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## Housekeeping and other Miscellaneous Amendments and/or Corrections

- 1. Change all references to Department Head and/or Associate Dean Academic/Administration to Out of Scope Leader:
  - Article 1.01 (o)
  - Article 3.05 (c), (e), (g),
  - Article 16.03 #1, #4, #7 & 16.04 & 16.09 & 16.09 (a)
  - Article 18.01 (replacing "Department Head, Manager")
  - Article 24.02 (b)
  - Article 42.03
- 2. Change the reference to Dean to Out of Scope Leader:
  - Article 13.01
  - Article 18.05(b)
  - Article 19.01 (c)
  - Article 38.03 (replacing "Dean or Director")
  - Article 43.03
- 3. In the following Articles when referencing Dean approval add "or Director":
  - 21.02, 21.03, 21.04
  - 24.03(e), 24.04
- 4. Librarian Classifications update collective agreement to reflect change to classifications as agreed between the parties in September 2022
  - Article 2.01(c): add "(I and II)" beside Librarian
  - Amend Salary Schedule to reflect updated classifications of Librarian I and Librarian II
    - Delete Librarian classification and related salary grid
    - Change "Program Librarian" to "Librarian I"
    - Change "Divisional Librarian" to "Librarian II"
- 5. The following consequential amendments are related to the Employer's proposals in Article 43:
  - Article 1(j) change "assignment" to "position"
  - Article 3.04(g) change "roles" to "assignments"
  - Article 3.04(i) change "roles" to "assignments"
  - Article 21.06 change both references to "assignment" to "position"
  - Article 22.08 change "assignment" to "position"
  - Article 24.09 change "assignment" to "position"
  - Article 25.05 change "assignment" to "position"
  - Article 42.04 change "assignments" to "positions"

## 6. Article 9 - Consultation

• 9.02(h): delete

## 7. Article 16 - Instructor Workload

• 16.03 (2): change "Moodle" to "learning management system"

## 8. Article 25 - Funded Leave of Absence Plans

- 25.05: change "salary range" to "salary schedule" to use consistent language
- 25.05: add "placement for the position the staff member held", deleting "which"

## 9. Article 33 - Employment Insurance Premium Reduction Rebate

• 33.02: change "quarterly" to "annually"

## 10. Article 44 - Acting Incumbent Role

- 44.01: add after "or higher level assignment", "or classification in the bargaining unit"
- 44.01: add "five (5) working" days
- 44.04: delete "normally" and delete all language after the word 'allowance'. This change reflects our current practice of paying acting as an allowance and not as a lump sum.
- 44.05: delete entire sub-section as foreign assignment as it is not used
- 44.07: delete entire sub-section as this language does not reflect our practice and is not aligned with the language in 43.02.

## 11. Article 47 - Human Resource File

- 47.01: delete "during normal working hours, and in the presence of a member of Human Resources," start sub-section with "Every staff member...".
- 47.02: delete
- 47.05: add "continuous service in the bargaining unit from the date..."

## 12. Article 45 – Seniority

- 45.01: add language, "continuous service within the bargaining unit" and delete "with the Employer".
- 45.03: add new language to reflect current practice, "Notwithstanding the above, if in accordance with Article 21, a staff member takes a leave of absence to work in a position, at NAIT, outside of the NASA bargaining unit, the Employee shall not accrue seniority during the time period in which they work outside of the bargaining unit."

## 13. Article 50 - Payment

50.03: amend language to, "...by direct deposit ten (10) consecutive days after the end of
the pay period in which the termination occurred, or 31 consecutive days after the last
date of employment." Delete "on the date of termination" and "or as soon as possible
thereafter". This will reflect the current practice and provide clarity about when an

employee can expect their final payment upon termination of employment.

#### 14. Article 55 - Phased-In Retirement Plan

 55.05: add new language to mirror the language in the Procedure (HR 1.7) so as to provide clarity for employees. "Phased-in retirement is intended to facilitate the transfer of experience and expertise to new employees."

#### **For Discussion**

## 15. Article 49 - Collective Bargaining Negotiations and Dispute Resolution

- Discuss switching placement of Article 4 and Article 49
- Discuss deletion of "and Dispute Resolution" from title to reflect the topic of the article more appropriately

## **RENEW the following Letter of Understanding with Amendments**

- Letter of Understanding Article 3 Application Principles for Vendor/Contract Hiring for Credit Programming Needs
  - Incorporate agreed upon amendment to this LOU, changing the remittance from biweekly to quarterly
  - Removing the reference to specifics schools given the academic redesign and replace with "per fiscal year across academic schools."

# **DELETE the following Letters of Understanding/Intent (due to being redundant in nature)**

- Letter of Intent Interpretation of Article 3 Application (Employee Type)
- Letter of Understanding Re: Article 10 Institute Association Relations
- Letter of Understanding Tie Breaking Process for Seniority
- Letter of Understanding EPDA Administrative Process

## **Employer reserves the right to table proposals at a later date:**

- Article 4 Effective Date and Term of Agreement
- Salary Grids Curriculum and Instruction Specialist
- Salary Grids Instructor / Counsellor
- Salary Grids Librarian
- Casual Employee Hourly Rate of Pay per Scheduled Instruction Hour (SIH); including proposal related to language that will be tabled in Article 3 (new training rate of pay)

## **No Ingoing Proposal**

- Article 5 Continuation of Collective Agreement
- Article 6 Management Recognition
- Article 7 Association Membership
- Article 8 Association Recognition
- Article 11 Recognition of Representatives

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- Article 20 Court Leave
- Article 26 Leave on Election Days
- Article 29 Business Travel Coverage
- Article 30 Workers' Compensation Supplement
- Article 31 Group Insurance
- Article 32 Pension Plan
- Article 35 NAIT Tuition Benefit
- Article 36 Patents and Copyrights
- Article 37 Supplies and Equipment
- Article 39 Travel and Subsistence
- Article 40 New Classifications
- Article 51 Health & Safety
- Article 52 Parking
- Article 54 Salary
- Article 56 Dependent Scholarship Plan

#### ARTICLE 1

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.01 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) a word used in the singular may also apply in the plural;
  - (b) "Academic year" means the period from July 1 to June 30; *the Employer reserves to right to table proposals regarding a potential in change to the* definition of the *academic year*
  - (c) "Assignable Thresholds" means the number of Scheduled Instruction Hours (SIHs) allocated to a staff member in one academic year;
  - (d) "Association" means the Academic Staff Association of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology;
  - (e) "Association representative" means a person who is selected by the Academic Staff Association to act on behalf of those members;
  - (f) "Asynchronous" means not simultaneous or concurrent in time;
  - (g) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, or its designee(s);
  - (h) "Casual staff member" is an employee whose employment has a defined term/duration. An employee in this employment category will not be expected to perform the full scope of the classification into which they are hired, except for those classifications other than Instructor (e.g. Counsellor, Librarian, C&I Specialist).
  - "Category of Instruction" means instructional delivery in the following credential: degree, diploma/certificate or apprenticeship;
  - (j) "Comparable assignment position" or "work of a comparable nature" means employment in an equivalent classification with the same hours (FTE) with similar responsibilities and duties;
  - (k) "consultation" means the process of clearly communicating a tentative idea, allowing sufficient time for a response given the situation, and considering the response before a final decision is made;
  - (l) "Continuing full time or continuing part time staff member" is an employee whose employment has no specified termination date;
  - (m) "delivery modality" or "mode of delivery" means the method or way in which educational content is conveyed from instructor to students;
  - (n) "designated officer" or "designate" means a person who is authorized to act on behalf of the Institute or the Association;
  - (o) "Department head" "Out of Scope Leader" means an individual who occupies a management, out of scope non-union position; \*Employer reserves the right to amend this proposal based on academic reorganization work that is ongoing \*\*and any further consequential amendments throughout the collective agreement as a result of this change (i.e. changing 'Department Head' to 'Out of Scope Leader')
  - (p) "disciplinary action" or "discipline" includes a dismissal, suspension, demotion, withheld merit increment, or letter of warning. Any form of discipline will be issued following the tenets of progressive discipline and for just cause.

- (q) "dismiss" means to terminate a staff member's employment relationship with the Institute, for just cause;
- (r) "Full time staff member" means a person employed to work full time hours as defined in Article 15;
- (s) "hourly rate" means the biweekly salary divided by seventy-two and one-half (72.5) hours;
- (t) "increment" means the difference between one step and the next step within the pay range;
- (u) "Institute" means the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology;
- (v) "limited competition" means a competition for a vacant position that is limited to those individuals who have been made redundant in the past twelve (12) months and meet the eligibility criteria in Article 46.14(e);
- (w) "maximum salary" means the highest step of the pay range assigned to a classification;
- (x) "minimum salary" means the lowest step of the pay range assigned to a classification;
- (y) "minor course development" means ongoing work to update and revise course content that involves activities that are not described in Article 16.03(8);
- (z) "month" means a calendar month;
- (aa) "new course delivery" means a course that has not been taught by the instructor following the most recent major course development. Courses that have undergone major course development are considered as new course delivery;
- (bb) "part-time" means a staff member who is required to work less than full daily, weekly, or monthly hours;
- (cc) "pay range" means the salary steps assigned to the classifications listed in Article 2.01 within the salary schedule;
- (dd) "President" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, or designated representative;
- (ee) "probationary staff member" means a person who is serving a probationary period;
- (ff) "program leadership" means chair and/or associate chair;
- (gg) "Salary" means the sum of amounts, derived from the Annual Salary Schedule and applicable Article 54 Stipends, paid to a staff member. "Biweekly Salary" means salary divided by 26.0892;
- (hh) "Scheduled instruction hour" (SIH) is a period of either curriculum or hands-on skills instruction which takes place in a lab, classroom, shop, field, practicum, regardless of delivery modality that is 60 minutes in duration. SIHs shall be rounded up to the nearest half hour as determined by the duration of the period of instruction.
- (ii) "Scheduling accommodation" means the adjusting of course schedules, required meetings or other related activities that take place during regular hours as defined in Article 15, to allow staff members to participate in Association business in accordance with Article 12. This includes accommodations made on a semester or ad hoc basis.
- "staff member" means a person employed by the Institute as an academic staff member pursuant to the Post-secondary Learning Act and who is covered by this collective agreement, as per Article 2, Jurisdiction;
- (kk) "step" means a single salary rate within the pay range;
- (ll) "subject matter expert" means a professional with expertise and knowledge in a particular subject, process, or technical skill;

- (mm) "substitution" shall mean the replacement of an absent instructor by another instructor on the authority of a work unit leader. The substitute should have the appropriate technical expertise to ensure instructional continuity;
- (nn) "synchronous" means existing or occurring at the same time;
- (00) "Temporary full time or part time staff member" is an employee whose employment has a defined term/duration, with an expected end date. Temporary staff members are expected to perform the full scope of the classification into which they are hired;
- (pp) "V modifier" means payment as defined in Article 18.15;
- (qq) "work day" means any day on which a staff member is normally expected to be fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of the position for which they were hired;
- (rr) "work unit" means a definable group of staff members having a common reporting relationship to a single leader or leadership team an out of scope leader.
- (ss) (NEW) "workload adjustment" means an adjustment to the assigned threshold of an instructor as outlined in Article 16.06
- (tt) (New) "medical practitioner" a physician, surgeon or nurse practitioner

## ARTICLE 2

## **JURISDICTION**

The following proposal is made on a without prejudice basis to the Employer's interpretation of the current language that those who deliver non credit programming are not covered by the terms and conditions of the collective agreement. This proposal is being made for clarity purposes and is not to be interpreted that individuals delivering non credit programming are in any way covered by the terms and conditions of the collective agreement.

- 2.01 This Agreement will apply to staff members and persons in continuing, temporary and casual employment delivering Advanced Education Ministry approved credit programming, and/or are employed by the Institute in one of the following classifications:
  - (a) Instructor
  - (b) Counsellor
  - (c) Librarian (I and II)
  - (d) Curriculum & Instruction Specialist (C&I Specialist)

pursuant to the Post-secondary Learning Act.

## **ARTICLE 3**

## APPLICATION (Employee type)

3.01 This Agreement applies to all continuing staff members.

In the case of part-time continuing staff members, where applicable, the provisions shall be applied on a pro-rata basis.

3.02 The total number of Scheduled Instruction Hours (SIHs) delivered by Continuing staff members will not be less than seventy one percent (71%), June 30, 2023 of the total annual number of SIHs delivered across the Institute.

The total number of Scheduled Instruction Hours (SIHs) delivered by Continuing staff members will not be less than sixty-seven percent (67%), June 30, 2024 of the total annual number (as at June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year) of SIHs delivered across the Institute.

The headcount ratio for Librarians, Counsellors, and C&I Specialists will not be less than seventy-one percent (71%), June 30, 2023 and does not include those backfilling for continuing staff on the following leaves of absence: maternity/parental leave, general illness leave, long term disability leave (with or without pay), WCB leave, compassionate care leave.

The headcount ratio for Librarians, Counsellors, and C&I Specialists will not be less than sixty-seven percent (67%) as at June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, June 30, 2024 and does not include those backfilling for continuing staff on the following leaves of absence: maternity/parental leave, general illness leave, long term disability leave (with or without pay), WCB leave, compassionate care leave.

3.03 Temporary Staff Members

In the case of part-time temporary staff members, where applicable, the provisions shall be applied on a pro-rata basis.

3.04 (a) Staff members hired for temporary employment will qualify for the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except that the following shall not apply or are to apply as amended below:

Article 15	Hours of Work (as amended below)
Article 17	Paid Holidays
Article 18	Annual Vacation Leave
Article 19	Special Leave
Article 22	Maternity and Parental Leave
Article 23	Illness Leave
Article 24	Professional Development
Article 27	Group Benefits Plan
Article 28	Long Term Disability Insurance Plan (LTD)
Article 29	Business Travel Coverage
Article 30	Workers' Compensation Supplement
Article 31	Group Insurance (except that Accidental Death and Dismemberment for
	Institute Business Travel shall apply)
Article 32	Pension Plan
Article 34	Membership in Professional Association
Article 42	Probationary Period
Article 44	Acting Incumbent Role
Article 46	Redundancy
Article 54	Salary
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- (b) When a continuing staff member is on an approved leave and the Employer determines that a replacement is required to perform the full scope of the work, a temporary staff member will be hired.
- (c) Notwithstanding Article 3.04(a), a staff member hired for temporary employment shall receive eighteen and one-half percent (18.5%) of the regular hourly wage earnings in lieu of annual vacation and statutory holidays, in addition to the regular hourly wage earnings.
- (d) The hours of work for a temporary staff member shall be established at the commencement of each assignment in accordance with Article 16. The SIHs for a term, semester or apprenticeship intake would not exceed that of a continuing staff member in the same program, for a similar period.
- (e) In no case shall paid hours of work exceed thirty-six and a quarter (36.25) hours per week.
- (f) Temporary staff members shall be placed on the salary schedule in accordance with their qualifications and experience.
- (g) Temporary staff members shall not be assigned leadership roles assignments.
- (h) Temporary staff members shall not normally be assigned major curriculum development.
- (i) The temporary staff members will not have access to the grievance procedure for matters related to termination of their employment as a result of the conclusion of the work assignment.
- (j) A temporary staff member who has been working fulltime may become a continuing staff member if all of the following criteria are met:
  - i The individual has worked consecutive fall and winter academic terms in the three (3) years immediately preceding the potential conversion date; and
  - ii. The fulltime position is not created based upon the incumbent's skill set but rather the incumbent is a subject matter expert to the program's needs; and
  - iii. There is reasonable belief that there will be an ongoing need for a fulltime staff member to perform the full scope of the instructor role, for the foreseeable future; and
  - iv. The temporary staff member has not been hired to fill one or more vacancies created by a continuing staff member who is away from their assignment/position. In such cases the temporary staff member may be retained as a temporary employee.

The prospect of a temporary staff member becoming classified as a continuing staff member shall in no way prevent that applicant being selected for a temporary position.

#### 3.05 Casual staff member

(a) Staff members hired for casual employment will qualify for the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except the following articles shall not apply or are to apply as amended below.

Article 15	Hours of Work (except as referenced below)
Article 16	Instructor Workload (except as referenced below)
Article 17	Paid Holidays
Article 18	Annual Vacation Leave
Article 19	Special Leave
Article 21	Leave Without Pay
Article 22	Maternity and Parental Leave
Article 23	Illness Leave

Article 24	Professional Development
Article 25	Funded Leave of Absence Plan
Article 27	Group Benefits Plan
Article 28	Long Term Disability Insurance Plan (LTD)
Article 29	Business Travel Coverage
Article 30	Workers' Compensation Supplement
Article 31	Group Insurance (except that Accidental Death and Dismemberment for
	Institute Business Travel shall apply)
Article 32	Pension Plan
Article 33	Employment Insurance Premium Reduction Rebate
Article 34	Membership in Professional Association
Article 35	NAIT Tuition Benefit
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- (b) Casual staff members will have a defined assignment with a specific term or duration of employment. Casual staff members hired into the Instructor classification will normally be hired to perform components #1 and #2 of the Instructor Workload Model as outlined in Article 16.
- (c) Casual instructional assignments will be determined by the Department Head out of scope leader and established as soon as reasonably possible, taking into account the operational needs of the work unit.
- (d) Continuing and temporary staff members will be considered for casual assignments. NAIT is committed to a transparent selection process for casual assignments that will be determined by each School and shared with NASA annually. Casual SIHs worked by continuing and temporary staff members shall not be counted towards their thresholds.
- (e) The hours of work for a casual staff member shall be established by the Department Head out of scope leader at the commencement of each assignment. Hours of work for instructional assignments will take into account required work in components #1 and #2 of the Instructor Workload Model as outlined in Article 16.
- (f) In no case shall paid hours of work exceed thirty-six and a quarter (36.25) hours per week for casual staff members.
- (g) It is the responsibility of the Department Head out of scope leader and Chair and/or Associate Chair to provide access to orientation, training and other resources to casual staff members so they are prepared to complete their assignment(s).
- (h) The casual staff member will not have access to the grievance procedure for matters related to termination of their employment due to the conclusion of the work assignment.
- (i) Casual staff members shall not be assigned leadership roles assignments.
- (j) Casual staff members shall not normally be assigned major curriculum development.
- (k) All Casual staff members, including those who are also continuing or temporary staff members will be paid according to the casual pay scale as outlined in the Casual Employee Hourly Rate of Pay Grid for the SIHs delivered as a casual staff member. The hourly rates of pay per SIH in the appendix are inclusive, recognizing instructional delivery, instructor prep time, student assessment and student support (e.g. office hours).

(l) Casual instructors may be required to complete various forms of orientation and/or training, as determined by the Employer, for which they will be paid the training rate prescribed in the Salary schedule for Casual staff members. Training/orientation hours will not be considered SIHs or compensated as such. (\*move under 'g' to be new 'h' and re-letter the remaining subsections)

## 3.06 (a) Temporary and Casual Instructor SIH Ratio

The Institute shall provide to the Association by January 15<sup>th</sup>, the ratio for the previous fall term. If the ratio is less than 71% (June 30, 2023) and 67% (June 30, 2024) the Institute shall consult with the Association to develop a plan (forecast) that will ensure the "actual" ratio reported as of June 30 is at or above 71% (June 30, 2023) and 67% (June 30, 2024) for the current year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Institute shall provide to the Association by July 15<sup>th</sup>, the ratio for the previous Winter term and the previous academic year.

(b) Temporary and Casual Counsellor, Librarian and C&I Specialist Ratio

The Institute shall provide to the Association by January 15<sup>th</sup>, the ratio for the previous fall term. If the ratio is less than 71% (June 30, 2023) and 67% (June 30, 2024) the Institute shall consult with the Association to develop a plan (forecast) that will ensure the "actual" ratio reported as of June 30 is at or above 71% (June 30, 2023) and 67% (June 30, 2024) for the current year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Institute shall provide to the Association by July 15<sup>th</sup>, the ratio for the previous Winter term and the previous academic year.

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## ARTICLE 10

## **INSTITUTE - ASSOCIATION RELATIONS**

10.01 The Institute shall provide the Association with an appropriate office space. and the use of all internal communication services, without charge. 10.02 Meeting rooms on any campus may be booked through the normal booking procedures for Association business, and shall be available without charge. 10.03 Where available, telephone, duplicating, computing, reserved parking, audiovisual, and other such services shall be provided to the Association at cost. 10.04 The Association agrees to indemnify and save the Institute harmless against any claim or liability arising out of the application of this Article. 10.05 The Institute and Association shall cooperate in preparing and printing this Agreement. The cost of production shall be shared equally. 10.06 The parties agree that there shall be no discrimination or coercion exercised or practiced for reason of membership or legitimate activity in the Association. 10.07 The Institute shall advise NASA members of their right to obtain NASA representation when the Institute meets with them on any matter that may reasonably give rise to disciplinary consequences for that member. 10.08 The Institute shall make available to the Association, via the NAIT intranet, policies and procedures and

## ARTICLE 12

## TIME OFF FOR ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

- 12.01 Subject to 12.03, the Institute will provide full or partial workload reductions totalling not more than two (2) instructor-years and make appropriate scheduling accommodations so that staff members designated by the Association may conduct Association business in roles such as the following:
  - (a) Table officer (President or Vice-President) of the Association.
  - (b) Member or chair of the NASA negotiating team.
  - (c) Committee work for the implementation of any ongoing Institutional initiatives —e.g. the New Academic Model and the Faculty Development Performance Evaluation (FDPE).
  - (d) Projects requiring NAIT/NASA collaboration, as determined by the Employer.
  - (e) Such other roles as may be mutually agreed.

For time off under this Article, the Association shall reimburse the Institute for the corresponding portion of the staff member's salary, benefits, EPDA, and vacation leave for all hours requested as time off for Association business. Workload adjustments under this Article will normally be for integral multiples of one (1) semester or one (1) apprenticeship intake.

- 12.02 Subject to 12.03, the Institute will make appropriate scheduling accommodations so that staff members designated by the Association may conduct Association business in roles such as the following:
  - (a) Member of Academic Council.
  - (b) Member of a standing Association committee.
  - (c) Representative of a staff member as provided in Article 48.
- 12.03 Such time off will be approved and scheduling accommodations will be made provided that the staff member gives appropriate notice of the intended absence, and that instructional activities or any other duties of staff members' will not be unduly disrupted.
- 12.04 The President of the Academic Staff Association shall advise the President of the Institute, in writing, of the names of those specific staff members who represent the Association for the purpose specified in Article 12.01.

## ARTICLE 13

## RESIGNATION

13.01 A staff member is required to provide the <del>Dean</del> out of scope leader with a minimum of eight (8) weeks prior written notice of resignation if the staff member wishes to resign in good standing. Notice of resignation for employees who occupy a position other than instructor shall be a minimum of 4 weeks.

For each calendar week or fraction thereof that the written notice falls short of eight (8) weeks, the staff member shall be required to forfeit 7.5% of the staff member's biweekly salary rate. (note: the struck out section here has been moved to 13.02)

Last date of employment shall not typically fall in the middle of a term or intake. The Employer may shorten the resignation notice period to align with the start or end date of a term or apprenticeship intake, which will not result in the Employee forfeiting 7.5% of their biweekly salary rate.

- 13.02 For each calendar week or fraction thereof that the written notice falls short of eight (8) weeks (or four (4) weeks for non-instructor positions), the staff member shall be required to forfeit 7.5% of the staff member's biweekly salary rate, unless otherwise approved by the out of scope leader.
- 13.023 A staff member may request to withdraw their resignation under extraordinary circumstances. The Association recognizes that the decision to rescind the resignation rests with the Institute

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## ARTICLE 14

## **ATTENDANCE**

- 14.01 A staff member who is absent from duty without prior authorization shall communicate daily the reason for the absence to the work unit leader at the place of work as soon as reasonably possible, but normally within one (1) hour of normal starting time.
- 14.02 A staff member on authorized leave of absence and/or illness for an indeterminate period shall notify the work unit leader at the place of work of the staff member's intention to return to work.
- 14.03 A staff member on leave for twenty (20) working days or more shall give the appropriate work unit leader at least five (5) work days' notice prior to the desired date of return.
- 14.04 Time limits, pursuant to Article 14.01, 14.02, and 14.03, shall be waived when it can be established that the staff member, for reasons acceptable to the Institute, was unable to contact the appropriate work unit leader or manager within the time limits specified.
- 14.05 A staff member who is absent from employment and who has not obtained the approval of the work unit leader shall, after three (3) consecutive work days of such unauthorized absence, be considered to have abandoned employment and will be deemed to have resigned, unless it is subsequently shown by the staff member that circumstances beyond control prevented the staff member from reporting to the place of work or and prevented the staff member from contacting the employer.

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## **ARTICLE 15**

## HOURS OF WORK

- 15.01 Hours of work for staff members shall not exceed seven and one-quarter (7.25) hours per day (not including breaks) to a maximum of thirty-six and one-quarter (36.25) hours per week. Hours of work shall be scheduled to be continuous.
- 15.02 Recognizing the professional and flexible nature of the work of academic staff, the daily hours of work for a single day may exceed seven and one-quarter (7.25) hours and/or may not be scheduled continuously if mutually agreed to by the staff member and the Institute.
- 15.03 Programs will each determine their normal hours for program delivery utilizing a daily 10 12 hour block of time between Monday to Friday.

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Staff members will be scheduled within this window unless mutually agreed to by the staff member and Institute. If the operational delivery of courses or course sections is required beyond normal hours within the program window, a process will be established when assigning continuing staff members, with due consideration given to work life balance.

Staff members may request hours outside this range that will be taken into consideration by the Institute and will be approved if they meet the operational requirements for the delivery of the program.

## ARTICLE 16

## INSTRUCTOR WORKLOAD

## 16.01 Application

This article applies to those staff members who occupy continuing or temporary fulltime or part time instructor positions.

# 16.02 Principles

The parties acknowledge a full-time instructor's salary is based on 1885 hours per academic year, pro-rated for part time instructors, where assignable workload hours will be determined as follows:

1885 hours less hours paid as vacation, holidays and Reading Days (pro-rated for part time instructors).

The parties recognize that quality of instruction, focusing on student success utilizing an outcomes-based learning approach in a polytechnic environment is a shared principle that will guide the allocation of assignable workload hours.

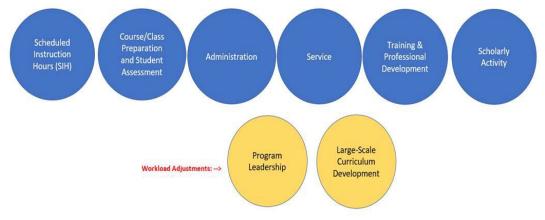
The work of an instructor is professional in nature allowing for flexibility, recognizing that an instructor's workload throughout the academic year may experience minor peaks and valleys, except where operational circumstances and/or instructor preference require greater variability of the instructor's workload.

Instructors are responsible for completing all components of their workload and have the flexibility to perform work as their assigned schedule allows.

The role of the instructor is to utilize their expertise to instruct students in order to contribute to student success. The parties recognize that class size impacts an instructor's workload.

# 16.03 Assignable Workload Hours

The professional duties and responsibilities of the instructor are categorized into 6 components. In addition, 2 types of workload adjustments may be assigned to the instructor. An instructor's assignable workload hours for the academic year will be determined using the model outlined below.



1. Scheduled Instruction Hour (SIH) is an assigned period of either curriculum or hands-on skills instruction which takes place in a lab, classroom, shop, field, practicum, regardless of delivery modality which may include synchronous or asynchronous delivery, that is sixty (60) minutes in duration. SIHs shall be rounded up to the nearest half hour as determined by the duration of the period of scheduled instruction.

Substitution may be required as part of the instructor's workload. Substitution occurs when an instructor is unable to deliver their SIH due to absence or other extenuating circumstance, requiring another instructor to deliver the SIH as scheduled. The SIH will be credited only to the instructor(s) who delivers the curriculum or hands-on skills instruction.

For medical or other approved leaves, excluding vacation, that exceed five (5) consecutive days, the annual SIH threshold will be reduced by the number of SIHs assigned during the period of absence.

If an instructor's regularly scheduled assignment falls on a statutory holiday or Reading Day and the Department Head out of scope leader, in discussion with the program leadership, schedules a make-up class, no additional SIHs will be allocated to the instructor.

If an instructor's regularly scheduled assignment falls on a statutory holiday Reading Day and the Department Head out of scope leader, in discussion with the program leadership, does not schedule a make-up class, the instructor will receive the regularly scheduled SIHs.

## 2. Course/Class Preparation and Student Assessment

May include but not limited to: Moodle learning management system setup/update and development of delivery materials, conducting student assessment/evaluation, office hours for student support and minor curriculum updates.

#### 3. Administration

May include but not limited to: Participation in advisory committees, staff meetings, selection committees, performing NAIT Health & Safety requirements, conducting prospective student interviews and completing third party requirements (e.g. completing AIT or Accreditation special reports) and other student and program administrative duties (e.g. course coordination).

# 4. Service

May include but not limited to: NAIT committee participation, conducting classroom observations of peers, participating in NAIT Open House and Program Previews, and assisting with student events. Working with relevant communities, industries, businesses, or professional organizations, will be considered service. Relevancy will be determined in collaboration between the Department Head out of scope leader, program leadership and instructor.

## 5. Training & Professional Development

May include but not limited to: Participation in NAIT's performance enhancement process, maintaining and upgrading skills through professional and industry training, mentoring peers, participating in internal and external courses, conferences and workshops as well as, completing NAIT required training.

# 6. Scholarly Activity

Academic learning and activity that aligns to NAIT's policy and procedure regarding scholarly activity, incorporating CAQC guidelines where applicable.

## 7. Program Leadership (for which a workload adjustment will be granted)

May include but not limited to: Coaching and mentoring instructors, providing program-specific guidance to students, contributing to curriculum excellence and expertise of the program, engaging in activities that support student success, collaborating with <a href="Department Head/Associate Dean Academic">Department Head/Associate Dean Academic</a> out of scope leaders or

designate on program and School initiatives, participating in Industry Engagement, conducting new instructor orientation, and onboarding.

There are two Program Leadership assignments to which an instructor can be assigned in accordance with Article 43 (Recruitment, Selection, Promotion and Transfers):

Chair (Leader II) Associate Chair (Leader I)

\*Employer may table proposals at a future date to align with Academic Redesign project

## 8. Major Curriculum Development (for which a workload adjustment will be granted)

The assigned development of new, or significant changes to, course and/or program outcomes, for example as guided by the Curriculum Review and Renewal process. This may include the development of new curriculum including content, multimedia, activities, student assessments, or re-development of a course for a different mode of delivery.

#### 9. Class Size

To recognize the impact of class size on workload, additional SIHs will be given to the instructor based on the following calculation:

Additional SIHs = 
$$\frac{(CSF - \frac{17.000}{20,000})}{83}$$

Where;

Class Size Factor (CSF) = Number of students at the course drop deadline x SIHs delivered.

If an instructor is assigned a workload adjustment as per Article 16.03, the <del>17,000</del> 20,000 will be adjusted accordingly.

In accordance with the Workload Model described in 16.03, the allocation of the instructor's assignable workload hours will be done through discussion with the instructor and their program leadership and/or <a href="Department Head">Department Head</a> out of scope leader. Consideration shall be given for minor course development, class size, type of student assessment, marking, new course delivery, experience level of instructor, complexity of workload, the number of different courses being delivered and mode of delivery.

The Department Head out of scope leader will provide final approval of the instructor's assignable workload hours for the academic year. An instructor's assignable workload hours will be established as early in the academic year as possible. The Department Head out of scope leader will ensure all instructor workload assignments are available for instructors in their respective programs. When changes to the workload assignment are necessary during the academic year, program leadership or Department Head out of scope leader will discuss the changes with the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.

- 16.05 NAIT will endeavour to balance an instructor's assignable workload hours throughout the academic year, based on operational requirements. NAIT will consider instructor requests for flexibility when assigning workload hours which may result in an unbalanced assignment of workload hours over the academic year.
- 16.06 The assigned scheduled instruction hours (SIHs) as a component of the assignable workload hours model, as described in Article 16.03, are subject to the following assignable thresholds based on the category of instruction. A staff member whose teaching assignment includes different categories of instruction will have their SIH threshold blended.

Category of Instruction	<del>2023-24</del>
Apprenticeship	685
Diploma/Certificate	585
Applied Degree (BAIST)	515
Post Diploma Certificate	515
Degree	449

See Appendix A - for a listing of programs within each of the above noted threshold categories (updated lists will be available on the NAIT website).

#### 16.07 Additional SIHs worked

When an instructor's SIHs exceed their respective threshold number at the end of the academic year, the excess SIH hours will be paid at three times (3X) their hourly rate of pay. This additional payment of three times (3X) the hourly rate of pay will be made as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the academic year.

## 16.08 Workload Adjustments

An instructor's assignable workload hours for the academic year may be adjusted under the following circumstances:

- · Instructors who are appointed to a program leadership role, as per Article 43, to recognize their leadership duties and responsibilities, as outlined in 16.03
- · Instructors who engage in major curriculum development as outlined in 16.03
- Other extraordinary assigned work approved by the Dean or designate

Workload adjustments will be made taking into account the instructor's total assignable workload hours for the academic year.

## 16.09 Workload Review

Upon request of the instructor, the Department Head and/or Associate Dean Administration out of scope leader will review the staff member's workload assignment to ensure it is in alignment with the workload model and based on the principles of equity and fairness within the program.

- (a) If an instructor desires a review of their workload assignment, that instructor may, within ten (10) five (5) working days of notification of the assignment, request a meeting with the Department Head out of scope leader to discuss the issue. The out of scope leader will provide a written decision to the instructor within seven (7) working days.
- (b) (re-lettered as 'b', previously part of (a)) If it the matter is not resolved to mutual satisfaction in part (a), the instructor may, within five (5) working days after receiving the decision from the out of scope leader, bring the issue to the attention of the Dean or designate who shall consult with two (2) instructors named by the Association. The Dean or designate will and render provide a written decision within five (5) seven (7) working days.

- (c) Within five (5) working days of receiving the decision of the Dean or designate, the instructor may request a further review of the decision which will be conducted by a workload review committee consisting of the Provost/Vice-President Academic or designate and the President of the Association or designate.
- (c) (new 'c', moved and amended from previous (c)(i)) The Instructors instructor requesting the review may choose to have a NASA representative accompany them to any meeting that is scheduled to discuss the request for review.
- (d) (new 'd', moved and amended from previous (c)(ii)) In part (b) above, the individual conducting the workload review shall study relevant documents and conduct interviews as necessary; reviewing the assigned workload to ensure alignment with the workload model and for reasoned equity across work unit the program and School.
- (e) Time limits may be extended by mutual agreement between the Union and Employer at any step of the process. Requests for extension will not be unreasonably denied.

#### ARTICLE 17

## PAID HOLIDAYS

17.01 Staff members are entitled to one (1) day's paid leave for each of the following holidays:

Civic Holiday (1 day/year) Family Day Good Friday Labour Day

Victoria Day Thanksgiving Day Canada Day Easter Monday

Remembrance Day

Additional statutory holidays proclaimed by the Province of Alberta shall be observed.

\*Notice to NASA – when Remembrance Day falls on a weekend, the Employer intends to observe it as outlined in the agreement, observing during Reading Week will no longer be our practice

17.02 Staff members shall be entitled to two (2) days' paid leave as Reading Days, which shall be designated as the consecutive Tuesday and Wednesday of the week in February in which Family Day occurs.

If, due to operational requirements, a staff member is required to work on either or both of the days designated as Reading Days, alternate lieu day(s) during the academic year will be granted at a time mutually agreed between the staff member and the work unit leader.

All continuing staff will utilize two (2) days of vacation on the Thursday and Friday of the week in February in which Family Day occurs. Requests to work on these days will be approved by the out of scope leader if operationally required feasible and shall not be unreasonably denied. The determination of whether the request is operationally required will be made by program leadership and the out of scope leader.

Fall break days will be regular working days for all staff. Staff may request these days off as vacation if operationally feasible.

- 17.03 When a day designated as a holiday under Article 17.01 falls during a staff member's work week, and the staff member is not required to work, the staff member shall be granted holiday leave on that day.
- 17.04 When a day designated as a holiday under Article 17.01 falls on a staff member's regularly scheduled day of rest, and the staff member is not required to work, the staff member shall be granted holiday leave on the day observed as the holiday.
- Where a staff member is required to work on the day observed as the holiday, the staff member shall receive equivalent time off in lieu on a straight time basis, in addition to salary.
- 17.06 Time off in lieu granted under Article 17.05 shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreeable to the staff member and Institute before June 30 of that year. Once scheduled, the alternate time off shall not be rescheduled except by mutual agreement of the staff member and the Institute.
- 17.07 Requests for leave without pay on religious holidays will be considered, provided adequate notice of the request is given.
- 17.08 Authorized travel on Institute business on a paid holiday shall be considered working hours and the staff member shall be compensated in accordance with Article 17.05.
- 17.09 When a day designated as a holiday under Article 17.01 or 17.02 falls during a period of leave, the salary applicable to the holiday shall be the same as that for the remainder of the leave period.

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17.10 Subject to operational requirements, staff members shall be granted a period of at least eleven (11) consecutive calendar days including December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> as Christmas Leave without loss of salary. Staff members required to work on those days shall be paid, in addition to their salary, salary at straight time rates for all hours so worked.

## ARTICLE 18

## ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE

## **GENERAL**

- 18.01 Leave may be approved by the Department Head, Manager out of scope leader or designate. Subject to Article 18.02, the Institute may schedule or the staff member may request periods of vacation leave.
- 18.02 The Institute shall, subject to its operational requirements, grant a staff member, upon request, at least one-half (1/2) of the and up to the entire, annual vacation entitlement in one continuous period during the summer months.
- 18.03 Once vacations are authorized they shall not be changed, other than in cases of emergency, except by mutual agreement.
- 18.04 Upon termination or mutual consent a staff member shall be paid cash in lieu of vacation earned but not taken at the rate of biweekly salary divided by ten (10) for each day so earned.
- 18.05 Where a staff member is allowed to take any leave of absence, other than illness leave, in conjunction with a period of vacation leave, the vacation leave shall be taken in one block and shall precede the additional leave of absence, except as follows:
  - (a) Maternity, parental or compassionate leave may be authorized before or after vacation leave;
  - (b) Where operational considerations so dictate, the <del>Dean</del> out of scope leader may authorize vacation leave following a period of long term professional development.
- 18.06 If a staff member is required by the Institute to take a training course during the staff member's vacation period, the staff member shall, in addition to vacation pay, receive an amount equal to one day's pay for each day of vacation used for attendance at the course. One day's pay is equal to biweekly salary divided by ten (10).
- 18.07 When a day designated as a paid or unpaid holiday under Article 17 falls within a period of vacation leave, it shall be counted as the holiday and not as a day of vacation.
- 18.08 Although staff members earn vacation leave credit during paid long term professional development, the extent of any period of long term professional development may be established so as to include all or part of the staff member's vacation leave.
- 18.09 A staff member shall not earn vacation leave entitlement for any period of Leave Without Pay, Funded Leave of Absence release time, or receipt of LTDI benefits because of total disability.
- 18.10 If a staff member demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Employer, that they were admitted to a hospital as an "in-patient" during the course of their vacation, the staff member shall be deemed to be on general illness leave for the period of the stay in hospital and subsequent period of recovery. Vacation time not taken as a result of such stay in hospital shall be rescheduled to a mutually agreed later time frame.
  - The staff member shall be required to provide physician documented proof of hospitalization within five (5) days of being released from the hospital.

## INSTRUCTOR AND COUNSELLOR VACATION ENTITLEMENT

- 18. 11 Subject to 18.12, staff members earn vacation leave credit in the amount of 1.7249 days for each pay period of service in direct proportion to the time worked.
- 18.12 Vacation leave may be allowed to accumulate for use at any time in accordance with the general provisions of this Article, to a limit of fifty (50) days. If a staff member has fifty (50) days of vacation leave credit, the

staff member shall cease to accrue vacation leave credit unless the Dean has authorized additional accrual because of exceptional circumstances.

\*Estoppel Notice to NASA: The Employer has had a past practice of not enforcing the provisions of Article 18.12. The Employer is providing NASA notice that upon ratification of the new collective agreement Article 18.12 will be adhered to by the Employer.

# LIBRARIAN AND CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST VACATION ENTITLEMENT

- 18.13 Subject to 18.09 and 18.14, a staff member who is in the Librarian or Curriculum & Instruction Specialist classification shall, for each pay period of service, earn the following amount of vacation leave in direct proportion to the time worked:
  - (a) 0.9583 days if the staff member has less than five (5) years of service; or
  - (b) 1.1499 days, if the staff member has five (5) but less than ten (10) years of service; or
  - (c) 1.3416 days, if the staff member has ten (10) or more years of service-
  - (d) 1.5332 days, if the staff member has fifteen (15) or more years of service.

The amount of service shall be determined as of the first day of each pay period.

18.14 Vacation leave earned under Article 18.13 may be allowed to accumulate for use at any time in accordance with the general provisions of this Article, to a limit of forty (40) days. If a staff member has forty (40) days of vacation leave credit, earned under Article 18.13, the staff member shall cease to accrue vacation leave credit unless the Dean has authorized additional accrual because of exceptional circumstances.

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## "V" MODIFIER

18.15 Based on operational considerations a Dean may request that the annual vacation of a staff member in the Instructor or Counsellor series be less than that provided by 18.11 above. Such determination shall be by mutual consent and normally for a period of twenty-six (26) pay periods or a multiple thereof. During this period, the staff member shall be paid an additional amount each pay period in accordance with the schedule below:

Reduction In Vacation Time	"V" Modifier
Five (5) days	2.5% of salary
Ten (10) days	5.0% of salary
Fifteen (15) days	7.5% of salary
Twenty (20) days	10.0% of salary

- 18.16 Employees may be required to provide the Employer with a vacation plan by a date determined by the out of scope leader, to utilize 90% of their annual vacation entitlement and any additional vacation liability that they have accrued over their annual entitlement. Once the vacation utilization plan is approved by the out of scope leader, the employee will be required to adhere to the plan unless there is mutual agreement to make changes.
- 18.17 Upon a return from any approved leaves, including GI/LTD, and based on operational feasibility, an employee may be required to utilize accrued vacation before returning to work.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The proposal made in 18.16 and 18.17 are made without precent or prejudice to the Employer's position that this falls to management rights, this language is proposed to provide clarity to employees.

## ARTICLE 19

## SPECIAL LEAVE

- 19.01 If unanticipated or uncontrollable circumstances of a pressing necessity prevent a staff member, using their professional judgment, from reporting to work, leave without loss of salary or benefits shall be granted subject to the following:
  - (a) Leave shall be limited to the time required to attend to the circumstances.
  - (b) The staff member shall notify the work unit leader in accordance with 14.01.
  - (c) Any absence under this Article shall not be extended beyond five (5) consecutive work days without the Dean's out of scope leader's prior approval.
  - (d) Leave under this Article shall be limited to ten (10) work days per calendar year.
  - (e) Some examples of special personal leave include but is not limited to:
    - · family illness,
    - · bereavement,
    - · travel time for illness and bereavement,
    - accidents,
    - the birth or adoption proceedings of an academic staff member's child.
- 19.02 In addition to 19.01, one (1) day per year may be granted for the following:
  - (a) Administration of estate.
  - (b) Moving household effects.
- 19.03 Normal absence reporting procedures apply as per Article 14.
- 19.04 A staff member on annual vacation leave shall be granted, upon request, bereavement leave and travel for the purposes of bereavement in place of their annual vacation.

For Discussion with NASA – following discussion, the Employer reserves the right to table a proposal for a new Bereavement leave article and a revised Special Leave article.

• Discuss separating out bereavement into a new article. Concept would involve a reduction to the number of special leave days however, Bereavement Leave would be similar to the language in AUPE collective agreement. There would be no cap on number of uses for bereavement leave per year (but would have certain number of days per incident).

#### ARTICLE 21

## LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

- 21.01 Where operational requirements permit and with the approval of the Institute, leave without pay may be granted to a staff member for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: participating in public affairs (federal, provincial or municipal),; or caring for a gravely ill family member. or gaining required industrial experience. Requests for such leave must be submitted at least two (2) eight (8) weeks in advance of the anticipated date of commencement of such leave, before such request can be considered; a shorter notice period may be approved by the out of scope leader.
- 21.02 The Institute recognizes the right of a staff member to participate in public affairs. A staff member who accepts nomination for federal, provincial, or municipal office shall notify the Dean or Director forthwith and shall be granted leave without pay from the date of the nomination or the date of issue of the election writ (whichever is later) until the election results are official. A staff member may request that the <a href="President Vice-President">President Vice-President</a> waive all or part of this leave requirement. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 21.03 A staff member elected to federal or provincial office shall notify the Dean or Director forthwith and shall either:
  - (a) resign; or
  - (b) accept leave without pay for the duration of the term of office.

A staff member who has held federal or provincial office for three (3) years or more and who is re-elected to federal or provincial office shall forthwith resign.

- 21.04 A staff member elected to municipal office shall notify the Dean or Director forthwith and may, at the discretion of the President, be required to accept:
  - (a) leave without pay for the duration of the term of office; or
  - (b) occasional leave without pay to avoid conflicting responsibilities; or
  - (c) a reduced workload with a corresponding reduction in salary.
- 21.05 A staff member may request compassionate leave under the Employment Insurance Compassionate Care benefits program. A staff member who has been granted such leave may apply for a continuation of the leave if required.
- New An employee in bargaining unit who accepts an out of scope position up to two years in length, may be granted a leave of absence from their regular position. Upon conclusion of the out of scope position the employee shall return to their former position. Where an employee held a Leader I or Leader II assignment immediately prior to the leave of absence, they may be returned to their assignment upon conclusion of the leave, at the discretion of the out of scope leader. The Employee shall not accrue seniority during the time period in which they work in the out of scope position.
- New As per article 12.01(a), where a staff member is appointed to either the President or Vice President position of the Association and requests a full or partial leave from their position within the Institute, they shall be considered on a leave without pay under this article. The incumbent's seniority will continue to accrue while they are on leave, working on behalf of the Association.
- 21.06 A staff member who proceeds on leave without pay in accordance with this Article shall, on completion of the leave without pay, be returned to the staff member's former assignment position or be appointed to a comparable assignment position.

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21.07 Staff members on leave without pay may continue their participation in benefit plans, subject to specific plan requirements, and shall pay the full amount of any premiums required in a frequency/manner agreed to by the Institute.

## **ARTICLE 23**

## **ILLNESS LEAVE**

## CASUAL ILLNESS

- 23.01 "Casual illness" means a health related absence which causes a staff member to be absent from duty for a period of three (3) consecutive work days or less.
- 23.02 A staff member in the first and in each subsequent calendar year of employment shall be eligible for a maximum of ten (10) work days of casual illness leave with pay. Each day or portion of a day of casual illness leave used within a calendar year shall be deducted from the balance of the staff member's casual illness leave entitlement for that calendar year.
- 23.03 If a staff member is ill at work or requires time off for the purpose of attending a dental, physiotherapy, optical or medical appointment, provided prior authorization has been given and the staff member works one hour in a half day of absence for those purposes, such absence shall not be charged against casual illness entitlement, nor shall a deduction in pay be made for the time lost in the half day in which illness occurred or an appointment attended. The Institute may require the staff member to submit proof of attendance at a medical, dental, physiotherapy, or optical appointment when time off from work is granted to attend these appointments.

## **GENERAL ILLNESS**

- 23.04 "General illness" normally means a health related absence which causes a staff member to be absent from duty for a period of more than three (3) consecutive work days.
- 23.05 At the commencement of a staff member's employment and at the beginning of each subsequent calendar year (subject to 23.06), a continuing staff member shall be granted general illness leave credit for the year based on the staff member's length of service in accordance with the following schedule.

Full and continuous		
Completed calendar years of service	General illness leave at full salary	General illness leave at 70% salary
1st Month	0 days	70 days
Less than 1 Year	10 days	70 days
1 year	15 days	65 days
2 years	25 days	55 days
3 years	35 days	45 days
4 years	45 days	35 days
5 years	60 days	20 days

- 23.06 Casual illness entitlements earned but not taken by a staff member during the two (2) previous calendar years may be utilized in lieu of up to twenty (20) days of general illness which would otherwise be taken at seventy percent (70%) salary according to the schedule above.
- 23.07 A staff member who is on General Illness leave or Long Term Disability leave at the beginning of a calendar year shall be granted general illness leave credits in accordance with Article 23.05 on the staff member's return to full normal duties. If however, the staff member takes illness leave for the same or a related illness during the first ten (10) thirty (30) consecutive work days following the staff member's return to full normal duties this credit will be removed and the illness leave will be considered a

- continuation of the original general illness leave. This Article will be re-applied on any subsequent return to full normal duties.
- 23.08 Unless entitled to benefits under Article 23.07, a staff member who returns from a period of general illness leave shall have added to general illness leave credits, sufficient days at seventy percent (70%) of normal salary to restore the combined fully-paid and partly-paid general illness leave entitlement to eighty (80) days. This additional entitlement shall not be granted if the staff member takes illness leave for the same or a related illness during the first ten (10) thirty (30) consecutive work days following the date of return to full normal duties.
- 23.09 When a day designated as a Paid Holiday under Article 17 falls within a period of general illness it shall be counted as a day of general illness and under no circumstances shall a staff member receive an additional entitlement in respect of that day.
- 23.10 For the purpose of this Article, the maximum period of continuous absence recognized shall be eighty (80) consecutive work days. A staff member whose illness or disability extends beyond that period may make application for benefit under the Long Term Disability Insurance Plan.

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- 23.11 A staff member is not eligible to receive illness leave benefits under this Article if:
  - (a) the absence is due to an injury while in the employ of any other employer, that qualifies for Workers Compensation benefits, nor is the staff member eligible for any illness leave benefits for any subsequent absence caused by that injury; or
- 23.12 (a) The staff member shall provide a medical certificate from a physician medical practitioner for any absence due to general illness. The medical certificate will indicate: the expected duration of the illness or injury, the individual is under a physician medical practitioner's care, and the illness or injury prevents the individual from performing full normal or modified duties. Future dated medical notes or forms will not be accepted, exceptions may be made in the case of scheduled surgery dates, updates to current and ongoing medical leaves, or other reasons acceptable to the Employer.
  - (b) For prolonged absences greater than ten (10) days, the Institute may require the staff member to have a physician medical practitioner submit medical evidence on the Institute's form indicating that the staff member is disabled from full or modified duties. Expenses for the completion of this form will be paid by the Institute to limits established by the Institute.
- 23.13 When a staff member has been on illness leave and wishes to return to work, the Institute may require the provision of medical evidence from the staff member's physician medical practitioner confirming fitness to perform full, normal duties or restricted or modified duties (hours of work or job tasks).
  - (a) When a staff member has been on General Illness leave for eight (8) weeks or longer, or Long Term Disability leave and is able to return to work and capable of performing the full duties and hours of their position, they shall provide the Employer with fourteen (14) calendar days written notice of their readiness to return to work. If medically supported, a temporary modified return to work plan may be implemented by the Employer.
  - (b) When a staff member has been on General Illness leave for eight (8) weeks or longer, or on Long Term Disability leave and is incapable of performing the full duties and/or hours of their position, they shall provide the Employer with twenty-eight (28) calendar days written notice of their readiness to return to work along with physician medical practitioner documented permanent restrictions and limitations of duties and/or hours.
  - (c) The Employer, the Association and the staff member will work together within the Ability Management Process in returning staff members to full, modified and/or flexible duties as

required. The parties will ensure appropriate Case Management meetings are held, documented and supported by the staff member's physician medical practitioner. Ongoing documentation of progress or setbacks will be maintained.

- 23.14 (a) The Institute may require that a staff member undergo a medical examination by a physician medical practitioner selected by NAIT:
  - (i) in the case of prolonged or frequent absence due to illness; or
  - (ii) when it is considered that the staff member is unable to satisfactorily perform full normal duties or restricted or modified duties (hours of work or job tasks) due to disability or illness.
  - (b) The staff member shall be entitled to have the staff member's personal physician medical practitioner or other physician of the staff member's choice provide relevant documentation to the physician medical practitioner appointed by the Institute, when undergoing a medical examination. With the consent of the staff member a copy of the report of the physician medical practitioner conducting the medical examination shall be sent to the staff member's physician medical practitioner by the Institute.
  - (c) Should the opinions of the treating physician medical practitioner and the physician selected by NAIT differ regarding the status of the staff members' health, the dispute will be settled by a third physician medical practitioner. This physician will be selected by mutual agreement of the two physicians, from a list of physicians provided by NAIT and the Association. Expenses of this physician medical practitioner shall be paid by the Institute.
- 23.15 Where a staff member has been medically examined by a physician medical practitioner and is also applying for LTD benefits, a copy of the report of the physician who conducted the medical examination shall be considered as part of the staff member's application.
- 23.16 The parties agree that casual and general illness benefits as provided in this Article are intended only for the purpose of protecting a staff member from loss of income when the staff member is ill.
- 23.17 If a staff member is injured and becomes entitled to the salary and benefits payable by the Institute under its policies, guidelines and procedures including this Collective Agreement and if the injured staff member is entitled to bring action against some person for such injury, the Institute is subrogated to all rights of the injured staff member in respect of such salary and benefits paid. The injured staff member shall reimburse the Institute for such salary and benefits, to the extent that they are recovered from some other person.
  - The Institute may bring action to recover such salary and benefits in the name of the injured staff member and may, at any time, settle such claim or action for any amount that the Institute sees fit.
- 23.18 Both parties to this Agreement recognize the value of return to work programs for staff members during periods of General Illness, WCB and/or Long Term Disability. Staff members participating in planned, documented return to work programs remain eligible for General Illness, WCB and/or Long Term Disability benefits. Return to work programs must be developed in conjunction with the staff member, the staff member's <a href="mailto:physician">physician</a> medical practitioner, the work unit leader, the Association, Ability Management and the HR consultant.

# Reference Note:

See Proposal - New in Definitions — "medical practitioner" — a physician, surgeon, or nurse practitioner

#### ARTICLE 24

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## 24.01 <u>Definitions</u>

- (a) Professional Development is defined as an opportunity, with or without pay, for a staff member to maintain currency in the profession or develop employment-related knowledge, skills and competencies in alignment with the objectives of the Institute school or department, as determined by the out of scope leader.
- (b) Long-term professional development shall be defined as a leave requiring a staff member to be absent from normal duties for a period of twenty-one (21) or more full working days.
- (c) Learning Assignment is defined as a leave for a period of less than twenty-one (21) working days to participate in:
  - courses or programs offered by government agencies, educational institutions, private or public agencies, industry or business that may assist a staff member in the performance of the staff member's duties; and
  - ii) conferences, seminars or workshops.
- (d) An Educational Resource is defined as subscriptions to professional journals, educational software, educational materials, reference materials, or textbooks, related to the development of the staff member's knowledge, skills, and competencies, or tools that directly support professional development.
- (e) EPDA funds may be used for professional membership fees or membership in a union (non-working dues) directly related to the staff member's employment-related development of skills, knowledge, and competencies, not otherwise covered by Article 34.

## 24.02 Responsibility

- (a) Maintenance and development of employment-related knowledge and skills is a responsibility shared by individual staff members and the Institute.
- (b) At July 1st of each year, the Institute shall make available \$800 (prorated for part-time employees and new employees hired after July 1) for each staff member to be used for Professional Development. Utilization of the \$800 is subject to approval by program leadership and Department Head out of scope leader to ensure alignment and consistency with Article 24.01.
  - i) Expenses for Learning Assignments may include tuition and instructional fees, registration fees, travel and subsistence costs.
  - ii) Expenses for an Educational Resource shall be as defined in 24.01(d).
  - iii) Funds unspent from annual Employee Professional Development Account contributions may be carried forward to the next year, but shall not exceed \$3,200.00.
  - iv) EPDA funds must be utilized before NAIT funds, when any learning assignments or educational resources are requested by the staff member.
- (c) During the current academic year, the Institute shall make budgetary provision for expenditure in the next academic year; on the following:
  - i) experience leaves, secondments and exchanges;
  - ii) salary and benefits for staff members on professional development leave and learning assignments;

- iii) salary and benefits for staff members participating as trainees in In-Service training;
- iv) salary and benefits for staff members granted time off to permit attendance at courses.

## 24.03 Educational Leave

The Institute is committed to supporting requests for professional development leaves as determined by Institute the applicable school or department's objectives and where relevant to the staff member's role.

- (a) Staff members granted educational leave shall enter into an individual written agreement with the Institute regarding salary and the maintenance of benefits during the period of leave. Approval of education leaves shall be made by the Dean/Director or designate.
- (b) Unless otherwise agreed between the applicant and NAIT, f Financial support for educational leave shall be: may be granted up to 50% of the staff member's salary and benefits, as approved by the Employer.

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4 years NAIT service, 65% of salary
5 years NAIT service, 70% of salary
6 years NAIT service, 75% of salary
7 years NAIT service, 80% of salary
8 or more years NAIT service, 85% of salary
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If a staff member has less than four (4) years NAIT service, cost sharing of salary and benefits is negotiable.

- (c) Staff members granted educational leave in excess of twenty-one (21) working days shall serve the Institute for a period immediately following their return. Such return service commitment shall be calculated on the basis of two (2) times the length of leave multiplied by the percentage of salary maintained during such leave.
- (d) A staff member not returning to the Institute following educational leave must repay to the Institute all monies paid by the Institute in support of the leave. Repayment shall be made immediately upon the staff member's termination of employment.
- (e) Staff members shall submit their request for an educational leave, no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>
  September 15th of the year preceding the fiscal year in which of the requested leave will occur. A shorter notice period or waiver may be agreed upon by the staff member and Dean/Director or designate.
- (f) The staff member will be required to provide proof of successful completion of their educational program (or applicable portion, as outlined in the agreement) to the Employer. If the staff member does not successfully complete the program (or applicable portion), they will be required to pay back the full amount of financial support, salary and benefits that was provided by NAIT to fund their educational leave.

# 24.04 <u>Learning Assignments</u>

Any staff member is eligible for a learning assignment. Applications shall be forwarded through the staff member's work unit leader to the Dean/Director or designate. Approval of the Institute is required before a staff member may proceed on a learning assignment.

## 24.05 Experience Leaves

- (a) An Experience Leave shall be for the purpose of gaining current technical or professional experience by means of employment or consulting activity.
- (b) An Experience Leave may be combined with an Educational Leave subject to the conditions of both Leaves.

(c) The Employer may require an employee to take an Experience Leave.

# 24.06 Applied Research Leaves

A staff member may apply for leave to undertake industry-sponsored applied research at the Institute, at another educational establishment, or with an industrial organization.

#### 24.07 <u>Secondments</u>

- (a) A Secondment Leave shall enable a staff member to teach or to provide services at another institution, Agency, or in industry.
- (b) A staff member on secondment shall normally be paid by the Institute. The staff member's salary and benefits shall be maintained.

## 24.08 Exchange Leaves

An exchange leave shall enable a staff member to teach or to provide service to another institution, agency or industry while an employee of that institution, agency or industry assumes the staff member's responsibilities at the Institute. Each institution shall normally reimburse its own staff member, at the staff member's salary and continue all benefits while the staff member's terms of reference must be by mutual agreement with the exchange institution.

## 24.09 Return From Leave

After any leave of absence, a staff member shall return to at least the same or equivalent assignment position and shall be entitled to at least the salary schedule placement for the position which the staff member held at the commencement of the leave.

- 24.10 Staff members on financially assisted Professional Development shall receive:
  - (a) full benefits according to this Agreement; and
  - (b) all increases to normal salary and benefits on the same basis as other staff members not on leave.
- 24.11 Staff members on leave without pay may continue their participation in benefit plans, subject to specific plan requirements, and shall prepay the full amount of any premiums required.

## **ARTICLE 27**

## **GROUP BENEFITS PLAN**

- 27.01 The NAIT Group Benefits Plan includes Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, Extended Health Care Benefits Plan, Dental Plan, Flexible Spending Account and the Group Insurance Plans and will be provided to eligible staff members and their dependents, as per the eligibility requirements set out in the Plans.
- 27.02 The Institute shall share with the Association, Group Benefits Plan performance reports as they are supplied by the carriers.
- 27.03 The Institute shall provide the Association with written notice of any changes in premiums or benefits of any of the Group Benefit Plans proposed by the carriers or administrators of the Plans.
- 27.04 The Institute shall not on its own initiative, alter staff member entitlements under any of the Group Benefits Plan without the express written agreement of the Association.
- 27.054 For the purpose of the Group Benefits Plan outlined under Article 27.01, a dependent will be defined by the respective Plans.
- 27.065 The Institute shall pay the cost of the premiums for the Long Term Disability Insurance Plan, Extended Health Care Benefits Plan, and Dental Plan. The Employer shall share the premium costs of the Extended Health Care Benefits Plan at the rate of sixty percent (60%) Employer paid and forty percent (40%) Employee paid.
- 27.076 The Institute shall pay \$750 per calendar for each full time staff member into the Flexible Spending Account to be administered by the third party provider.
- 27.087 Staff members and their dependent(s) shall be eligible for coverage under the Dental Plan as provided in the Plan Document.

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#### **ARTICLE 28**

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE PLAN (LTD)

- 28.01 The eligibility of a staff member to participate in the LTD Plan is subject to Article 3 and the terms and conditions contained in the Plan.
- A staff member who receives Long Term Disability Insurance Plan Benefits and who, at the commencement of absence due to disability or illness, is participating in the Institute's Group Benefit Plans (Extended Health Care Benefits, Dental Plan, Flexible Spending Account and Group Insurances), shall, unless the staff member otherwise elects, continue to be covered under the Group Benefits Plan throughout the total period the staff member is receiving LTD Benefits and the premium contributions, if applicable shall continue. If the Employee continues to receive LTD benefits beyond the change of definition date and the employee is determined to be disabled from any occupation, as determined by the insurance carrier, entitlement to group benefits will cease.
- 28.03 The Institute shall ensure that the staff member's contributions to the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) will be paid by the Institute during the period that the staff member is receiving LTD benefits, less any member's contributions generated by rehabilitative employment.

#### **ARTICLE 34**

#### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- 34.01 A staff member is encouraged to join a Professional Association in the area of the staff member's expertise.
- 34.02 Where the Institute explicitly deems that such membership significantly benefits a work unit, the Institute shall pay the fees:
  - (a) for an institutional membership in the name of the Institute; or
  - (b) where institutional memberships are not possible, or the Institute deems individual memberships benefit the Institute, then individual memberships.
- Where professional/occupational membership is an explicit condition of employment of a staff member, the membership shall be prescribed and the membership fee paid by the Institute.
- 34.04 Where the Employee is employed with a second Employer who also requires the employee to obtain membership in their professional association, the Employee shall provide confirmation to NAIT that their secondary Employer did not reimburse or pay the Employee's membership fees required by their professional association. This must be done prior to NAIT reimbursing or paying for the Employee's professional membership fees.
- 34.045 Appropriate budget provisions are required for any membership to be borne by the Institute.

The Institute shall not publish staff credentials without written permission of the staff member.

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#### **ARTICLE 38**

#### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Where a Dean NAIT hazard assessment determines, and is confirmed by the out of scope leader, that uniforms, coveralls, smocks, or such other items should be provided for the protection of a staff member's personal garments, such items shall be provided, cleaned, and replaced upon approval by the work unit leader.
- Protective clothing and safety equipment shall be supplied by the Institute as required by the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and the Regulations, and Code thereto.
- 38.03 Inquiries or complaints concerning safety equipment, safety elothing and personal protective clothing shall be first directed to the work unit leader, then the Dean or Director out of scope leader of the work unit, then the appropriate Vice President Dean or Director. Health Safety and Environment (HSE) may be involved at any step at the request of either party. and failing resolution to the appropriate Health and Safety Services (HSS) department.

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#### **ARTICLE 41**

#### PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- 41.01 Performance evaluation of all continuing staff will occur on a regular and ongoing basis. Leadership and staff members equally share the responsibility for participating in a comprehensive evaluation process. It is also understood that an integral part of performance evaluation is the discussion and identification of needs and opportunities for professional growth and development.
- 41.02 Staff members shall be given the opportunity to add their written comments to the evaluation document.
- 41.03 A staff member who disagrees with the performance evaluation may within ten (10) working days of the evaluation append comments, submit a rebuttal.
- NEW A staff member may be required to provide a written plan to their out of scope leader and program leadership outlining how they will maintain currency in their discipline, in alignment with Articles 24 and 53.
- 41.04 The out of scope leader may provide performance feedback and/or a performance evaluation to casual and temporary employees. If the out of scope leader decides to provide feedback and/or an evaluation they may choose to seek input from program leadership.

#### **ARTICLE 42**

#### PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- 42.01 Each new staff member shall serve an initial probationary period. The probationary period is intended to provide an opportunity for the new staff member to evaluate the work situation and demonstrate the skill, knowledge and overall suitability required for the role. It also allows the Institute to assess the skills, knowledge, performance and overall suitability of the staff member for the role.
  - The probationary period shall be for twelve (12) months and may be extended to make up for any period of approved leave, exclusive of vacation, greater than one (1) month taken during the initial twelve month period. The probationary period shall be extended by the length of the staff member's leave.
  - Where the probationary period ends in the middle of a semester or intake due to an extension (as outlined above), the probationary period may be further extended to the end of a semester or intake to allow for a full assessment of the staff member's performance and so as not to disrupt the student experience.
- 42.02 Unless written notice of termination of employment or extension of probation is provided prior to the expiry of the initial probationary period, it is understood that continued employment with the Institute is automatic, in accordance with the staff member's offer of employment.
- 42.03 For a staff member serving a probationary period, written performance evaluations shall be provided at least twice prior to the completion of the probationary period. Notwithstanding, written performance evaluations for a probationary staff member may be conducted as often as necessary during such staff member's probationary period. Probationary evaluations shall be conducted by program leadership and Department Head out of scope leader.
- 42.04 The Institute will consider a new staff member's previous employment in a continuing or temporary position when determining their probationary period in their new position provided the two assignments positions are comparable.

#### **ARTICLE 43**

#### RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, PROMOTION AND TRANSFER

- 43.01 In this Article the following definitions shall apply:
  - (a) Promotion is the movement of a staff member from one assignment to a second assignment which has a salary range the maximum of which is at least five per cent (5%) higher than that of the first assignment.
    - Promotion is the movement of a staff member from one classification to a second classification which has a higher maximum salary range than that of the first classification.
  - (b) Transfer is the movement of a staff member from one assignment to a second assignment which has a salary range the maximum of which differs from that of the first assignment by less than five per cent (5%).
    - Transfer is the movement of a staff member within the same classification from one position to a second position with the same salary range.
  - (c) An assignment to Leader I or II is not considered a promotion or transfer.
- 43.02 When recruitment activity to any continuing assignment position or to a Leader I or II assignment, covered by this Agreement, is undertaken it shall normally be by means of competition and shall be in accordance with recruitment and selection policies and procedures. When the Institute considers it appropriate to proceed without competition, it shall consult with the Association regarding the proposed method of recruitment, candidate selection. and for the length of the designated term.
- 43.03 (a) The Institute recognizes the value of engaging staff members' interest and input to the recruitment and selection procedure. Where available, at least one member of the Association, from the Program area or School, with relevant experience will participate on the interview and selection panel for instructors positions and Leader I and II assignments. Where no such member is readily available, the Association will be consulted for advice.
  - (b) Furthermore, wWhen a NASA leadership (Leader I or II) assignment opportunity arises, a Selection Search Committee (SC) will be formed. The committee will normally consist of:
  - Up to 50% of voting members as assigned by the Dean or Designate (e.g. Associate Dean + Leader 1)
  - At least 50% of voting members as selected by NASA members (e.g. Leader II + Instructor)
  - One (1) Human Resource Representative

The Dean or Designate out of scope leader will determine the size of the search committee.

NASA Staff members interested in participating on the SC must submit an expression of interest to the Program. If there is greater interest among NASA members than there are spots on the SC, an election process with voters from the program area affected will be conducted by the Program. Where there is insufficient interest in participating, the Association will be consulted for advice.

Once formed, the SC will be provided with a list of applicants and may participate in selecting those granted an interview.

The out of scope leader, on behalf of the SC, The SC will make a recommendation to the Dean at the end of the selection search process. The recommendation will normally be based on discussion; however failure to reach agreement will result in a vote. All members of the SC, except any participating the Human Resource Representative, will be able to vote.

The Dean will either support or deny the recommendation, however if the recommendation is denied, the Selection Search Committee will be reconvened and the rationale for the denial will be discussed.

- 43.04 (a) A continuing staff member who is promoted or transferred for a designated term is entitled to retain their continuing salary status and, on completion of the term of the appointment, to return to their staff member's previous classification and position assignment or where the previous position is no longer available, to a comparable position. assignment within the work unit.
  - (b) A continuing staff member who is transferred for a designated term is entitled to retain their continuing status and, on completion of the term, to return to their previous position or where the previous position is no longer available, to a comparable position.
- 43.05 During the first twelve months following a transfer or promotion, either the Institute or the staff member may request reversion to the staff member's former assignment or to a comparable assignment.

During the first twelve months following a transfer or promotion of a continuing staff member, the Institute may revert the staff member to their previous classification and/or position, or where the previous position is no longer available, to a comparable position for which they have the skill and ability to perform.

During the first twelve months following a transfer or promotion of a continuing staff member, the staff member may request a reversion to the staff member's previous classification and/or position, or where their previous position is no longer available, to a comparable position for which they have the skill and ability to perform.

Such reversion shall take effect at the completion of the academic quarter, semester, or intake, unless otherwise agreed by the Institute and the staff member. When a staff member who had been promoted reverts to their former classification level, the Institute may adjust the staff member's salary to the rate that would have applied if the initial promotion had not taken place.

43.06 If an employee is moved, other than for disciplinary reasons, from one assignment to a second assignment which has a salary range the maximum of which is lower than that of the first assignment, the Institute, in consultation with the Association, and the staff member may enter into an agreement with respect to salary and benefits. Such agreement shall provide for salary and benefits at least equal to that of the new class and not more than that of the former class.

#### **ARTICLE 46**

#### REDUNDANCY

46.01 This Article applies to continuing, full and part time staff members.

The Institute shall notify the President of the Association when redundancy of continuing staff members within a work unit is anticipated. The Institute, in consultation with the Association, may then proceed to give notice to staff members in a work unit that a potential for redundancy exists.

#### CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO INVOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY

46.02 (a) Notwithstanding Article 43.04, when the Institute determines that there must be a reduction in the number of staff in a work unit, it may transfer continuing staff members and/or release temporary staff members.

The Institute shall give consideration to staff members who voluntarily request transfers.

(b) The Institute may, at its discretion, release employees with less than 2 years service prior to engaging in voluntary or involuntary redundancy as outlined below.

#### **VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY**

- 46.03 A staff member may volunteer for redundancy. If the Institute agrees, the staff member shall enter into an agreement with the Institute regarding the notice period. At the end of the notice period the staff member will receive severance pay in accordance with Article 46.13.
- 46.04 A staff member who enters into a voluntarily redundancy agreement with the Institute will be deemed to have resigned and shall forego all other considerations under Articles 46.05 through 46.14.

If there are more staff members submitting their names for voluntary redundancy than there are redundancies available, the most senior staff member(s) shall be considered first for the voluntary redundancy.

#### INVOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY

- 46.05 If, due to operational requirements, the Institute is required to declare positions in a work unit redundant, they shall use the process outlined in Articles 46.07 to 46.12 to determine which staff member(s) will be declared redundant.
- 46.06 Human Resources shall be responsible to provide a seniority list of the staff members from the affected work unit where the redundancy(ies) are to occur.

#### **Exemption from Redundancy**

- 46.07 The Dean, in consultation with the leadership team for the program, will identify the need for any degrees, diplomas, certifications, designation, subject matter specialization, and industry experience required to teach in the program.
- When degrees, diplomas, certifications, designation, subject matter specialization, and industry experience required to teach in the program are identified a Review Panel will be appointed in the following manner:
  - The Provost and/or Vice President Academic shall appoint one Dean or Associate Dean and one Human Resource Consultant.
  - ii) NASA shall appoint one Chair or Associate Chair, and one Instructor.
  - iii) Members of the Review Panel must not be from the program which is experiencing the redundancy.

- iv) The review panel will determine if the least senior staff member were declared redundant, the remaining staff members in the program possess the required degrees, diplomas, certifications, designations, subject matter specialization, and industry experience required to meet the program objectives and activities. If the panel determines that the remaining staff members do not have the required degrees, diplomas, certifications, designations, subject matter specialization, and industry experience required to meet the program objectives and activities, then the least senior staff member will be exempt from redundancy.
- 46.09 The least senior staff member(s) within the work unit where redundancies are required, who has not been determined to be exempt as per 46.08, will be declared redundant.

#### Communication

46.10 The final list of staff members to be declared redundant will be provided to NASA. Redundant staff members will be notified by NAIT in accordance with the timelines outlined in Article 46.11.

#### **Notice**

46.11 Eleven (11) weeks written notice shall be given to a staff member with greater than two (2) years of seniority of their position being declared redundant. The staff member may be paid salary in lieu of part or all of the stipulated notice period. This notice shall not be given in the months of June, July, or August.

Staff members with less than two years of seniority shall receive eight (8) weeks notice or salary in lieu of notice, of their position being declared redundant.

A staff member who has been served notice pursuant to Article 46.11 may request that the date of termination be advanced. Such request shall not be unreasonably denied, but the staff member shall forfeit all rights under this Article except for severance under article 46.13.

#### Transfer / Training

- 46.12 (a) If a staff member who is declared redundant has the qualifications, experience, and competence to assume the work assignment of a temporary staff member, the Institute shall make reasonable efforts to arrange such a transfer within the School, or failing that, into another School.
  - (b) If at the time the staff member is declared redundant an alternate work assignment is expected to be available within one year and the work assignment is one to which the staff member, in the opinion of the Institute, could be reassigned at the conclusion of a period of training not to exceed one year, the redundant staff member shall be eligible for the appropriate training in accordance with the provisions of Article 24 of this Agreement. Notwithstanding Article 35.02, the Institute will pay tuition costs associated with training approved under this Article.
  - (c) If the Institute is unable to arrange a transfer under Articles (a) and (b), it shall provide assistance to the staff member in seeking work with an alternative employer including a reasonable amount of time off with pay to be interviewed by prospective employers.
  - (d) A staff member who refuses a transfer under Articles (a) and (b) shall forfeit all rights under Article 46.

#### Severance

46.13 A staff member who has been declared redundant and has greater than two (2) years of seniority will be eligible to receive on termination, severance pay, in accordance with the following schedule, prorated to the nearest completed quarter year of continuous service, in addition to any sum payable under Article 46.11.

Continuous Service	Severance Pay
Greater than two years	12 weeks salary
Greater than three years	16 weeks salary
Greater than four years	20 weeks salary

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Greater than five years	24 weeks salary
Greater than six years	28 weeks salary
Greater than seven years	32 weeks salary
Greater than eight years	36 weeks salary
Greater than nine years	40 weeks salary
Greater than ten years	44 weeks salary
Greater than eleven years	48 weeks salary
Greater than twelve years	52 weeks salary

- (a) For the purposes of this Article, severance pay does not include a staff member's accrued vacation pay.
- (b) For the purposes of this Article a staff member's accrued but unused vacation leave shall be added to the length of service.
- (c) For the purposes of calculating severance "continuous service" shall include any authorized leaves with or without pay as well as, time spent working for NAIT in a regular, continuing full or part time position not covered by this Collective Agreement. In order for time worked in another position to be considered in the calculation of severance, the staff member must have worked in the position immediately prior to obtaining a continuing position under this Collective Agreement.
- 46.14 A staff member with greater than two (2) years of seniority for whom alternative employment arrangements have not been made under Article 46.12 shall be eligible for recall and/or placement through a limited competition into a continuing fulltime or part time vacancy in the staff member's classification. The Institute shall determine whether or not a vacancy exists and whether or not it is required to be filled.

#### Recall

- (a) In order for the staff member to be considered eligible for recall they must have the required degrees, diplomas, certifications, designations, subject matter specialization, and industry experience to perform the full responsibilities of the position at the time of being recalled. Recall will be offered in order of seniority.
- (b) The staff member shall have recall rights into a position of the same classification and in the same work unit from which they were made redundant. They shall be eligible for recall into such a position for the period of time equal to the length of their severance period as prescribed by Article 46.13.
- (c) Staff members will be notified of recall either in person, by telephone or by email. A copy of the recall notice will be provided to the Association. It is the responsibility of the staff member to keep the Institute informed of their current address, email and telephone number if they wish to be considered for recall.
- (d) Any staff member made redundant must return within two (2) business days after receipt of notice of recall when unemployed and within five (5) business days when employed elsewhere or, make arrangements with the Institute to return to work at a time which is acceptable to the Institute or the staff member's rights to recall are forfeited.

#### Limited Competition

(e) For the twelve (12) month period from the date of the staff member's termination they shall be eligible for placement into a posted position within their classification through a limited competition for which the staff member is qualified.

#### Re-employment

(f) A staff member recalled to a position or placed in a position through a limited competition under this Article shall be placed on the step of the salary schedule that they held previously to them being declared redundant.

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- (g) A staff member who declines an offer of employment in accordance with Article 46.14 shall forfeit all rights under this Article.
- (h) If a staff member is re-hired by the Institute into a classification covered by this Collective Agreement during their severance period the staff member will be required to pay back to the Institute an amount equal to the remainder of their severance period in accordance with a mutually agreed repayment schedule.

#### ASSOCIATION CONSULTATION

46.15 The implementation by the Institute of Articles 46.02 to 46.14 shall be in consultation with a representative appointed by the Association.

#### **ARTICLE 48**

#### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

The parties agree that the emphasis in this Article should be placed on resolving complaints at the lowest possible step with a positive solution and in an expedited manner.

#### 48.01 In this Article:

- (a) a grievance shall be defined as any difference between the parties to or the persons bound by this Collective Agreement as to the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of the Collective Agreement, including any question as to whether the dispute is arbitrable or where any difference arises from the discipline or dismissal of any staff member. Such disputes may be the subject of a grievance and be resolved by the procedures contained herein;
- (b) "days", in Article 48.03 Step 1 means calendar days, but excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and Paid Holidays;
- (c) "days", in all other Articles, means calendar days, but excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and Paid Holidays and days of vacation leave approved pursuant to 18.01;
- (d) notwithstanding 48.01 (a), a grievance regarding the dismissal of a probationary staff member or a performance evaluation shall be settled at Step 3 of this procedure, and is not arbitrable;
- (e) Grievance Hearing Officer shall mean any out of scope leader, having the authority to make a decision, who does not have prior direct involvement with the issue giving rise to the grievance.
- When a grievance arises it shall be dealt with in the manner outlined in the following Articles, except that a grievance may not be presented on a matter where an alternate appeal procedure exists.

#### 48.03 Time Limits and Procedures

\*Discussion with NASA, Employer reserves the right to table further proposals following discussion – **Discuss** combining Step 2 and 3 of the grievance process

- Step 1: The staff member must raise the complaint with the Work Unit Leader out of scope leader within fifteen (15) days of the situation or awareness of the situation causing the complaint. The complaint of a staff member will be addressed within five (5) days of the complaint being raised.
- Step 2: If the complaint is not resolved through the discussion, the grievance must be reduced to writing, on a form supplied by the Association, stating the facts of the complaint, the Articles of the Agreement involved and the remedy requested, and be dated and signed by the staff member and the Association. The written grievance will be submitted by the Association to the Dean or Director of the Program affected Employer via the designated email address within fifteen (15) days of the date of the complaint being addressed discussion with by the work unit out of scope leader.

The Dean, Director, or designate Human Resources representative will arrange for a meeting within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the written grievance with the grievor and the Association's Labour Relations Director or designate in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The parties may request that other staff members attend if necessary. A decision, with rationale, from the Dean, Director, or designate Grievance Hearing Officer shall be provided within five (5) days of the hearing. If the decision does not resolve the grievance, the Association shall submit the grievance at Step 3, to the Employer, via the designated email address. The submission shall include along with a copy of the grievance form, reasons for the advancement, written summary of positions and relevant documents to the Institute President and Association President within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the decision.

- Step 3: The Institute President and Association President or designates Grievance Hearing Officer will meet within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Step 3 grievance written grievance and supporting documentation in an attempt to resolve the grievance. The parties may request that other staff members attend if necessary. The Institute President or designate Grievance Hearing Officer will provide a written decision to the Association within five (5) days of the meeting.
- Step 4: If the decision of the Institute President or designate Grievance Hearing Officer is unsatisfactory to the Association, the Association shall then submit the grievance to arbitration within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the decision. The notice of submission to arbitration must be in writing and sent to the designated email address.
  - (a) A grievance involving discipline must be filed directly at Step 3 within fifteen (15) working days of the disciplinary action.
  - (b) Either the Institute or Association may file a policy grievance concerning the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of the Collective Agreement on a matter arising directly between the Institute and the Association. A policy grievance commences at Step 3 of the grievance procedure. The grievance must be filed within fifteen (15) days of the incident coming to the attention of the grieving party.
  - (c) When two or more staff members have a complaint arising from the same incident, the grievance may be handled submitted as a group grievance.
  - (d) The policy grievance procedure must not be used for processing individual grievances.
  - (e) The parties may mutually agree in writing to extend any time limit. A request for extension of time limits will not be unreasonably denied.
  - (f) Any grievance not submitted in conformity with the time limits prescribed in this Article or the agreed to time limit extension, is deemed to have been abandoned and must not be continued or reopened.
  - (g) When the party receiving a grievance fails to process the grievance within the time limits specified in this Article, the aggrieved shall automatically be eligible to advance the grievance to the next higher level, except that to advance to Arbitration, a grievance must be a grievance as defined pursuant to 48.01.
  - (h) The parties agree that any dispute or grievance concerning the alleged violation of this Agreement, which has not been settled, shall be referred to Arbitration at the written request of either party.
  - (i) The decision of the Arbitrator is final and binding on the parties. The parties will share equally the cost of the arbitration.

#### 48.04 <u>Arbitration Structure</u>

- (a) The notice to refer the matter to an Arbitrator shall contain the grievance in the form set forth in Article 48.03.
- (b) Grievances shall be heard by a single Arbitrator. The Association shall, in its notice of intent to proceed to Arbitration, suggest a person to serve as Arbitrator. The Employer shall respond within fifteen (15) days, either agreeing to the Association's proposed Arbitrator or suggesting alternative Arbitrators. If the parties cannot agree on an Arbitrator within thirty (30) days, either party may request the Chair of the Labour Relations Board of Alberta to appoint a single Arbitrator. Either party may elect to have the discussion about Arbitrator selection delegated to their respective legal counsel.
- (c) The parties may mutually agree in writing to extend any time limit. A request for extension of time limits will not be unreasonably denied.

- (d) The Employer and the Association shall share equally the total cost of the arbitration and Arbitrator.
- (e) The Employer shall grant the grievor leave of absence with pay for the purpose of attending the hearing of the grievance provided that the leave of absence shall only be for the purpose of attending the hearing. Should the grievance deal with dismissal of a staff member and the dismissal be upheld by the Arbitrator, no reimbursement for pay shall be allowed.
- (f) The Employer shall grant leave of absence to attend the Arbitration hearing with pay for witnesses who are academic staff members of the Employer who are called by the grievor;
- (g) The Employer and the Association shall share the expenses of necessary witnesses called by the Arbitrator on an equal basis, if the necessary witnesses are not employed by the Institute or the Association. The expenses of witnesses called by the Arbitrator at the request of one of the parties shall be borne by that party.

#### 48.05 Powers of the Arbitrator

- (a) The Arbitrator shall neither add to, detract from, nor modify the language of any Article of the Collective Agreement.
- (b) The Arbitrator shall expressly confine itself in its award to the precise issue submitted to the Board and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted to it.
- (c) Where disciplinary action against an academic staff member is involved, the Arbitrator may vary the penalty, as the Arbitrator considers fair and reasonable.
- (d) The Arbitrator:
  - (i) may accept any oral or written evidence that it, in its discretion, considers proper whether admissible in a court of law or not;
  - (ii) is not bound by the law of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings; and
  - (iii) may summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel them to give oral or written evidence on oath and to produce the documents and things that the Arbitrator considers requisite to the full investigation and consideration of matters within its jurisdiction in the same manner as a court of record in civil cases.
- (e) If any persons fail to comply with an order of the Arbitrator under Article 48.05(d)(iii), or conduct themselves in a manner that may be in contempt of the Arbitration or its proceedings, the Arbitrator may apply to the court for an order directing compliance with the order of the Arbitrator or restraining any conduct found by the court to be in contempt of the Arbitration or its proceedings.
- (f) The Arbitrator may correct in any award any clerical mistake, error or omission.

#### 48.06 <u>Arbitration Procedures</u>

- (a) Within thirty (30) days or as soon as reasonably possible upon receipt of a grievance, the selected Arbitrator shall advise the Employer and the Association of the hearing date.
- (b) At the Arbitration hearing, the Employer and the Association may be represented by any person(s) they so delegate.
- (c) The Arbitrator shall submit a report on the findings and their decision within thirty (30) days or as soon as reasonably possible following the completion of the hearing.

#### 48.07 <u>Meetings During Grievance Procedure</u>

A grievor who wishes to discuss the grievance with representatives of the Institute or Association at any level of the grievance procedure shall obtain the permission of the work unit out of scope leader before

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leaving the place of work for this purpose and shall report back to the work unit out of scope leader before resuming normal duties.

#### 48.08 Group Grievances

A group grievance may be initiated by more than one staff member provided that all are grieving the identical issue and all who are grieving have signed the initial grievance document. Grievances initiated by more than one staff member and meeting the above criteria shall be dealt with in accordance with Articles 48.01 - 48.08 inclusive. The decision of an individual to abandon a group grievance shall not prejudice the rights of the remaining members of the group to advance their grievance.

#### **ARTICLE 53**

#### INSTRUCTION DESIGN AND DELIVERY

- 53.01 The Institute recognizes that the primary responsibility for instructional design and delivery rests with academic staff. Explicitly, activities related to the diagnosis of learning needs, the prescription of learning activities and the evaluation of student performance fall within the domain of academic staff members.
  - NAIT recognizes instructors covered by this Agreement engage in instructional delivery and curriculum development incorporating their industry expertise, guided by policies and procedures, to ensure the quality of program delivery and curriculum.
- 53.02 This Instructor responsibilitiesy includes the latitude to teach, discuss, gather and disseminate knowledge and understanding based on the academic staff member's Instructor's expertise in their discipline. Course delivery will be within the framework of the learning objectives and outcomes of the applicable curriculum. (the remaining current/existing language has been renumbered as 53.03 below)
- 53.03 The Employer acknowledges the importance of academic staff members' participation in their respective professional and academic bodies and likewise, staff members recognize their professional responsibility to maintain current within their discipline.
- 53.034 The Association recognizes that support staff (e.g. instructional assistants, educational lab technologists, etc.) have had a role in the domain of instructional delivery and will continue to do so in the future.
- 53.045 The Institute confirms its intent that:
  - (a) instructional assistants shall not be used to displace instructional staff ie: that the hiring of instructional assistants-shall not cause redundancy of academic staff members;
  - (b) the introduction of instructional assistants occur where there is appropriate support from the work unit; (\*Note: as per our consultation requirements the Employer feels this language is redundant)
  - (eb) instructional assistants work under the guidance of Instructors, and may report to a Leader I or II for day-to-day supervision and academic program support, but will formally report to a non-bargaining unit member for the purpose of performance management and approvals of time off and other entitlements.

# Letter of Understanding – NEW Averaging Agreements / Modified Work Agreements Counsellors

Employer reserves the right to table a proposal allowing averaging agreements, modified work agreements to be responsive to student service needs.

## Letter of Understanding – NEW Benefit Plan Design

Employer reserves the right to table a proposal about future benefit plan design work.

# Letter of Understanding – NEW

### Time Off In Lieu – Service (16.03 - #4) – Evenings/Saturday/Sunday

Time off in lieu for work on evenings, Saturdays and/or Sundays, as described in Article 16.03 (Component #4 - Service), will be given to the instructor on an hour for hour basis when it is scheduled or required by the out of scope leader. Time off in lieu will taken by the staff member within the semester in which it was earned but no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Payment for time off in lieu that is accrued but not taken will not be permitted.

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#### Letter of Understanding between Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) and NAIT Academic Staff Association (NASA)

Re: Transition to new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

Whereas NAIT, in September 2024, is commencing the transition to a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, of which NASA is aware, and the estimated timeframe of the transition is 18 to 24 months, the parties hereby agree to the following:

- 1. When NAIT determines that because of the functionality of the new ERP, the operationalization of a collective agreement provision is affected, NAIT will notify NASA as soon as practicably possible to explain the impact.
- 2. If NAIT determines, through the implementation of the new ERP, they require feedback from NASA in terms of the operationalization of a particular collective agreement provision, they will provide NASA with the information and receive NASA's feedback/input within five (5) working days. This timeline is to ensure there are no unnecessary delays with the implementation of the new ERP.
- 3. If, because of the new ERP, any collective agreement provision is affected to the extent that the provision needs to be amended, revised, etc., NAIT will provide NASA with a written proposal regarding the provision that requires amending, to which NASA will provide their response, in writing, within ten (10) work days. This timeline is to ensure there are no unnecessary delays with the implementation of the new ERP.

It is agreed that if the parties are in open bargaining and one of the three above – mentioned scenarios arises, they will be dealt with as described above and not be considered part of the ongoing collective bargaining process.

Due to the unknown nature of the ERP implementation process and whether or not it will impact the operationalization of the provisions of the collective agreement, the parties agree that this Letter of Understanding may require amending or altering, as circumstances arise.

On behalf of NAIT		On behalf of NASA
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Date		Date

#### APPENDIX A

#### INSTRUCTIONAL CATEGORY

Remove this appendix from Collective Agreement; discuss other options to provide to the Union to share information or if continues to be included as an Appendix, we will need to update the program lists

Apprenticeship

Auto Body Technician Gasfitter Outdoor Power Equipment Technician

Automotive Service Technician Glazier Parts Technician

Baker Heavy Equipment Technician Plumber

Boilermaker Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) Powerline Technician
Cabinetmaker Insulator Power System Electrician

Carpenter Instrumentation and Control Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

Communication Technician Technician Roofer

CookIronworkerSheet Metal WorkerCrane & Hoisting EquipmentMachinistSteamfitter-Pipefitter

Operator – Mobile Crane Mechanic Welder

Electrician

Diploma

Advanced Care Paramedic Computer Engineering Technology Landscape Architectural Tech
Advanced Plumbing Computer Network Administrator Magnetic Resonance Imaging - First

Advanced Fullifolds

Computer Network Administrator Magnetic Resonance imaging - First Advanced Welding

Construction Engineering Tech

Discipline

Alternative Energy Culinary Arts Magnetic Resonance Imaging Animal Health Technology Cybersecurity Second Discipline

Applied Financial Services Data Analytics Materials Engineering Technology
Architectural Technology Dental Assisting Mechanical Engineering Technology -

Baking and Pastry Arts Diploma Dental Technology Denturist General

Biomedical Engineering Tech Technology Medical Laboratory Assisting

BioSci General Diagnostic Medical Sonography Medical Laboratory Technology

BioSci Conservation Biology Digital Media and IT Medical Radiologic Technology
BioSci Environmental Monitoring Disaster and Emergency Millwork & Carpentry Cert

and Assessment Management Nanotechnology Systems
BioSci Laboratory Research and Electrical Engineering Technology Network Engineering Technology

Biotechnology Electrical Installations Occupational Health and Safety

Building Environmental Systems Electronics Engineering Tech Optical Sciences – Contact Lens

Business Administration - Engineering Design Technology Optical Sciences - Eyeglasses Management Forest Technology Personal Fitness Trainer

Business Administration - Geological Technology - Petroleum Engineering Tech
Accounting GeoEnvironmental Photographic Technology
Business Administration - Geological Technology - Power Engineering Certificate

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Exploration Power Engineering Technology
Business Administration - Finance Geomatics Engineering Tech
Pre-Employment - Auto Body Repair

Business Administration – General Business Administration - Human Resource Management Hospitality Services Pre-Employment - Automotive Service Technician Primary Care Paramedic

Business Administration - (specialization) Professional Meatcutting and Marketing HVAC Specialist Certificate Merchandising

Captioning and Court Reporting
Court Transcription Certificate

Technology

Industrial Heavy Equipment
Radio and Television - Radio
Radio and Television - Television

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Chemical Engineering TechInterior Design TechnologyRespiratory TherapyChemical TechnologyInstrumentation EngineeringVeterinary Medical AssistantCivil Engineering TechnologyTechnologyWater & Wastewater Technician

CNC Machinist Technician Laboratory and X-Ray Technology Wireless Systems Technology Combined

Applied Degree

Bachelor of Applied Information Systems Technology

Post Diploma Certificate

Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Immersive Industry Education

**Data Analytics** 

Food and Beverage Service

Leadership in Healthcare

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Second Discipline

Degree

Bachelor of Applied Business Administration – Finance

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Technology

Bachelor of Technology in Construction Management

This list includes credit programs that are current as of the 2022 2023 [insert date] academic year.

This list may be adjusted as changes to the program mix are made.

Instructors who teach courses that are offered across multiple programs will have their thresholds blended based on the SIHs taught in each program (example: English and Communications, Mathematics and Physics, etc.).