

Article XX. Purpose and Intent

Section 1.

It is the purpose of this Agreement to provide for the wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment of the employees covered by this Agreement, to recognize the continuing joint responsibility of the parties to provide efficient and uninterrupted services and satisfactory employee conduct to the public, and to provide an orderly, prompt, peaceful and equitable procedure for the resolution of differences between employees and the Employer.

Section 2.

The University will not engage in any activity or enter an agreement or otherwise discuss with any other group or individual for the purpose or effect of undermining the Union as the representative of individuals in the unit.

Section 3.

If, during its term, the parties hereto should mutually agree to modify, amend or alter the provisions of this Agreement, in any respect, any such changes shall be effective only if reduced to writing and executed by the authorized representatives of the University and the International Union, UAW and its Local Union 4121.

Section 4. Mandatory Subject

- A. The Employer shall satisfy its collective bargaining obligation before changing a matter that is a mandatory subject. The Employer will notify the Union staff representative in writing of these changes. The Union may request discussions about and/or negotiations on the impact of these changes on employees' working conditions. The Union will notify Labor Relations in writing of any demands to bargain. In the event the Union does not request discussions and/or negotiations within thirty (30) calendar days, the Employer may implement the changes without further discussions and/or negotiations. There may be emergency or mandated conditions that are outside of the Employer's control requiring immediate implementation, in which case the Employer shall notify the Union as soon as possible.
- B. Prior to making any change in written agency policy that is mandatory subject of bargaining, the Employer shall notify the Union and satisfy its collective bargaining obligations per Article 1.
- C. Unless agreed otherwise, the parties agree to begin bargaining within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the request to bargain. A valid request to bargain must include at least three (3) available dates and times to meet. If the Union makes a request for information at the same time as the request to bargain, the thirty (30) calendar days will not begin until the information request has been fulfilled. Information requests made after the

request to bargain will not delay the scheduling of discussion and/or negotiations. The parties shall agree to the location and time for the discussions and/or negotiations.