

A photograph of the Syracuse University campus in winter. The scene is dominated by a large, multi-story stone building with a central tower and a dome, illuminated from within. To the right, a modern, illuminated stadium with a white, geometric roof structure is visible. The foreground is covered in snow, with several bare trees and streetlights. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
ADJUNCTS UNITED**

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**ARTICLE I**  
**Recognition Clause**

Syracuse University recognizes Adjuncts United/ NYSUT as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all part-time non-tenure track faculty members teaching fewer than twenty-four (24) credit hours per academic year (excluding summer sessions) employed by the University on the University's Syracuse, New York payroll working in Syracuse, including part-time adjunct non-tenure track faculty members, and including such faculty members employed by University College, all professional schools, and all University part-time faculty teaching on-line instruction programs to students on the Syracuse campus.

**Excluded are:**

- All faculty members working full-time;
- All tenured and tenure-track faculty;
- Part-time instructors teaching at least the equivalent of twenty-four (24) credit hours per academic year;
- Retired tenured Syracuse University faculty;
- Visiting faculty (including professors, lecturers, visiting artists working appointments of one year or less, critics, and visiting instructors through the scholars rescue fund and similar programs);
- Online instructors who are located in foreign countries;
- Research faculty;
- Undergraduate students;
- Graduate assistants, teaching assistants, research assistants;
- Employees who have worked or are working in careers outside Syracuse University who teach in a part-time assignment, recruited and hired to serve a fixed term, renewable, non-tenure track contract and recruited specifically based on their extensive experience, distinguished careers and/or affiliation with a particular organization. The University will limit this list to seventy-five (75) positions. The designation of these positions will be at the start of the academic year and will be provided to the Labor Management Committee for discussion.
- Faculty members who work in a dual capacity for the University which specifically includes supervisory, confidential and/or managerial status;
- Temporary employees
- Field supervisors;
- Instructors of not for credit courses;
- Independent contractors as defined in the Management Rights Clause;
- Guards, managers, supervisors and confidential employees as defined in the National Labor Relations Act and;
- All other employees paid on the Syracuse University payroll.

These excluded employees shall not be covered by the provisions of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Definitions:**

For the Purpose of this agreement:

1. "Part-time faculty member" shall carry the same meaning as "bargaining unit member", except as otherwise agreed to in the Recognition Clause. Further definition of titles may be found on the Provost's website (<http://provost.syr.edu>)
2. For the purposes of the timelines in the grievance procedure, work days shall mean any day, Monday through Friday, excluding University holidays and designated Green Days.
3. A "Continuing" member of the bargaining unit is any bargaining unit member who returns to instructor status in consecutive years or who returns to instructor status within two (2) academic years of her/his last instructional appointment, including full-time teaching, with the University.
4. Appointments are continuous assignments, without breaks of longer than one academic semester.
5. Appropriate Administrator is an administrator designated by the school/college as knowledgeable in the part-time instructor's field of study and is usually from within the school/college and his/her immediate academic supervisor.
6. Subject to the minimums contained in this agreement, rate increases will be distributed by the academic responsibility centers, specifically by the schools and colleges listed below:
  - School of Architecture
  - College of Arts and Sciences
  - School of Education
  - LC Smith College of Engineering
  - David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics
  - School of Information Studies (iSchool)
  - College of Law
  - Martin J. Whitman School of Management
  - Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Administration
  - Newhouse School of Public Communications
  - College of Visual and Performing Arts
7. "Supplemental Assignments" are other responsibilities and assignments which may or may not be related to the Bargain Unit Member's core responsibilities as outlined in Article X.
8. Break in Service: A break in service occurs when a bargaining unit member does not teach at Syracuse University for two or more consecutive academic years and was not employed by the University or on an approved leave during that entire period of time.

### **ARTICLE III** **Management Rights**

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein and subject to terms of this Agreement, all rights, functions and prerogatives will remain vested in the Employer, including, but not limited to:

- The right to determine, establish, plan, direct and control the University's programs, curriculum, course offerings, objectives, activities, resources and priorities; and the right to exercise sole authority on all decisions involving academic matters including but not limited to decisions regarding what is taught, the mode of instruction and by whom instruction is delivered;
- The right to alter, reorganize, reduce, extend or discontinue any existing program, department, unit, school, college, facility and locale of operation;
- The right to address accreditation requirements;
- The right to introduce new standards, facilities or improved methods of instruction or assessment of student learning;
- The right to determine qualifications and to require reasonable standards of quality and performance, and standards to ensure the maintenance of order and efficiency; the right to evaluate part-time faculty;
- The right to provide staff development and educational opportunities;
- The right to hire, promote and demote, to displace employees for lack of work or other reasons as delineated in Article VII Faculty Appointments, to discontinue jobs, to assign employees within and across departments and terminate employment;
- The right to subcontract work, though while the University retains the right to subcontract work, the University agrees to make reasonable effort to avoid displacing bargaining unit members where subcontracting may eliminate jobs; any changes to current levels of subcontracting will be reported to the Labor Management Committee for discussion.
- The option not to hire or reappoint part-time faculty;
- The right to determine hours and schedule and assignment of work; and the right to establish or modify the academic calendars, including holidays and holiday scheduling;
- The right to make rules and regulations governing conduct and safety;
- The right to discipline or discharge for just cause.

### **ARTICLE IV** **Union Rights**

1. Union Dues

With respect to any bargaining unit member on whose behalf the University receives a written authorization in a form agreed upon by the Union and the University, the University shall deduct from the wages of the bargaining unit

member an amount equal to the member dues or agency fees and submit those monies to the treasurer of the Union by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month in which the deductions were made. No deduction shall be made for any amount of money greater than one (1) month's member's dues or agency fees except in situations in which an error by the University needs to be corrected.

The University agrees to deduct from the salary of any bargaining unit member who is not a member of the Union, but who is represented by the Union for the purpose of collective negotiation, an Agency Shop Fee in an amount equivalent to the amount of dues payable by a member of the Union.

The University and Union agree that within sixty (60) days after commencing employment all bargaining unit employees shall have the option to become members of the Union and to sign authorization cards allowing the deduction of dues or to sign authorization cards to allow deductions from their pay equivalent to the Union dues in the form of Agency fees. Appointment letters shall include the preceding sentence regarding these options.

Beginning in Academic Year 2016-17, part-time instructor new hires in the bargaining unit (i.e. those who are hired in August 2016 or later for the first time to teach and are included in the bargaining unit) ("Post 2015 New Hires") will be subject to mandatory dues check off. Post 2015 New Hires must sign an authorization card allowing the deduction of dues or payment of an Agency fee within the first semester of their teaching and maintain that authorization for subsequent semesters. Without signed authorization they cannot be rehired or renewed in any subsequent academic year unless they are excluded from the bargaining unit.

Errors made in Union dues or agency fee deductions resulting from errors made by the University will be corrected as necessary by the University. In no event will the University be required to fund any part of an individual's Union dues or agency fee or any part of the monthly submission of Union dues and agency fees to the Union.

The University shall provide an alphabetical list of names of all employees in the bargaining unit and noting the amount of the deduction from each employee from whose earnings the deductions were made with each submission of dues and/or agency fees monies each month. The University will provide this data electronically each month.

The Union shall provide the University written notification of the amount of its regular dues and agency fees to be deducted under the provisions of this article. If the amount of dues or agency fees is changed during the term of the Agreement, the Union shall provide the University the nature and effective date of the change in writing, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the change.

The Union shall indemnify and protect the University against all forms of liability and claims which may arise by reason of the University's compliance with this article.

2. Bargaining Information - The University shall provide to the Union annual financial statements and the annual budget of the University.
3. Unit Information - The University shall give the Union a list of the names, home telephone numbers (if available), home addresses, campus e-mail addresses and the accumulated seniority credits of all members of the bargaining unit who are currently teaching within six (6) weeks of the first day of classes for the fall term and spring term. University agrees to notify the Union within one week of approval of leave absence granted to AU members.
4. Use of Equipment -The University will not withhold reasonable access to copiers for Union representatives for the routine duplication of transactional materials such as, but not limited to grievance forms, disciplinary notices and correspondence between the parties. The parties agree to monitor such usage and amend practices as needed to continue to meet mutual interests.
5. Meeting Space - The University will provide access to campus facilities, upon request and approval, to conduct small meetings between union representative(s) and/or officer(s) and bargaining unit members within a School/College. If the duly elected or appointed Union President and other Union representatives work in the same academic department, the University will make reasonable effort to co-locate the President and other representatives in common office space.

Requests for meeting space to conduct meetings of large groups of employees or the full bargaining unit will be made to the Director of Staff Relations and Recruitment.

6. Campus Mail - The University will provide limited access to campus mail for the distribution of Union announcements upon request and approval of the Associate Provost for Academic Administration. The use of campus mail for the distribution of transactional materials (e.g. grievance forms or correspondence) between the parties is appropriate.
7. Union Representatives - The Union will provide the University with the names of representatives and their respective area of responsibility and contact information. The Union will provide this information at the beginning of each academic year and whenever changes take place.

The University will consider requests for Union business time for elected/appointed Union representatives to work on Union business when Union business, including but not limited to grievance hearings, employee disciplinary proceedings or arbitrations, cannot be scheduled for times other than when the representative is scheduled to be in the classroom carrying out teaching responsibilities at the University. Such requests must be made

in writing to the appropriate administrator in each affected School or College with the intent of receiving permission prior to utilizing such time. The Union will make efforts to schedule such Union business time to minimize disruption to classroom teaching responsibilities whenever possible.

The University will not grant Union business time for meetings scheduled by an individual representative to handle day-to-day issues. It is expected that representatives will use time other than teaching time to address these issues.

Requests for union business time for elected/appointed Union representatives will not be unreasonably withheld. Total Union business time will not exceed 2 classes per semester in any teaching section for classes that meet 2 or 3 times per week and once per semester in any teaching section that meets once per week. Union business time will not exceed a total of twelve (12) hours per semester campus wide.

The University retains the responsibility for covering teaching duties missed when Union business time is granted when the request for time falls within the maximum time allowed per the labor agreement. It is the responsibility of the Union representative to cover teaching time missed when time granted is in excess of the maximum time allowed per the labor agreement.

8. Copies of Agreement - Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the expense of the University as soon as is practicable, after the Agreement is signed by the parties. The University will provide Adjuncts United with 1,000 copies of the Agreement so that the Union may distribute the contract to all members of the bargaining unit and to all new members subsequently employed. Bargaining unit members will be directed to an electronic copy of the Agreement if hard copies are no longer available.
9. Parking - The University shall provide the Union with the opportunity to purchase two (2) service parking permits to be used at the discretion of the Union President within the bounds of the University Parking regulations.

## **ARTICLE V** **Grievance Procedure**

1. **Grievance Procedure**
  1. Definition - A grievance is defined as a complaint by a unit member, group of unit members, or the Union that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of any provision of this agreement, except as specifically limited by this Agreement as to matters which are not grievable. Time limits may be extended only by the written consent of both parties.
  2. Informal Resolution - The parties agree to use their best efforts to encourage informal and prompt resolution of grievances. The grievant is required to raise the issue with the school or college administrator(s)



with responsibility and/or oversight for the grievant's area (e.g. supervisor, department chair, associate dean) as soon as possible after the event giving rise to the complaint, but no later than fifteen (15) working days after its occurrence. At the bargaining unit member's request, up to two representatives from the Union may participate. A Labor Relations representative may also participate at the administrator's request. The parties shall discuss the issue as necessary within the next ten (10) working days to ensure complete understanding and to attempt to resolve the grievance. The administrator will provide an answer within fifteen (15) working days of learning of the issue. If the grievant is not satisfied with the answer provided by the administrator, the grievant may initiate formal proceedings.

3. It is understood that any resolution of a grievance reached in the informal process shall be non precedent setting between the parties unless such a precedent is mutually agreed upon by the parties. Evidence of such a non-precedent setting resolution or settlement shall not be admissible in any subsequent arbitration.
4. Formal Proceedings - Any settlement between the University and the Union at any stage of the formal procedure shall be binding on the University, the Union and any grievant(s). Any disposition of a grievance from which no appeal is taken within the time limits specified herein shall be deemed resolved and shall not thereafter be subject to any further processing under the grievance and arbitration provisions of the Agreement. This shall not preclude the grieving of different occurrences of matters of a like or similar nature. Failure on the part of the University to answer a grievance at any step shall not be deemed acquiescence thereto, and the grieving party may proceed to the next step in the grievance process.

Step 1 - No later than ten (10) working days after the receipt of a final answer at the informal step, the grievance must be filed in writing on a grievance form (Appendix C) with the Head of Labor Relations in the Office of Human Resources with a copy forwarded at the same time to the Union by the grievant. The grievance must cite the article(s) allegedly violated, misinterpreted, or misapplied, the date(s) of the events which are the subject of the grievance, the persons present at the events if applicable, the facts supporting the grievance, and the requested remedy.

The Provost and/or designee(s), will meet with the grievant and Union representation to discuss the issue as necessary within the next fifteen (15) working days to ensure complete understanding and to attempt to resolve the grievance. The Provost and/or designee may request representatives from the school or college to participate in the discussion. The Provost and/or designee shall render a decision in writing with copies sent to the grievant(s), the Union and the Head of Labor Relations

in the Office of Human Resources within five (5) working days after the conclusion of the meeting.

Step 2 - If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, the grievant may submit the grievance in writing to the Head of Labor Relations in the Office of Human Resources within five (5) working days after the receipt of the decision in Step 1.

The Head of Labor Relations and/or designee and other University representatives as required will meet with the grievant and representation from the Union within the next fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the grievance to ensure complete understanding and to attempt to resolve the grievance. The Head of Labor Relations and/or designee shall render a decision in writing, with copies sent to the grievant(s), the Union and the Provost or designee within five (5) working days after the meeting.

Step 3 - If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2 then within thirty (30) working days after the date of the Step 2 decision, the Union alone may submit the grievance to binding arbitration.

A request for a list of arbitrators will be made to the American Arbitration Association (AAA). A copy of the request or demand will simultaneously be served upon the University. The parties will then be bound by the rules and procedures of AAA in the selection of the arbitrator.

The selected arbitrator will hear the matter promptly and will issue a decision. The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and will set forth findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issue(s).

The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to make any decision which requires commission of an act prohibited by law, or which is in violation of, or beyond the scope of, the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, modify, add to or subtract from the provisions of the labor Agreement. If a grievance has been timely filed, the Arbitrator shall have no power to issue an award or any relief that is retroactive beyond ten (10) working days prior to the date the grievance was initially raised. For example, where the allegations relate to a continuing violation, the Arbitrator can provide relief for the period ten (10) working days prior to the grievance, not the entire retroactive period of the alleged violation, if greater than ten (10 ) working days.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including expenses if any, and any administrative fees charged by AAA, will be shared equally by the University and the Union.

## **ARTICLE VI** **Seniority**

Bargaining unit members shall earn one seniority credit for each semester covered by an appointment for which the member taught. Any such teaching done during a Fall or Spring semester shall be eligible for the purpose of determining seniority credit. Seniority credit is accumulated for the purposes of accumulating credit toward eligibility for longer term contracts and course appointments. Instruction during summer sessions shall be excluded in determining the seniority credit.

Beginning in academic year 2020 – 2021, any post-probation bargaining employee who has a break in service as defined in Article II, will be considered a new employee upon return to teaching at the University, and will be required to serve a new probation period, and be subject to dues checkoff.

Any bargaining unit member who does not teach for two consecutive Academic Years following his/her last full-time or part-time teaching assignment at the University shall no longer be considered a unit member. If a post-probationary bargaining unit member resigns their position but subsequently chooses to return, at any time, to a part-time teaching assignment which would again place them in the bargaining unit, they will be considered a new bargaining unit member and required to serve a new probation, and they will be subject to dues checkoff.

If such an individual is reemployed, that person will have the status of a new employee for the purpose of seniority. Anyone on an approved leave of absence shall have his/her seniority frozen for the duration of the leave. Seniority shall also be broken if a bargaining unit member resigns, or is terminated for cause or turns down an offer of employment and does not teach.

Seniority credit shall be provided from employment records on hand in the University PeopleSoft system beginning with employment from July 1, 2000. Bargaining unit members hired into teaching assignments at Syracuse University prior to July 1, 2000 will be provided six (6) seniority credits for every year of continuous University service prior to 2000. The University will use the appropriate date that best reflects teaching time to determine service prior to July 1, 2000, if any. For the period between July 1, 2000 and May 31, 2011, seniority credits were determined by the number of credit hours taught. All seniority credits earned prior to May 31, 2011, shall be maintained in the individual's seniority credit accumulation.

Bargaining unit members shall have the right to review their seniority credit accumulation when additional seniority credits have been accrued.

Except as otherwise provided herein and subject to the terms of this Agreement, the University reserves the right to make all decisions regarding course assignments and appointments, including the addition of new part-time faculty.

In the absence of any other appointment option, as defined by Article VII – Faculty Appointments, and in the event school, college, department or program leadership decides to offer a new open section to part-time faculty, the University will follow the following process:

A report detailing the current open part time faculty positions, including the job number, title and posting period will be sent to the Union President once per week. Each open position will be posted on the Syracuse University online job posting website for seven (7) days.

Bargaining Unit members interested in teaching any new course offering and/or open section being offered to part-time faculty may submit an application via the online posting process within the posting period.

Unless otherwise assigned individuals covered under Article VII - Faculty Appointments, bargaining unit members who are teaching or who have taught the course will be considered first.

1. The appropriate hiring authority will select from the top three qualified, senior employees currently teaching or who have taught the course and who submitted an application for the position via the online posting process for the new course offerings and/or open sections.
2. If no such bargaining unit members are interested or available, the hiring authority will select the best qualified of the top three senior qualified bargaining unit members who submitted an online application.
3. Applications for open or new posted course/sections from bargaining unit members who have not received a ranking of at least “Good” in each of the two most recent performance evaluations, or who are on remediation, need not be considered.

All bargaining unit members who apply for open positions shall be notified of the status of the position by email within five (5) business days from the receipt of the signed appointment letter.

In the event school, college, department or program leadership decides to eliminate or reassign course assignments that result in the displacement of current bargaining unit members, a reasonable effort will be made to retain the most qualified senior bargaining unit members.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Faculty Appointments**

Except as otherwise provided herein and subject to the terms of this Agreement, the University reserves the right to make, change, renew and/or not renew faculty appointments under its management and academic rights. All appointments for part-time faculty may be subject to change based on enrollment or lack of enrollment in ample numbers; course cancellation; hiring or reassignment of course work to full-time and/or tenured or tenure track faculty; reassignment of course work to Syracuse University graduate students; reassignment of work to meet the University's need to accommodate the dual career interest of full-time faculty and administrators, separation after the completion of an appointment made to temporarily replace a full-time and/or tenured or tenure track faculty member.

The University will make a reasonable effort not to make changes to appointments before the end of a current multi-year appointment.

#### **Probation Period**

A probation period must be served by all new part-time faculty members hired beginning in the Fall 2005 semester. The Probation period shall be four (4) semesters. Any probationary employee who works any 4 semesters during 3 consecutive academic years fulfills probation requirement and will be post-probationary after completing the 4th semester.

If, at the end of 3 consecutive academic years the employee has not taught 4 semesters, the employee will be deemed to have completed probation once a 4th semester of teaching has been completed, if there has not been a break in service as defined in Article II.

If an AU member is post-probationary, and has had a break in service, as defined in Article II, that member will be considered a new employee upon return to teaching at the university, and will be required to serve a new probation period, and will be subject to dues checkoff.

For purposes of completing probation, a part-time faculty member on an approved leave or who retains employment with the University outside of the bargaining unit will have their accrued service toward probation completion frozen until he/she returns to the bargaining unit if there has been no break in service as defined in Article II.

**Length of Contract** - Bargaining unit members assigned to teach courses in more than one (1) semester in an academic year are eligible to receive one (1) year appointments upon the successful completion of the probation period. Bargaining unit members assigned to teach in only one (1) semester will receive appointments covering only that semester. Eligible bargaining unit members may be offered appointments that are longer than one (1) year at the discretion of the University.

Upon accumulation of 10 semesters as a part-time instructor at Syracuse University, bargaining unit members assigned to teach more than one (1) semester in an academic year are eligible to receive a two (2) year appointment. Bargaining unit members who have accumulated 10 semesters who are assigned to teach in only one (1) semester are eligible to receive a two (2) year appointment covering a single semester each year. Eligible bargaining unit members may receive appointments that are longer than two (2) years at the discretion of the University.

Effective Fall Semester 2018, following successful completion of the probation period and upon accumulation of fourteen (14) consecutive semesters as a part-time instructor at Syracuse University, part-time faculty members assigned to teach will be offered a multi-year appointment, failing any of the contingencies described below. The part-time faculty member may accept the multi-year appointment as offered, or request an appointment of shorter length.

In Spring 2018 and each year thereafter, Syracuse University Human Resources will submit to the Dean of each School and College a list of those bargaining unit members who have met the requirements for multi-year appointment but are currently on a semester-by-semester appointment, or in a one-year appointment, or are in the final year of a multi-year contract. The Dean will conduct a review of the part-time instructors submitted by HR, and failing the existence of any reason for automatic disqualification, the Dean will issue approval for offering a multi-year appointment to the affected bargaining unit member, with a copy submitted to the Office of the Provost and Department of Human Resources.

Bargaining unit members who would otherwise be eligible for multi-year appointments will be automatically disqualified for having received discipline for egregious conduct, or for willful failure to complete an appointment not due to unforeseen or emergent reasons.

A bargaining unit member who, within the two (2) semesters immediately prior to eligibility for a multi-year appointment, receives an unsatisfactory performance evaluation, may have the multi-year appointment delayed for at least one year, until under the remediation provisions of Article VIII the teaching performance has improved, or to allow for a sufficient remediation period. For a bargaining unit member who already has a multi-year contract, and receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, their contract will be extended by at least one semester.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the University reserves the right to make, change, renew and/or not renew faculty appointments under its management and academic rights, as contained in Articles III and VII.

Bargaining unit members already working under longer term contracts will continue to be eligible to renew their contracts at the same terms including length of contract. In the event contracts with terms that have changed are to be offered, reasons for the changes in the contract terms will be provided upon request by the bargaining unit members. Such reasons need to be based on the provisions delineated in the first paragraph of this Article, or on performance as

outlined in Article VIII under procedures and remediation. When there isn't agreement on a shorter term contract the University may at its discretion either offer the longer term contract or withdraw its offer of employment.

The University is committed to offering long term appointments taking into consideration programmatic needs, student enrollment, quality of instruction, and/or years of service. Any post probationary instructor who would like to be considered for a longer term appointment than the appointment they currently hold should make a written request to their Department Chair, copied to the Department of Human Resources and the Adjuncts United President. The University will review received requests and provide a written response to the bargaining unit member by the end of the academic year in which received provided that the request is received by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The University will communicate decisions to the AU President upon completion of the review.

In the event a bargaining unit member believes there is a discrepancy in the number of seniority credits earned in the preceding semester, the bargaining unit members may provide evidence to the Dean or designee of the number of seniority credits earned. Such evidence may be provided through individual contracts, grade sheets, information from My Slice and/or other University documents. Bargaining unit members will have the opportunity to provide such evidence to the Dean or designee within ten (10) work days of the receipt of the Unit Information report provided by the University to the Union in the fall and spring semester each academic year.

A bargaining unit member, who continues teaching with the University but is not performing bargaining unit work, shall have his/her seniority credit frozen. Upon his/her return to the bargaining unit, such seniority credit shall be reinstated and the bargaining unit member shall begin to accumulate additional seniority credit as provided in Article VI of this Agreement.

Notification of Initial Contracts or Contract Renewals - For main campus appointments, the University will make every effort, once freshman enrollment and registration has been completed, to notify part-time faculty members whose contracts commence or are renewed with the fall semester according to the following schedule:

- Part-time faculty teaching freshman courses – August 1
- Part-time faculty teaching other courses – July 1

The University will make every effort to notify part-time faculty members whose contracts commence or are renewed with the spring semester within ten (10) work days of the completion of the registration process.

The University will make every effort to notify part-time faculty members teaching in a summer session as soon as practicable, once the registration process has been completed.

Notification of initial contracts and contract renewals for appointments for part-time teaching assignments in University College will be made as soon as possible but no later than the end of the first week of class.

Appointment letters will include at minimum the number of credit hours to be taught, all expected responsibilities, percentage increase if applicable, in addition to the total compensation. In the event there are any modifications to a contract, the University shall provide the bargaining unit member an addendum outlining the changes to the existing contract.

**Notification of Non-Renewal** – The University shall make every effort to provide notice to part-time faculty members whose contracts are not going to be renewed no later than 10 working days after the close of registration for currently enrolled students for appointments commencing in the following fall or spring semester. Post probationary part-time faculty notices shall include the reason(s) for non-renewal. In any case, the Union shall be notified when a bargaining unit member's contract is not renewed.

In the event a bargaining unit member is on remediation, the date for notification of non-renewal may be modified upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Post probationary bargaining unit members who disagree with the reason given for non-renewal may appeal the decision to the grievance process. The timelines established in the grievance process shall begin with the date the individual receives the reason from his/her supervisor.

## **ARTICLE VIII** **Evaluation**

**Procedures** - The University reserves the right to evaluate bargaining unit members in order to promote and maintain academic standards and to assess qualifications, competency and suitability for continued appointment.

Evaluations may consist of input from students, faculty and appropriate administrators. Evaluations shall be in writing and in conformity with departmental standards, practices and criteria. Such standards, practices and criteria shall be made available to bargaining unit members. To the reasonable extent possible, the criteria and classroom observation practices used for evaluating teaching for part-time faculty should be similar to the criteria and classroom observation practices used for evaluating full-time faculty teaching. When appropriate all such evaluations shall include specific suggestions for improvement. Evaluations will be completed once during the term of each individual appointment. Additional evaluations may be completed at the discretion of the department.

The bargaining unit member may request a meeting with the evaluator to jointly review the evaluation at a time mutually acceptable to both parties.

When an evaluation has been completed, a bargaining unit member shall receive a copy of his or her written evaluation as soon as is practicable following the



evaluation and may submit a written response for placement in his or her personnel file.

Bargaining unit members shall be informed of the presence of any evaluators attending a class session.

A bargaining unit member may place supplemental student evaluations and/or a summary of student evaluations in his or her personnel file. However, a bargaining unit member may not conduct his or her own course evaluation or solicit evaluative responses from students outside of the regular evaluative process sanctioned by his or her department and school or college for the purpose of placement in his/her personnel file.

Remediation - In the event a post probationary bargaining unit member is identified to have unsatisfactory teaching performance, except in egregious cases, the University will notify the bargaining unit member of the deficiencies that require correction and will provide an opportunity to correct the identified deficiencies which may include remediation efforts prior to the end of the current appointment where possible.

In the event a probationary employee is identified to have unsatisfactory teaching performance, the University will notify the bargaining unit member of the deficiencies that require correction and may, but is not obligated to, provide an opportunity to correct the identified deficiencies, which may include remediation.

Any bargaining unit member who is offered and completes remediation will be notified of the outcome of the remediation. If the process results in a determination by the University to terminate the individual, the individual and the union will be provided notification and the reason(s) for the failed remediation in writing.

Remediation efforts may include but are not limited to, at the discretion of the appropriate administrator within the school or college, individual discussion with and coaching from appropriate faculty members or administrators, self remediation, peer coaching, and/or attendance at teaching workshops.

Once a teaching deficiency has been noted, except in egregious cases, the post-probationary bargaining unit member will receive at least one additional semester of teaching within the current appointment to address and correct the stated deficiencies. The University will evaluate the performance of the bargaining unit member, and may include observation of the instructor by an appropriate administrator.

When deficiencies are identified in the last semester of the contract for post probationary bargaining unit members with a 2 or 3 year appointment, and no evaluation was done prior to that semester, the University will, except in egregious cases, extend the individual contract by at least one semester to provide the opportunity to address and correct the stated deficiencies.

If the post probationary bargaining unit member's performance has not improved to the satisfaction of the school/college/department the employee may receive notice of non-renewal or termination per the procedures detailed in Article VII. Probationary employees may not appeal to the grievance process detailed in Article VII.

Human Resources Records - The University shall establish and maintain the official personnel file for each employee. Such files are University property and shall be used for University-related activities. Bargaining unit member personnel files are maintained in a secure manner, within the respective schools and colleges.

A personnel file that will be available for review will be established for each bargaining unit member in the first twelve months of this agreement. All new bargaining unit members will have a personnel file established from the date of hire.

The University will provide the bargaining unit member with a copy of any performance and/or disciplinary related information that is placed in the personnel file.

A bargaining unit member may arrange to examine materials in his or her official personnel file by appointment and under supervision of Academic HR or of the appropriate representatives from his/her school or college. No more than two (2) union representatives may accompany the bargaining unit member.

A bargaining unit member may respond to any document that is included in his or her personnel file and have the response included in the personnel file. Any bargaining unit member may request to add appropriate materials to augment his or her personnel file by providing such materials to his or her direct supervisor.

A bargaining unit member may make reasonable requests for a copy of any document contained within his or her personnel file. Such requests will not be unreasonably denied, though the University may impose a reasonable copy fee should the number of requests or the amount of material in an individual request become excessive.

Just Cause - The University will apply the standards for just cause for all decisions regarding discipline, termination or non-renewal of an appointment for a bargaining unit member except those non-renewals covered by the exclusions detailed in Article VII.

## ARTICLE IX

### Compensation

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>Across the Board Increase</b>	<b>2% + \$55 added to PCR</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Post Probation minimum per credit hour rate for Part-time faculty</b>	<b>\$1,510.00</b>	<b>\$1,530.00</b>	<b>\$1,550.00</b>
<b>Probation minimum rate per credit hour for Part-time faculty</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,420.00</b>	<b>\$1,440.00</b>
<b>Across the Board Increase for hourly music lessons</b>	<b>3% + \$1.05 added to hourly rate</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Post Probation minimum hourly rate for music lessons</b>	<b>\$59.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$61.00</b>
<b>Probation minimum hourly rate for music lessons</b>	<b>\$53.00</b>	<b>\$54.00</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Salary</b>	<b>4.84%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>

If an AU faculty member leaves the bargaining Unit but does not have a break in service as defined in Article II, if they return to teach in the bargaining unit, within their former school or college, they will be entitled to be compensated in their former school or college, at the higher of either (1) the effective appropriate (probation or post-probation) minimum contractual per credit rate or (2) their last contractual rate increased by the effective contractual increase at the time of their return.

If the AU faculty returns to teach in a school or college that is different from the one in which they taught immediately prior to taking the leave or break in service (as defined in Article II) their per credit rate cannot be less than the minimum contractual rate appropriate to their current status (i.e. probationary or post-probationary).

Nothing in this provision will prevent the AU faculty member from being compensated at a higher rate at the discretion of the University.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Teaching Responsibilities and Payments for Services**

Part-time faculty assignments will be governed via a contract letter between the faculty member and the department chair and approved by the appropriate dean of the school or college. All assignments for which compensation is offered will be stated in the contract. If assignments are revised, a new contract letter that supersedes the current contract will be written and signed by the part-time faculty member and the department chair and approved by the appropriate dean of the school or college.

When contracts specify teaching, it is understood that teaching assignments may include: developing a syllabus; ordering in advance books and materials for students in the class to purchase on or before the first days of classes; preparing for classes; holding office hours each week to meet with students in the class and others; grading in a timely manner student assignments and examinations for the course; and turning in mid-semester progress reports and final grades according to University regulations.

“Supplemental Teaching Load” refers to instances where a Bargaining Unit Member teaches additional courses on top of their regular teaching assignment. A supplemental teaching load may also include substitute assignments, as determined by Human Resources. Departments will report to HR all supplemental assignments, and substitute assignments lasting more than 8 weeks. Supplemental teaching loads are appropriate for Bargaining Unit Members whose total workload will be 23 credits or less, per academic year. Supplemental teaching load will be paid as regular earnings and is of defined duration.

Some departments require additional service such as, service on governing/curricular bodies, jury or audition work, or professional development as part of teaching in those departments. Appointments that include such embedded service will include a description of the expectations. Accepting teaching assignments in those departments will also include paid service for these duties when required. These Required Supplemental Assignments, are required as part of a bargaining unit member’s workload, are contained in their appointment letter and are paid as regular earnings.

It is understood that departments may negotiate contracts that include other responsibilities and assignments, such as lower-division undergraduate advising (two-year commitment), freshmen forums or seminars, upper-division advising, staffing independent study courses upon request of the department chair, developing new courses or curricula at the request of the department chair or dean, along with teaching assignments. When such elements are included in appointments, employees will be compensated for these duties and the individual appointment letters will detail the specific additional duties and compensation.

These optional supplemental assignments will not be required of any Bargaining Unit Member.

Some department cultures embed service on governing/curricular bodies into teaching in those departments. Contracts that include such embedded service will include a description of the expectations. Accepting teaching assignments in those departments will also include service on these bodies.

If a bargaining unit member is requested to develop a course, it is understood that the request shall be made in writing from the appropriate administrator in the school or college. Payment and expectations for course development shall be negotiated between the bargaining unit member and the appropriate administrator and shall be reduced to writing.

If Part-time faculty agree to take on student advising responsibilities they will be subject to the same programmatic treatment regarding workload and pay as full-time faculty in their respective school or college.

Workload - The appropriate administrators in the school or college will consider requests from Part-time faculty members to increase their semester workload and will make a reasonable effort to accommodate such requests if possible.

Each school and college will make a reasonable effort to provide convenient access to the office space, meeting space, computer resources, e-mail and telephones it deems necessary to perform the work required as a part time instructor. Part time instructors are encouraged to take advantage of the resources that are made available.

Over the course of the next 12 months, the University commits to addressing the space needs of part time faculty. The University will make its best effort to provide part time faculty space appropriate for advising, office hours, and a secure space to store teaching materials and personal items.

The University shall provide the supplies and materials it deems necessary to teach assigned class(es).

Music Instruction Resources - The School of Music will, during the term of this agreement, identify currently available music instruction resources on campus. In addition, the school will establish a central repository of music instruction resources and a process for adding new acquisitions to the repository which will be accessible to all music instruction faculty members.

Substitution Pay - In the event there is a need for a substitute for an extended period of time for a full-time or part-time faculty member, the University may seek volunteers from within the bargaining unit. If a bargaining unit member agrees to such substitute assignment, payment shall be at the individual's current per credit hour rate of pay.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Benefits**

Eligibility for Standard Syracuse University Benefits - Bargaining unit members who are eligible for the Group Health Benefits, Group Dental/Vision Benefits, Group Life Insurance, Supplemental Life Insurance, AD&D insurance, Pre-Tax Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending, TIAA-CREF Retirement Plans, Educational Benefits, Bereavement Leave, Military Leave, and Public Service Leave Benefits (the "Specified Benefits") under Syracuse University policies and benefit plans as of the date of this Agreement, and who maintain eligibility based on University rules for eligibility under those policies and plans as may be modified from time to time, will continue to be eligible to receive benefits under those policies and plans (subject to modifications). Participation in the University's benefit plans and policies is contingent on each eligible employee completing all enrollment requirements and satisfying all eligibility requirements in each applicable plan or policy.

In the event there is during the term of this Agreement the establishment of a new benefit, or a change of content or cost (including a reduction or elimination of a benefit in whole or in part) in any of the benefits for non-represented, exempt employees of the University, such establishment, or change of content or cost shall be concurrently implemented for the part-time faculty members covered by this Agreement so that part-time faculty shall be subject to the same benefit eligibility requirements that apply to such non-represented exempt employees. The Employer has the sole authority to make all decisions on changes or additions to the benefit plan.

Bargaining unit members are eligible for the Standard Benefits when they are assigned a 62.5% of effort workload and have a multiple year appointment.

Employees who are eligible for and/or are enrolled in the Standard Benefits are not eligible for the modified benefits set forth in this Article (Modified Benefits).

Eligibility for Modified Part-time Faculty Benefit Plan - Bargaining unit members who are eligible for the Group Dental/Vision Benefits, Group Life Insurance, Supplemental Life Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance and AD&D insurance, Pre-Tax Dependent Care Flexible Spending (the "Modified Benefits") under Syracuse University policies and benefit plans as of the date of this Agreement, and who maintain eligibility based on University rules for eligibility under those policies and plans as may be modified from time to time, will continue to be eligible to receive benefits under those policies and plans (subject to modifications).

Participation in the University's benefit plans and policies is contingent on each eligible employee completing all enrollment requirements and satisfying all eligibility requirements in each applicable plan or policy.

In the event there is during the term of this Agreement a change of content or cost (including a reduction or elimination of a benefit in whole or in part) in any of

the benefits for non-represented, exempt employees of the University included in the Modified Benefits (Group Dental/Vision Benefits, Group Life Insurance, Supplemental Life Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance and AD&D insurance, Pre-Tax Dependent Care Flexible Spending), such establishment, or change of content or cost shall be concurrently implemented for the part-time faculty members covered by this Agreement so that part-time faculty shall be subject to the same benefit eligibility requirements that apply to such non-represented exempt employees for all aspects of the Modified Benefits. The Employer has the sole authority to make all decisions on changes or additions to the benefit plan.

Bargaining unit members are eligible for the Modified Benefits plan when they have completed the probation period and are teaching at least 3 credit hours in both the Fall and Spring semester.

Employees who are eligible for and/or are enrolled in the Modified Benefits are not eligible for the Standard benefits set forth in this Article (Standard Benefits).

The Modified Benefits will become effective January 1, 2018 following the 2017 open enrollment period.

Dental/Vision Coverage - Part-time Faculty eligible for the Modified Benefit Plan can purchase preventive or comprehensive dental coverage. Options include coverage for the individual or the individual and eligible dependents.

Part-time faculty who elect Dental coverage may also purchase coverage in the standard SU Vision plan.

Enrollment in the Dental or Dental/Vision plan requires a 2 year commitment.

	<u>1/1/2018</u>	<u>1/1/2019</u>	<u>1/1/2020</u>
<b>Annual University contribution to the Dental Plan</b>	\$100	\$100	\$100

Group Life Insurance - Part-time Faculty eligible for the Modified Benefit plan will receive \$10,000 of basic term life insurance paid by the University. Basic coverage drops to \$6,500 at age 65.

Supplemental Life Insurance Coverage - Employees eligible to receive Basic Life Insurance may also elect to purchase additional coverage for themselves.

Part-time Faculty members may purchase additional coverage of \$10,000, \$20,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, \$80,000, or \$100,000.

Proof of insurability is required for life insurance in excess of \$20,000.

Dependent Life Insurance - Bargaining unit members may purchase dependent life insurance for eligible dependents effective 1/1/2009.

Part-time faculty eligible to receive Basic Life Insurance may also elect to purchase dependent life insurance for covered dependents.

Coverage in an amount not to exceed the employee's own supplemental life coverage may be purchased for an employee's spouse/same sex domestic partner.

Part-time Faculty members may purchase coverage for a spouse/qualified same sex domestic partner of \$10,000, \$20,000, \$40,000, \$60,000, \$80,000, or \$100,000.

Proof of insurability is required for life insurance in excess of \$20,000.

Coverage of \$10,000 may be purchased for an employee's children.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD+D) Insurance - Part-time faculty eligible for the Modified Benefit plan will receive \$3,000 of basic AD+D coverage paid by the University effective 1/1/2009.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account - Post probationary bargaining unit members eligible for the Modified Benefits Plan will have the option of participating in the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. Participation will be in accordance with federal guidelines and University policy.

ID Cards - ID cards for bargaining unit members shall remain active for duration of each appointment including time in advance of the Fall semester to allow preparation of materials. ID cards for Part-time faculty will be active at the same times as ID cards for full-time faculty.

The University will consult with Adjuncts United leadership regarding modifications to benefit plans including but not limited to the Standard and Modified plans. Eligibility requirements for each participating plan shall be provided to each bargaining unit member at the time of hire.

## **ARTICLE XII** **Professional Development Fund**

The University and the Union agree that there shall be a professional development fund for Adjuncts United bargaining unit members.

Effective July 1, 2023, the University will contribute \$42,500 and will increase the fund by 2% effective July 1 of each year of this agreement. The sole purpose of the fund is to provide AU part-time instructors financial resources to enable them to participate in self-directed professional development activities that are directly related to their academic responsibilities at the University. However, these PDF



funds are not intended to cover materials, training, or conferences that the University or department requires for class instruction.

## **Guidelines for Adjuncts United Professional Development Funds**

### **Professional Development and Eligible Expenses**

The following information is meant to assist individual Adjuncts United bargaining unit members and appropriate administrators\*\* identify the activities that are eligible for reimbursement under the Professional Development Fund.

Professional development includes activities and events that provide opportunities for continued learning in the instructor's area of teaching expertise. *Such learning is intended to expand, deepen, or enhance an individual's knowledge and skills relevant to their academic responsibilities at the University and their participation in and identification with their wider academic, professional, or artistic discipline. While professional development often consists of attendance at or participation in conferences or seminars, it is recognized that in some areas, such as the arts, professional development may take other forms. Accordingly, in these instances, the input and approval of the appropriate administrator of the applicant's discipline will be largely dispositive.*

Professional Development Activities may occur during summer months, but requests should be submitted during the academic year. To allow adequate time for processing, all initial requests for PDF reimbursements must be received no later than May 31 of the academic year in which the professional development activity occurred.

Covered expenses are intended to include the expenses related to the development activity, service and/or event for the part-time faculty member such as, but not limited to conference registration, travel expenses, hotel accommodations, workshop/course fees and tuition, as well as special materials directly related to the development activity including, but not limited to, books, film, web material and other media.

Specifically excluded expenses include mandatory training as required by the school/college, materials needed for everyday work, time spent for development activities, and/or personal expenses.

### **Member Eligibility**

To be eligible for reimbursement from the PDF:

- 1) Bargaining unit members must have taught as an AU unit member at Syracuse University for a minimum of two academic year semesters (i.e. fall or spring)
- 2) The activity for which PDF reimbursement is sought must occur while the unit member is not on a leave of absence.
- 3) AU unit members who have been terminated are not eligible for PDF reimbursement, unless the termination occurred after both pre-approval and completion of the professional development activity.

## **Fund Management**

At the start of each fiscal year, funds will be deposited by the University into an Adjuncts United business account. The Union Treasurer will monitor and reconcile the fund.

PDF Fund requests and disbursements will be recorded and tracked in a shared spreadsheet or database accessible to both the University and the Union. Once the request for funding has been approved by both the designated University and Union administrators pursuant to the process outlined below, the reimbursement funds will be disbursed by the Adjuncts United Treasurer or their designee.

Eligible bargaining unit members may make initial application for up to \$1,500 per academic year, whether requested at one time or distributed across two semesters in the same academic year.

## **Process for PDF Application and Reimbursement**

Requests should be made in the Fall and Spring semesters and approved based on the criteria below and available funding. The request and approval processes are as follows:

1. The eligible part-time faculty completes the [PDF request form](#) available on the AU website detailing:
  - a. The specific nature of the professional development activity
  - b. The date(s) of the professional development activity
  - c. The location(s) of the professional development activity
  - d. The anticipated expense of the activity
  - e. How the activity will enhance the instructor's ability to carry out their academic responsibilities.

### 2. Requesting PDF Approval

Step 1: The applicant submits the PDF Request form to the appropriate administrator. Effective June 1, 2023, the maximum amount of PDF reimbursement that may be initially reimbursed for the academic year is \$1500.00. If there are unused, unallocated funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year, they may be distributed as supplemental reimbursement to unit members whose professional development expenses exceeded \$1500. It is therefore recommended that when submitting their initial request for reimbursement, applicants state the total anticipated expense of the professional development activity for which reimbursement is sought.

Step 2: The department chairperson or their designee receives, reviews, and approves/rejects the PDF request with support statement and returns the form to the applicant.

Step 3: The applicant forwards department-approved requests to AU President's designee, copying Labor Relations("LR").

Step 4: The AU designee adds the department-approved request to the shared PDF tracking system.

Step 5: Labor Relations and the AU designee review the PDF request for eligibility and completeness. If both LR and AU agree on approval and sign off, AU notifies applicant that request for PDF funds has been approved. If AU and LR do not agree that PDF funding should be granted, there is further discussion until both AU and LR agree to reimbursement or disapproval.

Step 6: AU designee notifies the applicant via syr.edu email of the final decision to approve or reject including the reason(s) and advises next steps for reimbursement of expenses.

### 3. PDF Reimbursement

Step 1: Once the applicant has completed the activity for which PDF reimbursement is requested, they complete the required expense reimbursement forms and submit to AU, including itemized receipts for payment. Please note that all receipts must be in English or be accompanied by a certified English translation. Receipts must also display verified dates of payment.

Step 2: The applicant must electronically submit the completed, signed forms and receipts to the AU designee using either email or other designated electronic medium.

Step 3: The AU designee receives and reviews the reimbursement forms and the payment receipts.

Step 4: If forms are properly completed and appropriate receipts included, the AU designee will approve and notify the applicant and record the approval in the PDF tracking system. If a reimbursement request is rejected at any step, it will be returned to the applicant with the reason for the rejection and, if appropriate, may be corrected and resubmitted.

Step 5: Approved requests will be reimbursed by AU with the reimbursement check mailed to the applicant's address which has been provided on the reimbursement expense form.

### 3. Use of Residual PDF Funds

At the end of each academic year, after initial requests for reimbursement have been received and addressed, if there remain unused PDF funds for that academic year, they may be distributed to those for whom the total cost associated with the professional development activity exceeded \$1,500.

To allow adequate time for processing, all initial requests for PDF reimbursements must be received no later than May 31 of the academic year in which the professional development activity occurred.

\*\* Appropriate Administrator is an administrator designated by the school/college as knowledgeable in the part-time instructor's field of study and is usually from within the school/college and their immediate academic advisor.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Leaves and Absences**

Appointments are not extended through a leave of any length, either paid or unpaid, except as required by law.

Absences - When a bargaining unit member is absent, she/he will exercise her/his best efforts to reschedule her/his class or to obtain a suitable substitute for the classes she/he will miss. The bargaining unit member must notify the department chair or designee that she/he will be absent and to ensure the accommodation to cover the class is appropriate.

When the class is appropriately rescheduled or a suitable substitute is found or if the absence is covered by an approved Bereavement or Jury Duty leave, the bargaining unit member shall suffer no loss of pay.

In cases of emergency, if the bargaining unit member is not able to reschedule the class or obtain a substitute the department chair may identify alternatives to rescheduling the class or finding a substitute to forgo the loss of pay.

In all other cases, the absent individual will suffer a pro-rata reduction in pay for each class missed based on his/her then current rate of pay.

Bereavement Leave - Bargaining unit members are eligible for up to three (3) consecutive University work days of bereavement leave in the event of a death in the immediate family, defined as a parent (including foster and step-parents), child, spouse/same-sex domestic partner, brother, sister, parent-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, domestic partner, step-child, foster child, grandparent, grandparent-in-law and grandchild. Other relatives living in the eligible employee's household are also considered immediate family.

Bargaining unit members teaching one (1) day per week are eligible for up to one (1) paid bereavement day. Bargaining unit members teaching two (2) days per week are eligible for up to two (2) paid bereavement days. Bargaining unit members teaching three (3) or more days per week are eligible for up to three (3) paid bereavement days.

Eligible bargaining unit members must request leave by notifying their supervisors prior to taking leave. Upon request, supervisors have the discretion to allow additional time without pay.

Jury Duty - Leave for court appearances include being subpoenaed as a court witness or called for jury duty. Bargaining unit members must notify their supervisors as soon as they learn they must serve and will receive full pay when performing these services during work time. Bargaining unit members who are

notified of jury duty or subpoenaed as witnesses and subsequently excused without serving should report to work as scheduled. Bargaining unit members who are called to jury duty or other court appearances and released from their duty at a time during the day that allows them to perform their work assignments for the University will be expected to perform their assignments.

Military Leave - Bargaining unit members ordered to report to, or who volunteer for, active duty in the National Guard or Reserves or Armed Forces will continue to accrue service credit and, with certain exceptions, have guaranteed reinstatement to work in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA"). In addition, benefits eligible bargaining unit members called to, or who volunteer for, active duty will be entitled to be paid the difference between their University pay and their military pay for up to ten days, provided they have not already used their ten day allotment for military service in the same fiscal year.

Offers of employment may not be rescinded because of military obligation if the appointment has already been offered and accepted.

Benefits eligibility for those on military leave and their dependents is as follows:

Continued benefits (for such period as is specified by the Office of Human Resources):

Standard Syracuse University Benefits:

- Medical, Dental, Supplemental Life/Supplemental Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) and MetLife Home and Auto Insurance coverages will be maintained, provided the eligible employee continues to make premium payments as if he or she were actively employed by the University and satisfies the other applicable plan or policy provisions. Eligible individuals participating in Excellus BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) OrangePoint may switch to Excellus BCBS BluePoint if they wish, as there are limitations in out-of-network coverage under the OrangePoint program (such a switch must be made in accordance with the applicable requirements of the plans). Call Human Resources for further information.
- Basic Life Insurance (\$10,000 for eligible staff, \$50,000 for eligible faculty)
- Remitted Tuition and Dependent Tuition
- TIAA-CREF retirement. Upon an eligible employee's reemployment, the University will make up any missed contributions to the plan that would have been made had the employee not been on military leave. Further, upon reemployment, an eligible employee will be provided an opportunity to make up any elected deferrals missed as a result of military leave. Any eligible employee make-up contributions must be made, starting at the date of reemployment, within a period consisting of three times the length of military leave, not to exceed five (5) years.
- Vacation, Floating Holidays, and Personal Days. During military leave, eligible employees are entitled to use any vacation, floating holidays or personal days accrued prior to the commencement of military leave in

the same manner as such days can be used by an eligible employee who is on a non-military leave. Paid time off will not continue to accrue during military leave of absence. The time spent on military leave will be counted towards the eligible employee's length of service in calculating future paid time off, providing the eligible employee returns to work in accordance with USERRA provisions.

- In memoriam gift death benefit
- Adoption assistance
- Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP)
- Day care referrals (through FSAP)
- Credit Union services
- Recreation Services (dependent ID card required)
- Athletic discounts
- SU Bookstore discounts (dependent ID card required)
- Library access and borrowing privileges (dependent ID card required)

Continued benefits that are limited in scope:

- Salary Continuation (Disability benefits) - Exempt Employees. Eligibility for coverage for an eligible employee's sickness or injury will be determined in the same manner as for an eligible employee who is provided a non-military leave of absence under the plan. There is no coverage for disabilities resulting from an "act of war." Please see that plan for details.
- Disability Benefits - Non-Exempt Employees. Eligibility for coverage for an eligible employee's sickness or injury will be determined in the same manner as for an eligible employee who is provided a non-military leave of absence under the plan. There is no coverage for injuries and sickness resulting from an "act of war." Benefits are payable under the University's disability benefits plan for a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks. Please see that plan for details.
- Voluntary Group Long Term Disability Insurance. Eligibility for coverage for an eligible employee's sickness or injury will be determined in the same manner as for an eligible employee who is provided a non-military leave of absence under the plan provided the eligible employee continues to make premium payments as if he or she were actively employed by the University and satisfies the other applicable plan or policy provisions. There is no coverage for disabilities resulting from an "act of war." Please see that plan for details.
- Long Term Care Insurance. Coverage remains in effect in the same manner as for an eligible employee who is provided a non-military leave of absence under the plan provided the eligible employee continues to make premium payments as if he or she were actively employed by the University and satisfies the other applicable plan or policy provisions. There is no coverage for injury or disabilities resulting from an "act of war." Please see that plan for details.
- Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment (\$3,000 for eligible employees). Coverage remains in effect in the same manner as for an

eligible employee who is on a non-military leave of absence under the plan. There is no coverage for claims resulting from an “act of war.” Please see that plan for details.

- Pre-Tax Reimbursement Accounts for health or dependent care. An eligible employee will be able to continue to submit claims under the health and dependent care reimbursement plans while on military leave to the same extent that an eligible employee who is on a non-military leave of absence is permitted to do so under the plans. In certain instances under the health care reimbursement plan, claims may still be submitted up to the amount the eligible employee elected for the year in which the military leave occurs, provided that the eligible employee continues to pay, on a post-tax basis, the amount that would have been withheld pre-tax from his/her paycheck if the eligible employee had been receiving compensation from the University. Upon commencing military service leave, an eligible employee may change his/her elections under the plans. However, a new election may not be made while on leave.

An employee’s right to receive University benefits during a military leave will be subject to such terms and conditions as are specified in the applicable University plan or policy. Call Human Resources for additional information.

#### Modified Benefit Program

- Dental, Supplemental Life Dependent Life Insurance coverages, will be maintained, provided the eligible employee continues to make premium payments as if he or she were actively employed by the University and satisfies the other applicable plan or policy provisions.
- Basic Life Insurance - \$10,000 for eligible faculty.
- Health Care Reimbursement Accounts (HRA). An eligible employee will be able to continue to submit claims under the HRA plan while on military leave to the same extent that an eligible employee who is on a non-military leave of absence is permitted to do so under the plans. In certain instances under the health care reimbursement plan, claims may still be submitted up to the amount the eligible employee earned for the semester in which the military leave occurs.

#### Continued benefits that are limited in scope:

- Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment (\$3,000 for eligible employees). Coverage remains in effect in the same manner as for an eligible employee who is on a non-military leave of absence under the plan. There is no coverage for claims resulting from an “act of war.” Please see that plan for details.

#### Family Medical Leave (FMLA)

Bargaining Unit members shall have all of the rights and responsibilities established by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to the extent provided by law. The FMLA provides that an eligible employee is entitled to a total of twelve work weeks of leave during a twelve-month period for one or more of the following reasons:

- an employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform his or her job (including absences covered by Workers' Compensation, NYS Disability, and paid sick days);
- care of a spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition; and/or
- care of a newborn child or a child placed with the employee for adoption or foster care (within twelve months of the birth or placement).

The University uses a "rolling" twelve-month period measured backward from the date an employee requests FMLA leave to determine an employee's leave entitlement. Employees who are granted FMLA leave will be returned to their previous position, or to an equivalent position upon their return. The same group health benefits will be provided during the leave that were provided before the leave; employees who are responsible for a portion of the required contributions must continue to make those payments. If an employee's portion of the required contribution is more than 30 days late, coverage may be canceled if payment is not received after adequate notice has been provided. FMLA leaves are unpaid except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in this Policy.

#### FMLA Eligibility:

Employees are eligible for FMLA leaves if they have been employed by the University for twelve months and have worked 1250 hours or more during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the leave.

#### Unpaid Leave

Any bargaining unit member may request an unpaid leave of absence. Any request for an unpaid leave of absence must be in writing and set forth the nature of and reasons for the request, as well as the proposed duration of the leave. Except as required by law, the approval of an unpaid leave of absence, including its duration, shall be at the discretion of the University. Such discretion shall take into account all pertinent factors, including the needs of the University, with the understanding that approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Except as required by law, any unpaid leave of absence, if approved, shall not exceed one (1) year in duration. Upon return from an authorized leave, the University shall make its best effort to offer an assignment equal to the number of hours taught immediately prior to the leave where possible and shall make its best effort to assign the bargaining unit member to the courses previously taught. Seniority, compensation, and any benefits related thereto held by the bargaining unit member shall be retained upon return to the University at the completion of an authorized leave. Seniority shall not accrue, however, during the period of the authorized leave.

Any bargaining unit member whose leave was for one (1) semester or less shall receive any negotiated salary increases provided to bargaining unit members during the approved leave period upon return from leave.



**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Labor/Management Committee**

A joint labor/management committee shall be established, comprising representatives from Adjuncts United and the University to meet regularly at a mutually agreeable time and location. The purpose and intent of this joint labor management committee is to ensure open lines of communication and to provide a forum to address and resolve issues emerging from the newly forged working relationship between the University and Union. The committee will meet at least once during the fall and spring semesters each academic year.

Standing Union committee members will include the Union President, a representative appointed from NYSUT/AU and those bargaining unit members appointed by the Union President. Standing University committee members will include the Director of Staff Relations and Recruitment, the designated representative from the Vice Chancellor's Office and appointed representatives from the schools and colleges and the Office of Human Resources. The term of appointed committee members should be no less than 1 year to ensure continuity and consistency.

Ad hoc participants may be added to the standing committee as needed by mutual consent of the University and Union.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**Non Discrimination**

The parties agree that there shall be no discrimination with respect to any bargaining unit member by reason of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital or domestic partner status, political affiliation, membership in the Union or any other status protected by law or by reason of the exercise of any rights conferred by this Agreement or the law by either the University or the Union.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **Governance**

As it is in the best interest of the University that all faculty share a common community of interest, part-time faculty should have access to all levels of University governance normally open to faculty members in general. This affirmation includes an understanding of how governance operates at Syracuse University; therefore, any participation in governance or continued participation of part-time faculty will arise solely from the bylaws of the individual governing body. In any case bargaining unit membership or status should not prohibit an individual part-time faculty member from such participation. In the case of any elected positions, the governance body should do everything possible to ensure that all applicable part-time faculty receive nomination forms and ballots.

1. University Senate: According to the current bylaws of the University Senate part-time faculty members are eligible to stand for election to the University Senate and participate on University Senate committees.
2. School/College Level: It is understood that each school or college is responsible for independently establishing a governance function. In each school or college with ten (10) or more part-time faculty union members, participation in the governance structure should be encouraged.
3. Department/Program: Departments and programs with large numbers of part-time faculty are encouraged to include part-time faculty members in their governance structure especially when discussions may include matters directly related to the work of part-time faculty.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Academic Freedom**

The University standards for Academic Freedom are found in the Faculty Manual and are based upon the standards of academic freedom articulated by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The University affirms that these standards also apply to part-time faculty. A copy of the current University standards for academic freedom is found in Appendix B which will be superseded by any changes of the University standards listed in the Faculty Manual.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **Strikes/Lockouts**

During the term of this Agreement, there shall be no picketing, strikes, slow downs, interruptions of work, sympathy strikes, or other forms of work stoppages. Any concerted refusal to work assigned hours or perform assigned duties shall

be considered a violation of this article. Any bargaining unit member demonstrated to have encouraged or participated in the violation of this article shall be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

Any such disciplinary action taken shall not be reviewable through the grievance and arbitration procedures, except for the fact question of whether the employee took part in the conduct that violated this article. The arbitrator's jurisdiction will be limited to whether or not the employee engaged in conduct that violated this article, and if so, the arbitrator will have no power to modify the discipline imposed.

In the event of an unauthorized work stoppage, the Union will make a good faith effort to communicate to its members the importance of complying with this article and the potential consequences of failing to comply.

In the event a picket line is established at or near the University's premises, facilities or worksites by other employees or labor organizations not subject to this Agreement, the Union agrees that it will not honor the picket line and will make a good faith effort to encourage its members to meet their commitments to the University and its students and report for work as scheduled.

The Employer agrees that during the term of this Agreement, there shall be no lockouts of employees.

## **ARTICLE XIX** **Work Environment**

The University and Union agree that all employees should be provided a work environment that fosters mutual respect and professionalism and agree that all members of the campus community play a role to ensure such an environment exists. The University has adopted policies intended to support a safe, respectful, and ethical living, learning and work environment, in compliance with the University's mission and values and applicable state, local, and federal law. In the event University standards are not being applied appropriately, employees may seek redress where appropriate, through the following policies on the University website:

- Code of Ethical Conduct –  
[http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/code\\_conduct.htm](http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/code_conduct.htm)
- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in Employment  
[http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/nonD\\_harass\\_emp.htm](http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/nonD_harass_emp.htm)
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy -  
[http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/sexual\\_harass.htm](http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/sexual_harass.htm)
- Affirmative Action Grievance Procedure  
<http://provost.syr.edu/provost/Faculty/policies/grievance.aspx>
- Procedures Related to Termination  
<http://provost.syr.edu/provost/Faculty/policies/termination.aspx#16>

The University reserves the right to exercise its judgment in establishing revising and administering policies under Article III, Management Rights and will notify the Union of changes to these policies.

**ARTICLE XX**  
**Applicable Agreement – Savings Clause**

It is the intention of the parties that the articles, sections, paragraphs, sentences and clauses in this Agreement are subject to all applicable laws and are severable. In the event that any article, section, paragraph, clause or portion of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable under any applicable law or by federal or state court or tribunal or through government regulation, administrative order or decree, such action shall invalidate only the affected contract provision and not the entire agreement. Any such invalidated provision shall, at the request of either party, be subject to negotiation between the parties but, in no event, shall the result of such negotiations circumvent the law.

**ARTICLE XXI**  
**Duration of Agreement**


This Agreement shall continue in effect from June 1, 2023 until May 31, 2026 at midnight and shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter, unless at least sixty days prior to any termination date, either party serves written notice on the other of a desire to amend or modify the Agreement.

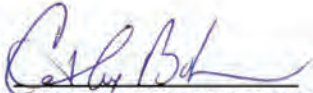
**Article XXII**  
**Application of Contract**

The undersigned are fully authorized representatives of Syracuse University and Adjuncts United (AU/NYSUT) and hereto have executed this Agreement effective June 1, 2023.

**Syracuse University by:**

  
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**Kent Syverud**  
Chancellor and President

  
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**Denise Oyce, AVP Labor & Employee Relations**

  
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**Cathy A. Bottari, Associate Director of Labor Relations**

**Adjuncts United by:**

  
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**Laurel Morton, President, Adjuncts United**

  
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**Kari Shaw, Treasurer, Adjuncts United**

  
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**Heather Clemens, Labor Specialist**

## Appendix A

### Calculating Pay and Credit Load for Part-Time Instructors In the Setnor School of Music

#### **Applied Music Lessons:**

**Salary:** Total salary is calculated by taking the number of hours of lessons taught times the hourly rate of the instructor. That number is then multiplied by the 14 weeks of instruction for the semester.

**Credit Load:** The credit load, as a percent of full time, for the part time instructor is calculated by dividing the number of hours of lessons taught by 40 hours. To determine the percent of full time for one semester, the number is then divided by two.

The credit load, in terms of number of credit hours, for the part time instructor is determined using the ratio of 6 hours of lessons earns 3 credit hours.

**Exceptions:** For most situations of typical music lessons, the number of contact hours per week is equal to the number of credits the student earns. In most cases this would be one hour of lesson per week for the student to earn one credit hour. The exceptions to this are such situations as ensembles, piano lab and some other circumstances. For these exceptions, the number of contact hours will exceed the number of credits earned by the student, which would remain at one credit hour. For the instructor in these situations, the number of contact hours is used to determine the instructor's load and compensation.

## Appendix B

### Copy of the University Standards for Academic Freedom from the Faculty Manual

#### Faculty

#### 2.01 academic freedom

All members of the faculty, whether tenured or not, are entitled to academic freedom as described in the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, formulated by the Association of American Colleges and the American Association of University Professors. The statement is reprinted in the Appendix.

#### Appendix 1

*In 1940, following a series of joint conferences begun in 1934, representatives of the American Association of University Professors and the Association of American Colleges agreed upon a restatement of principles set forth in the 1925 Conference Statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure. This restatement is known to the profession as the 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.*

*The 1940 Statement is printed below. The governing bodies of the associations, meeting respectively in November 1989 and January 1990, adopted several changes in language in order to remove gender-specific references from the original text.*

The purpose of this statement is to promote public understanding and support of academic freedom and tenure and agreement upon procedures to assure them in colleges and universities. Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition.

Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the teacher in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. It carries with it duties correlative with rights.

Tenure is a means to certain ends; specifically: (1) freedom of teaching and research and of extramural activities, and (2) a sufficient degree of economic security to make the profession attractive to men and women of ability. Freedom and economic security, hence tenure, are indispensable to the success of an institution in fulfilling its obligation to its students and to society.

#### Academic freedom

1. Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.
2. Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject. Limitations of

academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of appointment.

3. The college or university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or writes as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.

*The Faculty Manual*; Edition 18; January 1995

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**Appendix C**  
**GRIEVANCE FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Grievant(s)

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2 Date Grievance Occurred

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## Appendix D

May 5, 2017

### SIDE AGREEMENT RE 20-YR EMPLOYEES

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Syracuse University and Adjuncts United hereby agree to the following:

Inasmuch as the University has identified bargaining unit members who, as of the date of execution of this agreement, have twenty (20) or more years of service and currently work at least 62.5% of effort, the University agrees to offer those identified members a multi-year contract effective for the Fall 2017 semester.

For Syracuse University:



5/10/17

Denise Dwyer  
Director of Labor Relations

For Adjuncts United:



5/10/17

Laurel Morton, President

## Appendix E

### Memorandum of Understanding between Syracuse University and Adjuncts United

Whereas, the prior collective bargaining agreement 2014 – 2017 included provisions for a merit increase pool and specific provisions for allocation of the funds therein; and

Whereas, Syracuse University (the University) and Adjuncts United (the Union) have agreed that the University will submit to the Union the following information for each academic year: a list of all bargaining unit members who worked that semester; each bargaining unit member's department and school or college; each bargaining unit member's per credit rate(s); each bargaining unit member's merit rankings based on their evaluations; the corresponding merit increases for each bargaining unit member; and where applicable, the rate the member was paid for hourly lessons; and

Whereas, there remains information outstanding that the University has to provide the Union for 4 PTI from Academic year 2014 – 2015 and all PTIs who had appointments for academic years 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017; and

Whereas, the Union will need to review that outstanding information to verify that currently listed per credit rates for bargaining unit members is correct; and

Whereas, both parties agree that it is mutually beneficial to resolve these remaining issues as soon as possible.


#### **It is now therefore agreed:**

1. The University will provide the outstanding information as described above to the Union by June 30, 2017.
2. The Union will make its best effort to verify in a timely manner the information received from the University.
3. The University and Union will work collaboratively to resolve all outstanding items surrounding verification of individual per credit rates incorporating contractually based merit increases between September 2014 and May 2017.
4. Following the verification of the accuracy of the credit rates by Union and University, **and the resolution of all alleged inaccuracies to the mutual satisfaction of the parties**, the Union will withdraw any and all grievances relating to bargaining unit members' per credit rates based on the past contractually based merit increases for the academic years referenced above. The Union will further agree not to bring future grievances or raise additional claims relating to contractual merit pool increases for the academic years referenced above.
5. The parties further agree that if as of October 15, 2017 there are any remaining grievances or disputes arising out of contractual merit increases, at the request of either party, this agreement

may be reopened to allow the parties to set a mutually-agreed end date for resolution of the outstanding issues.

6. The parties further agree that if, following the mutually agreed end date there are any remaining grievances or disputes arising out of contractual merit increases that can not be resolved, the Union and University will submit each dispute to a mediator to resolve.
7. The University and the Union will select a mutually agreed-upon mediator as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement. If the Parties are unable to mutually agree to a mediator, either party may revert to the contractual arbitration process.

For Syracuse University:

  
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Denise Dyce                      5/10/17                      Date  
Director of Labor Relations

For Adjuncts United:

  
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Laurel Morton, President                      5/10/17                      Date

## Appendix F

### Side Agreement re Teaching Responsibilities and Payments for Services

Agreed to March 17, 2020

The parties recognize that currently all teaching by AU PTIs at Syracuse University does not count toward their percent of effort for benefits eligibility. The University recognizes AU's goal to have all teaching provided by bargaining unit members count toward percent of effort for benefits eligibility. To that end the University agrees to work in a joint labor-management effort with Adjuncts United to raise this concern to the ABC (Administrative Benefits Committee) with an aim to modify provisions regarding benefits eligibility, and specifically the requirement that the individual must "teach at least five three-credit hour courses (or the equivalent) in a single University academic unit" in order to be eligible for standard benefits.

Additionally, the University agrees to jointly raise to the ABC the issue of continued retirement eligibility for those PTIs approaching retirement, who are seeking to maintain standard benefits (and retirement) eligibility, even while reducing their teaching load, and preserving all accrued service to date.

## **Appendix G**

### Side Agreement re Training

Agreed to on March 17, 2020

Adjuncts United (“AU” or “the Union”) and Syracuse University (“the University”) agree that following ratification of the successor collective bargaining agreement effective June 1, 2020, they will establish a labor-management committee, starting July 2020, to address the issue of compensation for AU part-time faculty for additional training mandated by the University, that is not otherwise mandated by the state or federal law.

## Appendix H

### SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

#### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

#### AND

#### ADJUNCTS UNITED

**Whereas**, Article I (the Recognition Clause) of the collective bargaining agreement (“the CBA”) between Syracuse University (“the University”) and Adjuncts United (“the Union”) excludes from the bargaining unit part-time faculty teaching online courses to students in which the faculty and/or students are not physically on University campus in Syracuse, New York; and

**Whereas**, the spread of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has precipitated exigent measures by the University to protect the health and safety of its students, faculty and staff, while ensuring continuous delivery of educational services; and

**Whereas**, these measures include the suspension of residential (in-person on campus) academic programs and transition to online course delivery in order to minimize risk of increased infection rates; and

**Whereas**, the parties seek to establish protocols for allowing current AU faculty to continue their teaching appointments.

**Now therefore**, in consideration of the mutual agreements contained in this Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall not be deemed to be a modification of the recognition clause in the current CBA. Instead, it is agreed that this Agreement will serve only as a temporary exception to the CBA due to the existence of exigent, emergent circumstances.
2. Pursuant to this Agreement, Adjuncts United part-time faculty (“AU faculty”) currently holding appointments may be permitted to continue their teaching assignments by utilizing online and electronic delivery for the duration of the period that the University deems it necessary to emergently suspend residential academic programs (“the period of exigency”).
3. Once the University determines and publicly announces the period of exigency has ended, AU faculty will return to their normally scheduled duties, if any, in accordance with the terms of the CBA.
4. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any other previous understanding, whether written or verbal. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall not be modified, amended, or canceled, except by written agreement, signed by both parties.

5. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. The parties agree that disputes related to this Agreement will be venued in Onondaga County, State of New York, and the parties consent to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Onondaga County, State of New York.
6. The terms of this Agreement are severable. Should any provision of this Agreement be declared illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction and cannot be modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement in full force and effect.

For the University:

Senese Dyce  
Print Name

  
Signature

3/11/20  
Date

For the Union:

Laurel Moran  
Print Name

  
Signature

3/4/20  
Date



