the term of this Agreement. In the event of a change in carrier or program, the overall benefits shall be substantially similar to the benefits provided on the effective date of this Agreement.

To ensure that benefits are not diminished, the College shall discuss any proposed change of carrier or provider with the Association prior to implementation or agreement with a carrier or provider; however, optional medical plans not outlined in Section 27.02 are not subject to this provision.

### **Section 27.02 – Healthcare Benefits**

Faculty members electing medical, dental, and/or vision benefits may elect to have their premium contributions deducted from their salary before federal taxes are deducted.

All medical, dental, and vision plans maintained by the College for the duration of this Agreement and referenced in this Agreement shall be substantially similar to or greater than those described in the plan summaries in place as of July 1, 2026. Changes in these plans that are not substantially similar to current plans require the College and the Association to meet and confer to discuss the cost savings and/or cost increase deterrence. All agreements related to benefit changes will be finalized between the Association and the College by March 31st each year for the enrollment year beginning July 1st. The month of May will be the open enrollment period. For purposes of this section, changes in premium rates are not “benefit changes”. Should the College move to a calendar year versus fiscal year for benefits, all agreements related to benefits changes will be finalized between the Association and the College by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for the enrollment year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, and the month of November will be the open enrollment period. The College will provide notification to the Association prior to any change in the benefit year.

#### **A. Medical Benefits**

The College shall pay 68.4% or 78.4% of the medical premium equivalent for the plan(s). The faculty member shall pay 21.6% or 31.6% of the premium equivalent for the plan(s). The premium contribution level is based on the participation in the Healthcare Engagement program.

##### **1. Healthcare Engagement (Wellness Initiative)**

The College and the faculty have a joint interest in maintaining a healthy workforce. To that end, faculty and their spouse or domestic partner who elect to be a part of the College’s insurance health plan(s) must annually participate in well-being activities in order to maintain paying 21.6% of the medical premium equivalent. These activities include an on-line Wellness Assessment (Health Risk Assessment) and biometric

screening. Should the College desire to expand the wellbeing program activities, the College will discuss the proposed changes with the Association prior to implementation.

The faculty member on an individual plan and their spouse/partner on a family plan will each have to annually participate in the above activities by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year of the program. Should the College move to a calendar year versus fiscal year for benefits, all required wellness activities would need to be completed and supporting documentation submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of the program. If the faculty member and/or spouse/partner fails to participate and document these activities by the above date, the faculty member shall pay 31.6% of the medical premium equivalent the next calendar year and every year thereafter until they document participation the following year(s).

**B. Dental Benefits**

The College shall pay 80% of the dental premium equivalent. The faculty member shall pay 20% of the premium equivalent.

**C. Vision Benefits**

The College shall offer a vision plan. The College shall pay 50% of the vision premium equivalent and the faculty member shall pay 50% of the vision premium equivalent.

**D. Health Savings Account (HSA) Contribution**

For the duration of this Agreement, the College shall contribute to the HSA (up to \$1,000 single and \$2,000 family per year) if the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) is selected. The contribution may be prorated based on the effective dates of coverage (per 24 pay \$41.67 for single/\$83.33 for family or per 20 pay \$50.00 for single/\$100.00 for family).

**E. Optional Buy-Up Dental Benefit Plan**

The College makes available an optional buy-up dental plan for full-time faculty to select. The plan may be adjusted or withdrawn by the College on an annual basis following consideration of recommendations of the College Healthcare Committee. For the duration of this Agreement, the contributions will be a defined contribution. The College shall pay 80% of the premium equivalent of the basic plan and the faculty member shall pay the 20% plus the premium equivalent cost difference for the buy-up dental plan.

**Section 27.03 – Long-Term Disability Insurance**

The College shall provide long-term disability insurance coverage for all full-time faculty. The benefit, when approved by the LTD carrier is at 60% (subject to income reduction) of the faculty member's prior year salary; not to exceed \$6,000 per month. In the event a faculty member applies for this insurance, the insurance carrier will have sole responsibility for determining eligibility and to apply all applicable criteria for coverage.

This coverage is intended to be the same as all other employees of the College.

#### **Section 27.04 – Life Insurance**

The College shall provide life insurance in the amount of two (2) times the faculty member's previous academic year (two semesters) salary, exclusive of pay for teaching summer and overload.

### **ARTICLE 28 – COLLEGE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

Due to the fundamental importance of health care for all members of the College community, the College has created the College Health Care Committee. The purpose and charge of this Committee is to study and research different facets of health care to make recommendations to the President and the various constituencies. Some of the responsibilities of this Committee will include but are not limited to the following:

1. Monitor the operations, service, and any problems with the current vendor and/or broker.
2. Review benefit options from current and competitive vendors.
3. Study methods to reduce the experience rate of the College.
4. Review bids of the vendors.
5. Promote wellness campus wide.
6. Distribute surveys as needed.

The Committee shall have two (2) members representing the Staff, two (2) administrator representatives, and two (2) members from each union. The Vice President of Human Resources/designee shall chair the Committee. Formal minutes of each meeting must be recorded and approved by the Committee. Once approved, minutes must be accessible to any member of the campus community. All recommendations of the Committee will be reduced to writing and subject to a roll call vote of the present Committee members. Absent unanimous consent, there must be two (2) weeks between written recommendations and a vote to provide Committee members time to share the proposed recommendations with their constituencies. The results of any roll call vote must be recorded in the minutes. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall have the right to have others in attendance who have the expertise that is needed for the work of the Committee. These additional attendees may not vote. No meetings of the Committee shall occur during the breaks. Changes in plan design and/or costs associated with health care must be bargained.

### **ARTICLE 29 – FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT**

The College shall maintain a flexible spending account for faculty members, hereafter referred to as the "Plan." The College will provide faculty members with Plan

information materials annually during the life of the collective bargaining agreement and with election and all other forms necessary to participate in the Plan.

Individuals participating in this Plan ("Participants") shall participate in the plan from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, making elections annually. Elections thereafter cannot be changed or revoked during the Plan year unless the Participant or their spouse experiences a qualifying life event, or the required contributions to pay premiums for the elected benefits change during the Plan year. Eligible expenses must be incurred during the Plan year. Eligibility and use of the Plan shall be governed by Internal Revenue Code 125 and any and all subsequent amendments.

If elected, employee contributions to the Plan for covered vision, medical, and dental expenses, and child and dependent care expenses, shall be made by payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis.

The Plan shall provide a copy of the Summary Plan Description to each Participant upon request.

If plan participation does not exceed 15% of eligible faculty in a given year, the College may, by mutual agreement with the Association, discontinue the Plan the following year.

## **ARTICLE 30 – PERSONAL LEAVE**

### **Section 30.01 – Personal Leave Definition**

Faculty shall receive four (4) Personal Leave days per year. Personal Leave is a faculty member's absence from instruction, in class or laboratory, or other duty-specific assignment in the course of the Academic Year. No reason shall be required for use of Personal Leave.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, annually, each faculty member shall be credited with four (4) days of Personal Leave. A bargaining unit member with less than 100% of a full-time annual schedule, or newly hired during the current year, shall have the time credited proportionately for this leave.

Personal Leave shall not be used in the two (2) business days immediately prior to the start of Autumn semester and the one business day immediately prior to the start of Spring semester, unless granted by the Chair under exceptional circumstances. Personal Leave shall not be used in less than half hour increments.

Personal Leave shall not be unreasonably denied. The parties agree that there may be occasions when the faculty member's presence is necessary at department meetings or on In-Service Day, and when their repeated absence from classes adversely impacts instructional integrity and quality. On such occasions, the Chairperson may deny a request for Personal Leave, and provide a rationale for the denial. Any leave taken on In-Service Day shall not exceed six and a half (6.5) hours. If a faculty member has established web hours that day that are posted and are required to be worked, then the six and a half (6.5) hours can be adjusted/modified if

approved in advance by the Chairperson.

At the conclusion of each calendar year, bargaining unit members will be compensated at their current per diem rate for all unused Personal Leave up to a maximum of two days (sixteen hours).

There shall be no carry-over of Personal Leave from year to year.

## **ARTICLE 31 – SICK LEAVE**

### **Section 31.01 – Sick Leave Policy**

The College recognizes that from time to time faculty members will need to take sick leave. Paid sick leave will be used only for personal illness, adoption, injury, pregnancy, exposure to a contagious disease, which could be communicated to others, or for death, illness, or injury to a member of the faculty's immediate family. See also benefits available under College's Family and Medical Leave Policy and Procedures in effect at the signing of this Agreement. Sick leave may be used for appropriate absences for both the faculty member's regular workload and overload.

Full-time faculty who work a 100% schedule are credited with time for sick leave at a rate of ten (10) hours per calendar month of completed service. Other faculty working reduced work schedules shall have their time for sick leave credited and deducted at a rate in proportion to their appointment. Full-time faculty members, regardless of whether they take a supplemental summer contract, will be credited with time for sick leave at a rate of fifteen (15) days per year. Time for sick leave may be accumulated without limit.

If a faculty member is absent from work due to a work-related injury and receives lost-time compensation from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, that faculty member is not eligible to utilize sick leave or receive pay from the College for that absence or any subsequent related absence for which they receive lost-time compensation. Such leave shall be counted as Family and Medical Leave under FML Policy and Procedures in effect at the signing of this Agreement.

Sick leave accumulated by a faculty member while previously employed by another public agency is transferable in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and related regulations. However, that transferred time may only be used at CSCC after all other leaves have been exhausted. Further transferred sick leave shall not be paid out upon retirement of the employee who transferred the sick leave.

Faculty who are actively employed with the College and, at the time of their death, disability, or service retirement, have ten (10) or more years of service with the College, or any agency of the State, or any of its political subdivisions, may convert their accrued but unused time for sick leave to monetary compensation. In order for a retiring faculty member to be eligible for this payment, the faculty member must retire directly into a state retirement system from active employment with the College.

One-fourth of the accumulated sick leave, earned as a faculty member of the College,

or any agency of the State, or any of its political subdivisions to a maximum of forty-five (45) days, shall be converted to a cash payment at the time of retirement, based upon the faculty member's rate of compensation at the time of retirement. For purposes of calculating the sick-leave payout for deceased faculty, the College shall pay to the estate of said faculty member the equivalent of up to forty-five (45) days of unused sick time. For purposes of issuing the sick-leave payout to the estate of a retired faculty member, the faculty member must have retired directly into a state retirement system from active employment with the College. The payment for sick leave under this policy eliminates for all time the sick leave credit of the faculty at the time of retirement, and such payment will be made only once to any faculty member.

The College will establish procedures to administer this Policy.

### **Section 31.02 – Sick Leave Procedure**

Faculty members who must be absent because of sick leave shall notify their administrator as soon as practicable under the circumstances, generally at least within one hour of reporting time. The faculty member will seek guidance regarding the amount of sick leave to be taken. Notification is per department guidelines. Faculty members shall file with their administrator an absence request through the automated online process by the end of the pay period which the leave was used. The faculty member shall only be required to reflect on the absence request the actual number of workload hours, as defined in Article 4.02, missed during the faculty member's absence. A faculty member who misses one full week of work shall reflect forty (40) hours and any additional contracted work, per Article 4.02, that will not be completed on the absence request. The administrator shall approve or deny the request and notify the faculty member. Disciplinary action may be taken if a faculty member fails to file or falsifies the report of an absence as provided in this section.

Immediate family, for the purpose of this section, includes: parent, sibling, grandparent, child, spouse, parents-in-law, children-in-law, sibling-in-law, grandchild, stepparents, stepchildren, a legal guardian or other person who stands in the place of a parent, other persons residing in the home of the faculty member, or a domestic partner. To use sick leave for the death, illness, or injury of a domestic partner, a completed and notarized Affidavit of Domestic Partnership form must be on file with the Human Resources Department.

An authorized administrator may request information from a faculty member requesting sick leave to determine whether the sick leave request should be approved. A health care provider's statement, if available, will be provided.

If a faculty member's sick leave meets the conditions of the College's Family and Medical Leave Policy, the absence will also be counted as Family and Medical Leave. A faculty member who taught during three (3) of the past five (5) summer terms, or who has notified their department Chairperson by the time that summer teaching assignments are made in the department that they intend to teach summer term, shall be permitted to use Family and Medical Leave and available sick leave to cover short-term or long-term absences due to illness or injury occurring over all or part of a summer term.

If a faculty member is taking Family and Medical Leave for a reason that meets the criteria for taking sick leave the faculty member shall, while on FML, utilize their accumulated sick leave balance. If a faculty member's absence due to a reason covered by the FML Policy exceeds the faculty member's earned sick leave, vacation, and personal leave, the faculty member will continue to be eligible for leave pursuant to the FML Policy and Procedure, but will not be paid for the balance of the FML absence.

There may be times when a faculty member has utilized FML available to them in a given year but needs additional leave because of a serious medical condition. As long as the faculty member has a sufficient accumulated leave balance to cover the additional leave needed, the faculty member will be entitled to reinstatement at the end of said leave, under the same conditions that reinstatement is available under the FML Policy and Procedures.

Sick leave may not be taken in increments of less than one-half hour. If a faculty member is absent from work and on sick leave, that faculty member continues to earn sick leave credit as if they were at work.

The Human Resources Department shall maintain a record of the balance of sick leave available to each faculty member and provide that information on the faculty member's semi-monthly paycheck stub. It is the responsibility of a faculty member who was previously employed by another public agency to obtain documentation as to the amount of sick leave that can be transferred to the College. The Human Resources Department will provide assistance in arranging for the transfer.

## **ARTICLE 32 – LEAVE DONATION**

Faculty members may voluntarily donate any form of accrued paid leave to fellow full-time faculty who are in critical need of leave due to a catastrophic illness/injury of the faculty or his/her immediate family.

### **Section 32.01 – Definitions**

**A.** Immediate family for the purposes of this program is defined as children, spouse, parents, and domestic partner.

Catastrophic illness/injury is one that is life threatening or requires an extensive period of recovery.

### **Section 32.02 – Transfer of Donation**

Once leave is donated, it shall not be returned.

Donated leave is paid at the rate of pay of the faculty member for whom the leave is donated, no matter which faculty donates the leave. When a faculty member is diagnosed with a catastrophic illness/injury, the faculty member must apply for Long-Term Disability, Workers Compensation, and/or applicable disability retirement benefit within thirty (30) days of the diagnosis. Once a faculty member qualifies for another leave benefit, such as Long-Term Disability, Workers Compensation, or Disability Retirement

with one of the retirement systems (School Employees Retirement System, State Teachers Retirement System, etc.), the faculty member shall no longer receive or use donated leave. At no time will a faculty member be on donated leave for more than 180 days consecutively. Faculty receiving donated leave will be considered in a pay status and shall accrue all benefits for which they normally would be eligible.

## **ARTICLE 33 – SABBATICAL LEAVE**

### **Section 33. 01 – Definitions**

- A. Sabbatical:** A paid period of absence from ordinary work duties for the purpose of professional development.
- B. Semester Sabbatical:** Refers to any such leave for a minimum of one semester.
- C. Nonstandard Professional Development Sabbaticals:** Refers to any such leave lasting longer than two (2) weeks where the approval process needs to be shortened to accommodate the opportunity. A professional development opportunity lasting less than two (2) weeks in length will be considered as a training or conference request.

### **Section 33. 02 – Purpose**

The purpose of a sabbatical is to provide opportunities that mutually benefit both the faculty member and the College that fall outside the usual and customary activities of the faculty member. Specifically, a sabbatical should:

- A.** Support the faculty member's personal and professional growth.
- B.** Support student growth and learning.
- C.** Support College, division, and/or departmental goals and growth.

Examples may include but are not limited to: advanced degree completion, scholarly research to benefit both the individual and the College, technical proficiency, and research and/or training to enhance pedagogy. Sabbatical leave will generally be granted for a period of one semester for faculty. Special circumstances and opportunities may merit the granting of an extended sabbatical not to exceed two (2) semesters. Other forms of sabbatical for shorter periods may be granted to take advantage of non-standard professional development that does not require extended periods of training or scholarship.

### **Section 33. 03 – Compensation**

Each faculty member granted sabbatical leave shall receive compensation during their leave as follows:

- A.** First semester or less of leave: 100% of salary and benefits.
- B.** Second semester of leave: 100% of salary and benefits.

During sabbatical leave, a faculty member may request overload solely for teaching assignments. Approval of overload during sabbatical requires agreement between

the member, the president of CSEA and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee. To the extent permitted by law, compensation earned for the purpose of the sabbatical from another source is permissible upon recommendation by the Division and Department Sabbatical Committees and approval of the Dean.

### **Section 33.04 – Conditions**

For semester sabbaticals, faculty may apply as early as Autumn semester of their sixth year of full-time faculty status for a semester sabbatical beginning as early as the first semester of their seventh year of full-time faculty status. Applications must be submitted at least two

(2) semesters prior to the beginning of leave and within the first two (2) weeks of the semester. Subsequent semester sabbaticals may be applied for after an additional five (5) full years for faculty who will have a minimum of six (6) years of additional service after the satisfactory completion of the previously granted sabbatical.

Faculty shall be permitted to take a semester sabbatical during summer provided they have been teaching full time for at least the previous two (2) consecutive summers.

Candidates for semester sabbaticals must meet all other deadlines and requirements for sabbatical leave as noted in the College's Policy and Procedures Manual. For nonstandard professional development sabbaticals, faculty may apply at any time for a sabbatical beginning after at least one year of full-time faculty status. Professional development sabbaticals are limited to no more than one opportunity within two (2) academic years. Professional development sabbaticals can be taken during any semester (including summer) in which the faculty member is under contract.

Each division shall have a standing faculty committee that will review all sabbatical applications and make recommendations for approval. All candidates for sabbatical must meet all requirements and deadlines as set forth in College Procedure with the exception of faculty applying for a Professional Development sabbatical, who will be exempt from the deadline requirements.

Faculty members granted sabbatical leave must take the leave during the time period for which it is granted. The College reserves the right to grant requested sabbaticals at a time more convenient to the College in light of department/division priorities.

Agreed upon products of the sabbatical experience -- written reports, department/division/College presentations, instructional materials, etc. -- must be completed by the date agreed to on the faculty member's sabbatical application.

Sabbatical applications must clearly indicate the expected product or outcome to be delivered upon completion of the sabbatical and any potential for additional, outside compensation related to the proposal submitted. Examples of acceptable products or outcomes include but are not limited to:

- Articles, books, or other publications
- Development of a new course or course materials
- Presentations to the department, division, and/or College
- Creative works

- Implementation of new technology or pedagogy

Within thirty (30) days after the beginning of the semester following the sabbatical, faculty will submit to the Division and Department Sabbatical Committees a document reflecting the approved product or outcome.

### **Section 33.05 – Purpose Continuation of Services**

Faculty members receiving sabbatical leave are required to return to Columbus State Community College for a period of one contract year following the sabbatical leave. Failure to do so shall require that the faculty member reimburse the College for salary and fringe benefits paid on their behalf.

### **Section 33.06 - Communication Expectation**

During sabbatical, faculty members are expected to respond to communications regarding workload and other assigned duties for the subsequent semester. Examples include course scheduling, reassigned time, and other related responsibilities. If the faculty member expects to be unavailable during sabbatical, they should make arrangements with their department Chairperson prior to the sabbatical.

## **ARTICLE 34 – COURT SERVICE**

The College recognizes that it is the civic duty of its faculty to participate in court service. Therefore, faculty members shall be paid their regular scheduled pay for the actual time served in court service.

### **Section 34.01 – Definition**

Court service is defined as a situation in which a faculty member is summoned for jury service or subpoenaed to appear before a court or other legally constituted body authorized by law to compel the attendance of witnesses as a witness, except when the employee is a party to a civil or criminal action.

### **Section 34.02 – Court Leave**

When a faculty member is summoned or subpoenaed for court service as defined above, the faculty will immediately submit a copy of the summons or subpoena to his/her Chairperson/administrator. Court reimbursement of personal expenses such as transportation, parking costs, and meals made to the faculty member need not be turned over to the College. All other payment to the faculty member shall be turned in to the College business office. A faculty member excused or discharged from court service before the end of the normal work day shall report to work as soon as possible after being excused or discharged.

## ARTICLE 35 – UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The College recognizes that occasionally some faculty may need to take a leave of absence from their jobs to deal with illness or disability not covered by sick leave and/or Family Medical Leave policy, personal needs, for professional development purposes, or to participate in a faculty exchange program.

An unpaid leave of absence is defined as an authorized, extended absence from employment for faculty for which regular compensation is not paid.

Faculty granted a long-term unpaid leave of absence are eligible for the medical and dental insurance benefits, at their own expense, except as provided under FMLA, for the period of the leave of absence or as specifically stated in the terms of the approved leave of absence or as may be restricted by the insurance carrier.

Faculty returning from an unpaid leave of absence who have complied with all aspects of the College's Leave of Absence Procedure will be reinstated in either their original job, if vacant, or another job at a similar level of responsibility for which they are qualified and does not infringe on another bargaining unit's jurisdiction.

### Section 35.01 – Application for Leave

Requests for unpaid leave of absence must be in writing and state the reason for which the leave is requested. The length of the requested leave and a statement that the faculty member does, in fact, intend to return to regular employment status with the College at the end of the leave of absence must also be included in the request.

### Section 35.02 – Eligibility

Reasons for and conditions pertaining to an unpaid leave of absence include:

#### A. Illness or Disability

Faculty may request an unpaid leave of absence for their own illness or disability or the illness or disability of an immediate family member. Such leave may be granted for no more than one year (including any time taken pursuant to the Sick Leave or Family and Medical Leave policies for the illness or disability).

1. **Request for Leave:** A request for such a leave must be accompanied by a statement from a health care provider certifying the basis for leave (or for additional leave if it is an extension of FML) and that the length of time requested is reasonably necessary given the medical condition.
2. **Reinstatement:** Before faculty can be reinstated, they must submit to the Human Resources Department a health care provider's statement, certifying that they have been examined and are able to resume the essential functions of their job. In addition, the Human Resources Department may request that faculty be examined by a physician appointed by the College. If there is disagreement between the faculty member's physician and the College's physician, the parties shall agree to a third physician whose decision shall be final and binding on the

parties. The cost for this will be split evenly between the College and the faculty member.

**B. Professional Development**

Professional development may include but is not limited to academic study, educational fellowship, and employment in a related business, industry, or profession. Approval of such leave requires the recommendation of the faculty member's immediate administrator and concurrence of all other administrators in the organizational chain. A request for an unpaid leave of absence for professional development, including academic or practical experiences, shall include an outline of the program of development to be pursued. An approved unpaid leave of absence without pay for professional development shall be granted for no longer than one year. Faculty on Professional Development leave of absence may elect to continue receiving fringe benefits. For leaves of absence lasting thirty (30) days or less, faculty may continue receiving fringe benefits by paying only their portion of the premium. For leaves of absence lasting more than thirty (30) days, faculty may continue receiving fringe benefits by paying both the College's and their own portion of the premium, except as may be provided elsewhere in this procedure or as may be restricted by the benefit carrier.

An unpaid leave of absence for a fraction of any academic semester will be granted to faculty with instructional responsibilities only with the approval of the department administrator to ensure that instruction is not disrupted. In order to maintain the quality of service at the College, an administrator may limit the number of concurrent leaves of absence for that department.

**C. Faculty Exchange/Visitation Program**

A request for a leave of absence to participate in an approved faculty exchange or visitation program may be granted on request for not more than one year. The request must be approved by the faculty member's administrator, Dean, and the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. Terms of compensation and benefits will be designated by the President at the time the unpaid leave of absence is granted. If faculty involved in the faculty exchange program receive regular full-time compensation from the College visited, they will earn one year's service credit at the College.

**D. Personal Needs**

A leave of absence for personal reasons may be requested and approved for a period not to exceed one year.

**Section 35.03 – Definition**

Unpaid leaves of absence shall be classified as either short-term or long-term. Both require the approval of the faculty member's immediate administrator.

**A. Short-term leave of absence** shall be for a period of thirty (30) calendar days or less and shall be requested in writing. Credit for service accumulation, salary calculation, promotional consideration, and payment of benefit

premiums by the College will not be affected. Faculty on an unpaid leave of absence may elect to continue receiving fringe benefits by paying their portion of this premium, except as may be provided elsewhere in this procedure or as may be restricted by the benefit carrier.

**B. Long-term leave of absence** shall be for a period of more than thirty (30) calendar days and shall be requested in writing. Credit for service accumulation, salary calculation, sick leave, personal leave, vacation leave, and promotional consideration will not be accrued. Faculty on an unpaid leave of absence may elect to continue receiving fringe benefits by paying both the College's and their own portion of this premium, except as may be provided elsewhere in this procedure or as may be restricted by the benefit carrier.

1. Amendments to an approved long-term leave of absence must be requested in writing. Amendments require approval by the faculty member's immediate administrator and the concurrence of the next-level administrator in the organizational chain.
2. Upon completion of not more than three-fourths of the approved long-term leave of absence, faculty on leave will notify the Human Resources Department of their intention to return to employment with the College. Failure to make such notification could delay reinstatement.

**C. Factors:** For all leaves of absence, the factors to be considered in determining whether to grant or deny the leave of absence will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

1. whether the work unit can function effectively without the faculty member for the time of leave requested;
2. whether the faculty member's work can effectively be accomplished in his or her absence by someone else within the work unit;
3. whether the faculty member's work can effectively be accomplished by the short-term hire of another employee;
4. the availability of other employees or potential employees with similar skills and experience necessary to accomplish the faculty member's work;
5. whether granting or denial of the leave serves the best interests of the work unit or the College; or
6. the ability of the College to reinstate faculty at the conclusion of the requested leave to their original job or another job at a similar level of responsibility.

**D. Failure to return** from a leave of absence on the scheduled date of leave termination, or failure of faculty to abide by the terms of the leave of absence, may be just cause for discharge of the faculty member, effective on the day following the last day worked. Benefits eligibility, if any, shall be based on benefits due the faculty member on the last day worked.

## **ARTICLE 36 – COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

College Credit Plus has evolved into a vital part of the College's enrollment and strategic vision for the future. The Association and the College agree to support an effective framework that addresses College Credit Plus, with the understanding that State mandates and requirements, as well as the Ohio Department of Higher Education standards, impact the framework.

### **Section 36.01 – Dual Credit Committee**

- A.** The Dual Credit Committee will be maintained as part of the Academic Council to provide a mechanism by which recommendations associated with College Credit Plus can be made by faculty. Recommendations that directly impact faculty terms and conditions of employment will only be implemented upon agreement of the Association and the College.
- B.** K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellow(s) as well as College Credit Plus Faculty Leads and Program Coordinators will support the effective administration of the College Credit Plus Program and will work closely with the Dual Credit Committee.
- C.** The Dual Credit Committee is a recommending body that provides input on issues surrounding College Credit Plus, which are not mandated or governed by the Ohio Revised Code or the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The Committee's work is determined by the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee, in conjunction with the Academic Council Faculty Fellows as outlined in Section 10.02. This work may include but not be limited to:
  - 1.** Drafting recommendations for college-wide policy expectations for maintaining the integrity and quality of courses offered for College Credit Plus by Columbus State.
  - 2.** Drafting college-wide procedural recommendations on how courses chosen to be offered by Columbus State are implemented and taught as dual enrollment courses in a high-school environment.
  - 3.** Drafting college-wide procedural recommendations in adherence to the Ohio Department of Higher Education guidelines for credentials in teaching College Credit Plus courses – to identify, mentor, and evaluate qualified individuals to teach approved College Credit Plus courses.
  - 4.** Drafting recommended college-wide guidelines for equitable application of duties for faculty who accept a College Credit Plus Lead, Program Coordinator, or faculty position.
  - 5.** Drafting a recommended process to ensure college-level content, delivery, and assessment equivalent to the corresponding College course.

The Dual Credit Committee recommendations will be forwarded as stated in Article 10.

### **Section 36.02 – College Credit Plus Faculty Roles and Responsibilities**

The College will determine delivery mode options of College Credit Plus courses after consultation with the appropriate department faculty. No College Credit Plus course will be offered without oversight by an appropriately credentialed faculty member. The acceptance of a College Credit Plus Faculty Lead, Program Coordinator, or K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellow assignment is voluntary. Credentialed Instructor of Record and Credentialed Instructor of Course assignments are voluntary for any faculty whose tenure-track employment start date is prior to July 1, 2024. In addition to this contract, any CSCC CCP Faculty Lead, Program Coordinator, Faculty Fellow, Instructor of Record or Instructor of Course should follow the guidance provided in the CCP Handbook.

**A. College Credit Plus Faculty Leads and Program Coordinators**

College Credit Plus Faculty Leads and Program Coordinators, in conjunction with the College, assist in resolving questions and concerns surrounding quality and support associated with offering college credit courses in high schools.

Every department/discipline or program involved with the College Credit Plus program will have a minimum of one College Credit Plus Faculty Lead or Program Coordinator. The College will first extend to tenure-track faculty the opportunity to serve as a Lead or Program Coordinator within a department/discipline or program. If qualified tenure-track faculty within the program or discipline refuse the offer, or if there is no qualified tenure-track faculty within the program or discipline, the College will notify the Association, allowing them a maximum of five (5) business days from the date of notification to find a qualified tenure-track volunteer. If the Association cannot identify a qualified tenure-track volunteer within that time period, the College will extend to a qualified lecturer the opportunity to serve as a Lead or Program Coordinator. If qualified lecturers within the program or discipline refuse the offer, or if there is no qualified lecturer within the program or discipline, the College may exercise its rights under Article 14.

The number of reassigned hours offered to Leads and Program Coordinators will be determined by the Department Chairperson on a case-by-case basis. The faculty member has the right to request the assistance and participation of a CSEA representative in this process. In making the determination, the Chairperson will consider the number of College Credit Plus Faculty Leads and/or Program Coordinators offered reassigned time, the number of instructors teaching College Credit Plus classes in their department/discipline, the number of sections offered, the amount of curriculum work required for each course offered, as well as the staffing, hiring, observing, and training of credentialed faculty. The duties associated with these reassigned hours would be separate and distinct from any other reassigned hours. The number of reassigned hours may be increased per the guidelines recommended by the Academic Council and CSEA, and approved by the SVPAA.

The following roles delineate a range of possible College Credit Plus Faculty Lead and/or Program Coordinator functions that a Chairperson may identify as

needed for the department. These roles may include but not be limited to:

- Attending College Credit Plus Faculty Lead meetings with the K-12 Partnerships office each semester.
- Evaluating the credentials of high school applicants wishing to teach College Credit Plus classes in their department/discipline in a timely manner.
- Overseeing credentialed high school teachers.
- Mentoring College Credit Plus faculty.
- Observing College Credit Plus faculty.
- Assisting College Credit Plus faculty with the development of syllabi and course materials.
- Troubleshooting concerns specific to College Credit Plus courses and instructors.

**B. K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellow(s)**

K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellow(s), in conjunction with the College, focus on the strategic direction of College Credit Plus issues as they relate to all College Credit Plus faculty. K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellow(s) will support the effective administration of the College Credit Plus Program by providing recommendations to the office of K-12 Partnerships regarding the mentorship and professional development of College Credit Plus faculty. The K-12 Partnerships Faculty Fellows, in conjunction with the K-12 Partnerships Office, will work closely with the Dual Credit Committee.

**C. Credentialed Instructor of the Course**

A Credentialed Instructor of the Course is an appropriately credentialed instructor who is responsible for the delivery of the curriculum, preparation and grading, communication and interaction with students, and is paid in the same manner as if they were teaching a non-College Credit Plus course at any other College location.

Faculty teaching College Credit Plus courses enjoy the same academic freedoms outlined in Article 8.

**D. Credentialed Instructor of Record**

A Credentialed Instructor of Record oversees high school teacher(s) who are identified as facilitators. The Credentialed Instructor of Record is generally responsible for maintenance of the course materials, monitoring the facilitation, interacting with the high school facilitator(s), oversight of grading, and submitting the final grades for the course. This list is not all encompassing and may vary by department.

When faculty are the Credentialed Instructor of Record and working with high school teachers who are identified as facilitators, the faculty member will receive at least one hour of reassigned time to train a new facilitator. The

training will take place preferably in the semester prior to the course implementation. Thereafter, the Credentialed Instructor of Record will receive at least one contact hour for each course in which they are the Credentialed Instructor of Record overseeing a facilitator.

- E. In any of the above-referenced scenarios, faculty will remain eligible to teach up to the maximum number of overload hours. College Credit Plus hours constitute a part of that workload.

### **Section 36.03 – Compensation**

Dedicated College Credit Plus classes are courses with only high school students enrolled. These courses may be offered face-to-face, or via blended or online format.

One or more of the following scenarios could apply to faculty teaching Dedicated College Credit Plus courses. If multiple scenarios apply, then any additional compensation is cumulative.

- A. **Credentialed Instructor:** Faculty teaching Dedicated College Credit Plus classes as the Credentialed Instructor of the Course or the Credentialed Instructor of Record will be paid according to the terms of this Article regardless of the size of the class taught.

- B. **CCP Faculty Support:** Faculty teaching face-to-face or blended Dedicated College Credit Plus courses as the Credentialed Instructor of the Course will receive a stipend each semester as follows:

1 – 5 credit hours = \$400 stipend

6 – 10 credit hours = \$700 stipend

11 – 15 credit hours = \$1,000 stipend

16+ credit hours = \$1,300 stipend

Stipends are payable on the last pay date of the semester.

- C. **Semester Calendar:** When the College Credit Plus teaching responsibilities fall outside of the College's semester calendar, additional compensation will be based on the guidelines recommended by the Dual Credit Committee and approved by the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. The faculty member may choose whether those contact hours will be paid as special pay by payroll action or as ordinary pay during the semester. Faculty may bank hours taught outside the College's semester calendar according to Section 4.10 of this Agreement.

- D. **Canceled CCP Sections:** Faculty teaching Dedicated College Credit Plus classes that are canceled by the high school partner after the course begins will be compensated for said classes and provided with alternate duties agreed upon by the faculty member, with the assistance of a CSEA representative.

- E. **Instructor Computer:** Upon request, the College will provide a computer for any faculty member teaching in a high school and will address any connectivity

issues as they arise.

#### **Section 36.04 – Office Hours**

For each Dedicated College Credit Plus class being taught face to face or blended in the high school, faculty may serve their scheduled campus office hours online or in an alternate location, such as the high school, as long as the faculty member has prior approval from the Chairperson. The faculty must post notice of the alternate location in a conspicuous location, including the course shell.

Faculty teaching College Credit Plus distance learning courses may hold virtual office hours, as referenced in Article 4, Section 4.04.

#### **Section 36.05 – Scheduling**

As is the case for the public release of the schedule for non-CCP Columbus State courses, referenced in Article 4, Section 4.03, the College will strive to finalize College Credit Plus course schedules with partnering high schools, in order to give faculty ample time to consider adding those courses when scheduling their workload.

A flexible schedule that includes a balance of times, days, locations, and modes of delivery will be taken into consideration when determining a full-time faculty member's workload when teaching Dedicated College Credit Plus classes, especially if the faculty is also teaching on a Columbus State campus.

#### **Section 36.06 – Instructional Time**

Direct instructional time provided in the high school, per semester, should be equivalent to direct instructional time given to students taking the same course, for the same term length on a Columbus State campus, or within a range of direct instructional time established by the College, after discussion with the applicable College Credit Plus Faculty Lead(s) and/or Program Coordinator(s).

### **ARTICLE 37 – PARENTAL LEAVE**

#### **Section 37.01 – Purpose**

The College supports a work environment that offers solutions to the complex issues individuals face in balancing their work and family commitments. The College recognizes that supporting faculty as they balance career and family life ultimately benefits the faculty and institution alike. The purpose of parental leave is to provide a birth mother or a parent with paid time off to recover from childbirth and/or to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted or fostered child.

#### **Section 37.02 – Intent**

- A.** The intent of parental leave is to provide eligible faculty members with a paid leave benefit that may be combined with other leave programs to maximize the length of paid leave available and to supplement paid time off under the College's Family and Medical Leave (FML) Policy, Procedure 3-36(D), for birth and adoptive events.

- B. Parental Leave is a benefit of employment and its use must not have a negative impact on employment status or opportunities.
- C. Departments should be flexible in managing Parental Leave requests, so as to permit employees to effectively combine career and family responsibilities.
- D. Workload issues should be proactively managed so that excessive work demands are not placed on remaining faculty.

### **Section 37.03 – Definitions**

- A. **Adopted Child** - A child up to eighteen (18) years of age who is adopted through public, private, domestic, international, or independent means who is not the stepchild of the adoptive parent and who is not a current or former foster child of the adoptive parent.
- B. **Birth Mother** – One who gives birth to a child.
- C. **Parent** – One who is not the birth mother and who is legally responsible for childrearing. Includes any one of the following: father, mother, spouse, adoptive parent, domestic partner, or employee using a surrogate/gestational carrier.
- D. **Adoptive Parent** - One who, via a legal process, has taken a child into one’s family.
- E. **Foster Parent** - One who has undergone a legal placement proceeding to assume childrearing responsibilities.
- F. **Stillbirth** - The loss of a fetus during or following the 20<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy.

### **Section 37.04 – Eligibility**

In order to be eligible a faculty member must meet all of the following criteria:

- A. The faculty is a birth mother or becomes a parent immediately following a birth, adoptive or foster placement event.
- B. The faculty member holds a tenure-track or lecturer appointment.
- C. The faculty member has completed at least one year of service prior to the date of the birth, adoptive or foster placement event for which Parental Leave is to commence, as defined in the College’s FML Policy, Procedure 3-36(D)(2).

### **Section 37.05 – Leave Amount**

- A. Parental Leave is paid at 100% of the faculty member’s regular salary amount for the specified number of hours in this Article.
- B. All eligible faculty (birth mother and parent) can take up to 160 hours (four work weeks) of parental leave to care for and bond with a newborn or newly adopted or fostered child.
- C. Eligible birth mothers can take up to an additional eighty (80) hours (two work weeks) for the recovery from childbirth for a maximum Parental Leave benefit of 240 hours (six work weeks.)

## **Section 37.06 – Use**

- A.** Parental Leave will commence following the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child.
- B.** When medically necessary or necessary to fulfill the legal requirements for an adoption or for foster placement, Parental Leave may be taken prior to the birth, adoptive or foster placement event, provided all eligibility requirements are met when the leave commences.
- C.** Pursuant to the sick leave provisions (Article 31 and College FML Policy, Procedure 3-36), the birth mother is eligible to take Sick Leave and must exhaust all Parental Leave prior to the use of Sick Leave. Parental Leave does not have to be exhausted prior to the use of short-term disability.
- D.** Parental Leave must be exhausted prior to the use of Personal Leave when such leave is requested for the purpose of a birth or adoptive event.
- E.** Parental Leave will run concurrently with available Family and Medical Leave. If the amount of Family and Medical Leave available is less than the amount of Parental Leave to be taken, Parental Leave will still be granted as specified in this policy, without regard to the existence of the individual's available Family and Medical Leave.
- F.** Parents (non-birth mothers) may take Parental Leave at one time or intermittently prior to the birth, adoptive or foster placement event and/or during the first year following the birth or adoptive event, with advance notice, scheduling, and Department Chairperson approval. Departmental approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- G.** A birth mother may choose to return to work prior to the exhaustion of Parental Leave and must present a return-to-work certificate from the health care provider. After the birth mother's return to work, the remaining Parental Leave may be taken on an intermittent schedule with advanced notice, scheduling, and Department Chairperson approval, within one year from the birth of the child. Departmental approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- H.** Parental Leave may be taken in cases of Stillbirth. In such event, a maximum of two (2) weeks of Parental Leave may be used and appropriate medical documentation is required. Additional time may be used from Sick Leave balances when supported by medical documentation.
- I.** One Parental Leave benefit is available per employee, per birth, adoptive or foster event. The number of children involved does not increase the length of Parental Leave granted for that event.
- J.** Parental leave is capped at two (2) events per rolling twelve (12) month period.

## **ARTICLE 38 – PROMOTION AND TENURE**

### **Section 38.01 – Promotion and Tenure Procedures**

The granting of Promotion and Tenure shall be in accordance with the processes set forth in Columbus State Community College Policy 5-19 (effective November 17, 2022), Procedure 5-19(D) (effective September 24, 2025), and 5-19(I) (effective August 31, 2015).

If the SVPAA is going to make a recommendation that is different than the recommendation of the College Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, there will be a discussion between the Committee and SVPAA prior to a recommendation being made to the President.

The Promotion and Tenure Process Committee is responsible for recommending updates to the Promotion and Tenure timelines and the Promotion and Tenure Handbook.

A tenure-track faculty member's participation in the promotion to Associate Professor and Professor is purely voluntary. Therefore, any mention of denial of promotion to these ranks shall not negatively impact any evaluation process, including but not limited to, reference in annual appraisals or during future promotion processes.

### **Section 38.02 – Placement into Instructor Rank**

- A.** Points are awarded based upon verification of official transcripts, copies of certifications and licenses, proof of book and article publication, and evidence of teaching, work, and/or military experience.
- B.** The worksheet for placement in rank and supporting documentation must be verified by the CSEA Department Representative and one of the higher-ranking department faculty members representing the discipline. If a CSEA Representative from the department is not available, the College will notify the CSEA President, who will appoint a representative.
- C.** Verification by the faculty must be completed in a timely manner so the offer to the candidate is not delayed. The CSEA Department Representative and department faculty member must complete their review within three (3) business days of the request for verification. If the faculty do not complete their review within three (3) business days, the hiring Administrator will proceed with the point factoring and presenting the offer of hire.
- D.** If there is a dispute concerning points assessed, the designated department faculty, CSEA Department Representative, and the hiring Administrator will discuss the differences, and if there is no resolution, the final decision rests with the SVPAA.

New faculty hires will be placed in accordance with the following schedule:

- All new faculty who are hired with at least 15 points will be initially placed at 4% above the base instructor salary.

- All new faculty who are hired with at least 19 points will be initially placed at 8% above the base instructor salary.
- All new faculty who are hired with at least 23 points will be initially placed at 12% above the base instructor salary.

E. Unless a higher number of points are provided in Procedure 5-19(D), points will be awarded as stated below:

**Education/Credentials (highest degree earned):**

- Associates = 3
- Bachelors = 6
- Masters = 10 points
- Doctoral = 13 points
- Professional Degree = 13 points

**Additional Education/Credentials:**

- Additional graduate degrees: Masters = 2 points/degree, Doctoral = 2 points/degree
- Professional Certifications relating to the discipline = 2 points
- Professional Licenses relating to the discipline = 2 points
- Published book(s) = 1 point per book
- Published scholarly, peer-reviewed article(s) = 0.5 points per article
- Years of full-time teaching experience in the program/discipline and/or work experience other than teaching related to the discipline = 1 point per year for up to five (5) years of full-time experience, and 0.5 points per year for each additional year of full-time experience, up to a maximum of 10 points.
- A minimum of thirty (30) contact hours of CSCC adjunct service within the discipline of hire equates to one (1) point, up to a maximum of two (2) points. Service must have been completed within the last ten (10) years.
- Military service relevant to the position = 3 points

F. CSEA and the College recognize and agree that, in usual circumstances, there may be relevant professional experience or contributions that warrant consideration for awarding additional points to an individual hired into the Instructor rank. Upon approval and agreement by both the SVPAA and CSEA President, such factors may be included in the points awarded to determine starting salary, on a case-by-case basis.

**Section 38.03 – Placement into Assistant or Associate Professor Rank**

Under unusual circumstances, a faculty member may be hired at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with the approval of the SVPAA. “Unusual circumstances”

include, but are not limited to, when a position requires specific skills, education, knowledge, relevant academic or non-academic experience, market conditions, or a candidate's portfolio of relevant academic or non-academic experience warrants advanced placement. If the hiring administrator believes the candidate or position warrants an advanced placement, the administrator will seek input from the search committee. The hiring administrator will then present their rationale and the committee's input to the SVPAA for a final decision on placement.

The College shall notify the CSEA President when it intends to hire a new faculty member at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank. Under no circumstances will a faculty member be granted tenure upon hiring. A faculty member hired at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor is not required to apply for promotion but must apply for tenure in the fourth year of employment with the College.

#### **Section 38.04 – Delays in Application for Tenure**

A faculty member may petition the Dean of the division for a one-time delay of one year in application for tenure due to circumstances in the third or fourth year of full-time employment. Such circumstances must have a demonstrable negative impact on the faculty member's ability to perform duties required for tenure or to complete the portfolio for tenure. The petition must be submitted in writing to the Dean no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the fourth year.

### **ARTICLE 39 –FULL-TIME FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 39.01 – Procedure**

The hiring administrator will submit the composition of the committee to Human Resources for review and approval. The members will be appointed as follows:

- An Administrator, selected by the SVPAA, in conjunction with the hiring administrator will serve as the committee Chairperson;
- Two (2) to three (3) tenured faculty members (if available) from the department with the vacancy. In the rare case that the only faculty with proper expertise in a content area are non-tenured, the departmental faculty may choose to select a non-tenured faculty member. The process for selecting these faculty members will be established and implemented by the department's full-time faculty. If the vacancy is for a position assigned to Delaware campus, at least one tenured faculty member will be from Delaware campus;
- One (1) or two (2) tenured faculty members from outside the department and appointed by the College, and no more than one administrator from outside the department and appointed by the College; and
- A representative from Human Resources will serve as a non-voting member of the committee.

All search committee members will complete required Human Resources training,

which will be completed before the start of the hiring process. Faculty subject matter experts may be consulted prior to the approval of the job description by Human Resources.

The committee will recommend qualified candidates to the Dean for consideration. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Dean/designee, at their discretion, may meet with all the available members of the search committee to discuss the committee's recommendation. After the hiring decision is made and, upon the request of the committee, the Dean/designee will meet with the committee to discuss the decision.

**Section 39.02 - Internal Hiring for a Tenure-Track Position**

Nothing in the process detailed in Section 30.01 prevents the College from appointing a qualified Lecturer directly to a tenure-track position, bypassing the search committee process. Faculty subject matter experts shall be consulted prior to the appointment of the Lecturer. The decision to appoint or not to appoint is not subject to the grievance process detailed in Article 19.

If the decision is not to appoint, the College retains the right to determine if they will post internally, prior to posting externally; Columbus State employees are welcome to apply. The search committee process will be conducted per Section 39.01.

**Section 39.03 – Vacant Tenure-Track Faculty Positions**

At the request of either party, discussions involving vacant tenure-track faculty positions may be placed on the agenda of a Labor Management Committee meeting.

**Section 39.04 – Reconvening of Hiring Committees**

If another faculty position becomes available in the same department, and that committee has appropriate expertise, that committee may be reconvened to choose candidates for the new position from the original candidate pool, a new candidate pool, or a combination of both, as determined by the committee upon the mutual agreement of the SVPA or designee and the CSEA President or designee.

**Section 39.05 – Recognition for Serving on Faculty Hiring Committees**

Any faculty member who serves on more than two (2) tenure-track faculty search committees in a given semester may request Recognition Payment in accordance with the chart below:

Number of Search Committees Per Semester	Recognition Payment
3	\$325
4	\$625
5	\$950
6 or more	\$1300

To earn the Recognition Payment described in this Section, eligible faculty members

must serve satisfactorily for the length of the search committee and meet all expectations regarding their search committee duties. A search committee will only count toward the Recognition Payment for the semester in which it begins. For purposes of this Section, a search committee “begins” upon the kick-off meeting for the committee, or when the faculty member joins the search committee, whichever is earlier. Search committees that are reconvened in accordance with Section 39.04 will only count once for purposes of the Recognition Payment.

Faculty members requesting Recognition Payment must submit the appropriate form, signed and approved by each search committee Chairperson, to the faculty member’s Department Chair or designee after the start of the following semester and no later than thirty (30) business days after the start of the following semester. The College and faculty members recognize that, at times, faculty members will request Recognition Payment after their duties have begun, but before their duties for a particular search committee have concluded. If the SVPAA determines that a faculty member failed to meet all expectations regarding their search committee duties, and if the faculty member already received the Recognition Payment, the College will revoke the Recognition Payment for that committee assignment.

## **ARTICLE 40 – FACULTY HIRED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR OR FACULTY CHAIR**

### **Section 40.01 – Tenured Columbus State Faculty Hired as an Administrator**

Any tenured Columbus State faculty member who leaves the bargaining unit to accept a position as an Administrator will retain all of the rights and privileges related to tenure and established rank and has the right to return to their former faculty position as described below.

Chairpersons may teach up to six (6) contact hours per semester as an adjunct faculty and will select classes only after all bargaining unit members have selected their courses and before the adjunct selection process begins. Chairs will obtain approval from their Dean prior to the selection of their courses. Chairpersons can flex up to three (3) contact hours per semester, not to exceed nine (9) contact hours in one semester and no more than twelve (12) contact hours total during Autumn and Spring semesters. Summer semester would be limited to no more than six (6) contact hours. Until an administrator returns to faculty status, they may not use department professional development funds, or serve on any committees as a faculty representative.

A tenured Columbus State faculty member who seeks to return to the faculty from administration will retain all of the rights and privileges related to tenure and their previously established rank will be restored. They may return to an open faculty position within the department, or to a Board approved faculty position for which they are qualified. Upon submitting written notice to the College at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the semester, the Administrator will be returned to their faculty position by the first day of the following semester.

Upon such return to the faculty, the faculty member will be assigned the rate of pay

they normally would have received had they not left the faculty position. Upon returning to faculty status, the faculty member may not apply for promotion in rank until they have completed at least two (2) semesters of full-time, tenure-track faculty employment, and have a total of seven (7) semesters in rank. The faculty member's work during the years outside the bargaining unit may not be used for promotion in rank.

#### **Section 40.02 – Non-Tenured Columbus State Faculty Hired as an Administrator**

By the first day of Autumn Semester 2020, any non-tenured Columbus State faculty member who leaves the bargaining unit to accept a position as an Administrator has the right to return to a faculty position for which they are qualified if they notify the College in writing anytime within a one-year period. Until an administrator returns to faculty status, they may teach classes as an adjunct faculty and will select classes only after all bargaining unit members have selected their courses and before the adjunct selection process begins. Chairs will obtain approval from their Dean prior to the selection of their courses. Until an administrator returns to faculty status, they may not use department professional development funds, or serve on any committees as a faculty representative.

A non-tenured Columbus State faculty member who seeks to return to the faculty from Administration will retain all of the rights and privileges related to their faculty position and their previously established rank will be restored. They may return to an open faculty position within the department, or to a Board approved faculty position for which they are qualified. Upon submitting written notice to the College, at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the semester, the Administrator will be returned to their faculty position by the first day of the following semester.

Upon such return to the faculty, the faculty member will be assigned the rate of pay they normally would have received had they not left the faculty position. Upon returning to faculty status, the faculty member may not apply for promotion and tenure until they have completed at least two (2) semesters of full-time faculty employment, and have a total of seven (7) semesters in rank. The faculty member's work during the time spent outside the bargaining unit as an Administrator may not be used for tenure or promotions in rank.

#### **Section 40.03 – Tenured Columbus State Faculty Hired as Faculty Chair**

All references to Chair or Chairperson throughout this Agreement, other than in this section 40.03, exclude Faculty Chairs.

- A.** A Faculty Chair is a tenured faculty, who retains their status as a member of the bargaining unit. Faculty Chairs shall not be supervisors. The responsibilities of the Faculty Chair are defined by the Dean, but may include the following tasks:
1. being a liaison between administration and faculty;
  2. scheduling of courses;
  3. working closely with administration on policies, procedures, and decisions that affect the department;

4. providing a forum for communication through department meetings;
5. assisting with the hiring process of full-time and part-time faculty;
6. serving as the front-line person for the department when communicating with students and staff;
7. building consensus in the department; and
8. advocating for faculty when communicating with administration.

**B. Selection of a Faculty Chair**

CSEA and the College agree on the value that experienced tenured faculty can bring to the Chairperson position. A Faculty Chair position may be created or eliminated at the sole discretion of the College. Hiring decisions for a Faculty Chair position are also at the sole discretion of the College. When the College is planning to hire a Faculty Chair, the position will be posted so that all tenured faculty within the department have the opportunity to apply.

**C. Working Conditions**

1. The Faculty Chair will be reassigned for up to fifteen (15) hours in Autumn and Spring semesters and up to twelve (12) hours in Summer semester to attend to administrative duties of the department. The faculty member has the right to request the assistance and participation of an Association representative in the negotiation process of reassigned hours with the Dean.
  2. The Faculty Chair will hold office hours the first three (3) business days following finals week and the three (3) business days prior to the beginning of a new semester. These hours will be paid at the overload rate. These hours may be flexibly scheduled with approval of the Dean. The Faculty Chair will be reasonably available during semester break via text, email, or voicemail to address issues such as student complaints, course schedules, faculty workload, etc.
  3. Subject to the conditions of Section 4.08(B), the Faculty Chair may teach courses for which they are qualified, up to the maximum workload per semester for Autumn, Spring and Summer semesters. These hours will be paid at the applicable overload rate.
  4. Since the Faculty Chair is not a supervisor, they can serve as a faculty peer review team member the same as any other faculty member.
- D.** The Faculty Chair may apply for promotion on the same schedule as any other faculty member who has not taken on these responsibilities as “Faculty Chair,” notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Article 40, Section 40.01.
- E.** A Faculty Chair may return to their faculty duties. Upon submitting written notice to the College at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the semester, the Faculty Chair will be returned to their faculty position by the first day of the following semester.

## **ARTICLE 41 – COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

The College and the Association agree to comply with federal and state law.

## **ARTICLE 42 – GRAMMAR**

Whenever the context so requires, the use of words in the singular shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the plural, the singular. Words, whether in the masculine, feminine or neuter genders, shall be construed to include all of these genders. It is understood that this use is for convenience purposes only and is not to be interpreted to be discriminatory by reason of sex.

## **ARTICLE 43 – SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Should any specific provision of this Agreement be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

If any portion of this Agreement is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, and upon written request by either party, the College and the Association shall meet within thirty (30) days at a mutually convenient time in an attempt to modify the invalidated provision by good faith negotiations.

## **ARTICLE 44 – IN-TERM BARGAINING**

The College and the Association recognize that, during the course of this contract, unanticipated issues in which the parties have a joint interest may arise. Upon written notification by either party, and where there is mutual agreement of the parties, an in-term bargaining session shall be initiated for the purpose of discussion and attempted resolution of the issues identified in the written notice. In the event the parties reach a tentative agreement, such agreement shall be signed and dated by each party's designated representative, and shall be presented to the appropriate constituents pursuant to their respective requirements for approval. In the event that agreement is not reached, then the parties will revert to the status quo in existence prior to the commencement of in-term bargaining.

## **ARTICLE 45 – NURSING/LACTATION ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **Section 45.01 – Purpose**

CSEA and the College agree that the health and wellbeing of our employees are critically important.

CSEA and the College recognize the importance of breastfeeding and encourage support from managers, supervisors, and co-workers for nursing mothers.

### **Section 45.02 – Locations**

Full-time faculty who are breastfeeding may use their private office for the pumping of breast milk. If a private office is not available/practical, considering the faculty member's teaching location, the College will collaborate with the Association to identify a suitable private location, on an as needed basis, prior to the nursing mother's return to work.

### **Section 45.03 – Storage**

Full-time faculty will have access to proper storage facilities for breast milk within the department, including a refrigerator provided by the College.

### **Section 45.04 – Scheduling**

Department Chairs/designees will ensure that full-time faculty who are nursing will be allowed flexibility during scheduling courses. The amount of time required to travel between class locations will be taken into consideration.

## **ARTICLE 46 – COLLEGE SAFETY COUNCIL**

The parties acknowledge that the College maintains a Safety Council whose chief aim is to improve the safety of guests, students, faculty, and staff. Working closely with the College's Police Department and others across the College who have responsibility for college safety, the Council is committed to maintaining a safe, secure learning and work environment, in and outside of the classroom, by:

1. Understanding the College's public safety programs, and each person's responsibility as a member of the college community to advance a safe and secure environment;
2. Identifying issues of key concern;
3. Providing and publishing feedback such as updates on programs, policies and procedures related to college safety, including emergency preparedness, crime prevention, education and training, safe and secure computing environment, and communication;
4. Maintaining a consistent meeting schedule and publishing meeting minutes; and

5. Serving as a key communicator about college safety within the college community.

The Council meets regularly throughout the year, and it is co-chaired by the College Chief of Police and a faculty member. The Council is to be comprised of at least the following members of the College community:

1. A student appointed by the SVP of Student Success or designee
2. A faculty member appointed by the CSEA
3. A faculty member from each of the following academic departments, appointed by the SVPAA:
  - a. Biological and Physical Sciences
  - b. Business and Engineering Technologies, specifically lab related areas
  - c. Health and Human Services, specifically from a health related area
4. A member of the Staff Advisory Council as appointed by the Council Chair
5. A member representing the Clery Audit Team
6. Up to three (3) representatives from the following divisions, appointed by the respective Division Vice President:
  - a. Enrollment Management and Student Services
  - b. Business Services
  - c. Student Success
7. A representative from each of the following areas, appointed by the respective Division Vice President:
  - a. Delaware Campus - Regional Learning Centers
  - b. Human Resources
  - c. Information Technology
  - d. K-12 Partnerships Office

## **ARTICLE 48 – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

The Tuition Reimbursement Program provides an opportunity for faculty members to earn a higher degree and a chance to take courses related to their employment with the College through accredited colleges and universities. Effective January 1, 2021, tenure-track faculty who have completed one (1) year of continuous service are eligible to participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program.

### **Section 48.01 – Tuition Program**

The College will reimburse instructional and general fees for courses taken at an

accredited college and university. Reimbursement will be made on a fiscal year (July 1- June 30) basis up to a maximum of \$6,000 for undergraduate programs or up to a maximum of \$8,000 for graduate degree programs. The College reserves the right to change to a calendar year reimbursement structure with sixty (60) days' notice to the Association. All other fees and charges are the responsibility of the faculty member. Reimbursement will be made as follows:

- A.** Faculty who attend a State of Ohio public institution will receive 100% reimbursement up to the maximum amount allowed.
- B.** Faculty who attend an approved private or proprietary degree-granting institution of higher education will be reimbursed 100% of the average tuition charges of state universities up to the maximum amount allowed for a general undergraduate or a general graduate program.

In order to accommodate the varying start and end dates of courses from various institutions, this program shall apply funding for the fiscal year in which the course begins.

#### **Section 48.02 – Reimbursement Criteria**

To receive reimbursement, several criteria must be met.

##### **A. Program Application**

In order to participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program, faculty must submit a completed application for the program thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anticipated start date of the first quarter/semester/term. No applications shall be accepted after the first week of the term in which the course will be taken.

- 1.** The application to participate in this program must include a description of the faculty's proposed educational program, estimated cost, and a business necessity statement. The application must be approved by their immediate supervisor and SVPAA or designee. The Vice President of Administration or designee shall have final approval of the application.
- 2.** Tuition reimbursement is approved for progressive educational attainment, in alignment with the faculty member's career pathway (i.e.: Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate degrees). Tuition reimbursement is not approved for a faculty member desiring to earn in excess of one of each of these degrees. However, at the discretion of the SVPAA, approval for tuition reimbursement for a supplemental degree may be warranted dependent on the business needs of the College and/or a career change supported by the College.
- 3.** The educational program must be related to the faculty member's job at the College or to a job the faculty member might expect to hold at the College in the future.
- 4.** Approval for a new program and subsequent degree will not be granted until a new fiscal year has started following the completion of a program/degree through the Tuition Reimbursement Program.

5. If a faculty member decides to change their program of study following approval of the program, fails to complete the degree within forty-eight (48) months, or needs to request an extension, it is the responsibility of the faculty member to submit a new application along with appropriate documentation, for approval, to the Vice President of Administration or designee. The change must be received prior to taking classes for any course work to be reimbursed.

## **B. Term Applications**

1. Faculty must apply each term during the academic year for which they plan to enroll and utilize the Tuition Reimbursement Program; they will be responsible for listing the courses they plan to take and detailing how these courses align with the overall program approval. They must also include an estimate of the anticipated cost they intend to request for reimbursement at the end of the term. This approval process will be the same as listed in number A(1).
2. Scheduling of courses should take place so that course participation does not interfere with the faculty member's work schedule.

## **C. Reimbursement Applications**

1. Reimbursement will be granted only upon presentation of evidence of satisfactory completion of courses. Satisfactory completion is defined as:
  - a. Undergraduate level courses: A grade of "C" or better or "Pass"
  - b. Graduate level courses: A grade of "B" or better or "Pass, Satisfactory or in Progress"
  - c. Faculty must submit official documentation of fees paid and a final grade report
  - d. Reimbursement is conditional on the faculty member maintaining a GPA of 2.5
2. Faculty must be employed on the first and last day of the quarter/semester to be eligible for reimbursement.
3. After completion of the course(s), faculty will be required to submit to the Vice President of Administration or designee a Request for Tuition Reimbursement form within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving their grade. All requests for reimbursement must be supported by the following acceptable documents:
  - a. The original invoice,
  - b. Official grade report/official proof of satisfactory course completion as detailed above, and
  - c. Original receipt of payment.
4. Unused funds may not be carried over from one year to the next.

5. At no time will the College reimburse a faculty member for retaking a class for which they have already received reimbursement.
6. Faculty are obligated to report other financial assistance. Tuition reimbursement for faculty who receive financial assistance from other sources (i.e. scholarships, grants, etc.) will be calculated based on the instructional fees not covered by the other sources.

### **Section 48.03 – Exclusions**

- A. The provisions of this Article are not extended to a faculty member who is on a leave of absence as defined in Article 35. If a faculty member is granted a leave of absence for academic study, and if that faculty member pays the academic fees from their personal resources, the college will reimburse one-third of the instructional and general fees at the end of each of the three (3) years immediately following the leave of absence that the faculty member remains in the employ of the college.
- B. No faculty member who has a suspension of record is eligible for tuition reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE 49 – TOTALITY OF AGREEMENT, NON-EXERCISE OF RIGHTS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Section 49.01 – Totality of Agreement**

The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the College and the Association, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives its right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any matter, whether or not the matter is specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though the matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

### **Section 49.02 – Non-Exercise of Rights**

The non-exercise of rights held by the College or by the Association shall not be deemed to waive any such rights or the right to exercise them in some way in the future.

### **Section 49.03 – Policies and Procedures**

The parties recognize that practices and policies of general application have developed at the College over a period of years and are set forth in writing in policies and procedures of the College. The parties further recognize that the faculty have a substantial interest in providing effective advice and input into the development of

these policies and procedures which affect them. Accordingly, the parties recognize that promulgation and revision of these policies and procedures are part of the continuing exercise of the management rights of the College, pursuant to, and consistent with RC 4117.08 C, and that policies and procedures applicable to bargaining unit members which are not in direct and obvious conflict with the provisions of this Agreement may be continued during the life of this Agreement or amended or discontinued by the College. However, it is further recognized that the Association will play a significant role in policy development which affects their members, and that the College will promulgate or significantly amend these policies and procedures only after providing timely opportunity for the Association to review any such proposed draft policies or procedures and to comment upon and discuss these policies and procedures with College representatives, ordinarily as part of the Association/Management Committee discussions. Past practices not codified in the policies and procedures of the College shall have no binding effect upon the parties.

#### **ARTICLE 50 – DURATION**

This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2026, and shall remain in full force and effect until midnight June 30, 2029. If prior to the termination date of this Agreement either party wishes to negotiate a successor to this Agreement, such party must serve upon the other party written notice of such intent at least ninety (90) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement.

The Parties here cause this Agreement to be executed this 30th day of April, 2026.

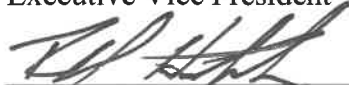
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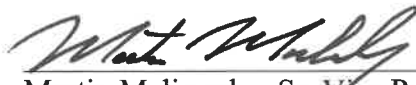
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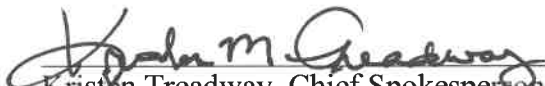
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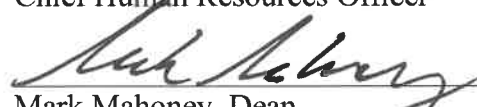
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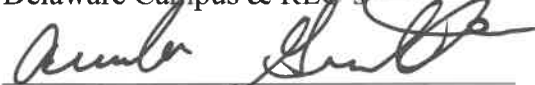
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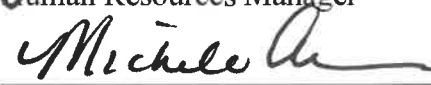
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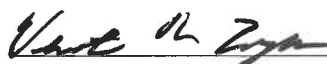
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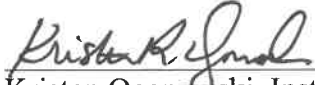
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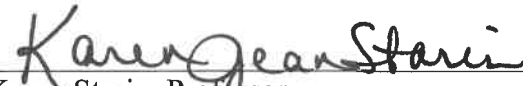
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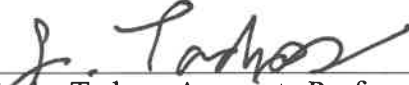
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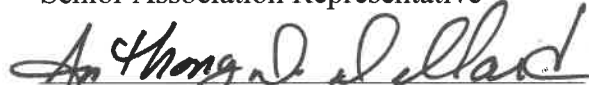
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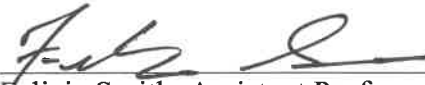
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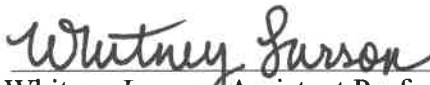
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