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PREAMBLE

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94	This Agreement is entered into by and between Saint Leo University Incorporated, the
95	Employer, and the United Faculty of Saint Leo University, United Faculty of Florida,
96	hereinafter referred to as UFSLU, which had been defined as the appropriate unit in
97	Certification of Representative issued by the National Labor Relations Board in Case No.
98	12-RC-4999 on May 26, 1976, affiliated with the National Education Association,
99	Florida Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Federation
100	of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization. This Agreement is applicable only to
101	"Faculty" at the Saint Leo University Campus in Saint Leo, Florida.
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103	The Agreement is entered into with the acceptance of the Mission of Saint Leo
104	University. The Mission Statement is:
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106	Saint Leo University is a Catholic, liberal arts-based university serving people of
107	all faiths. Rooted in the 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition, the University
108	seeks balanced growth in mind, body and spirit for all members of its community.
109	On its home campus and many regional continuing education centers, Saint Leo
110	University offers a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a
111	challenging world, a model based on a steadfast moral consciousness that
112	recognized the dignity, value and gifts of all people.
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114	To accomplish its mission, the University community creates a student-centered
115	environment in which love of learning is of prime importance. Members of the

116	community are expected to examine and express their own values, listen
117	respectfully to and respond to the opinions of others, serve the community in
118	which they live, welcome others into their lives and care for all of God's
119	creations.
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122	ARTICLE 1
123	RECOGNITION
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125	Section 1. Faculty Contract Negotiations
126	For the purposes of this agreement, the Employer, Saint Leo University, Incorporated,
127	recognizes UFSLU as the bargaining agent for the purpose of collective bargaining with
128	respect to wages, rates of pay, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for
129	only Faculty employees actually located at the Saint Leo University Campus in Saint
130	Leo, Florida. Those included in the bargaining unit are:
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132	All full time Faculty members employed by Saint Leo University at Saint Leo, Florida,
133	only, including Faculty Librarians; but excluding Visiting Faculty members, part-time
134	Faculty members, School Nurse, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Graduate
135	Program Directors, Director of Library Services and other Directors, Faculty Department
136	Chairs, Academic Deans and all other employees, guards, managers, and supervisors.
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138	Inasmuch as Florida is a right-to-work state, any Faculty member shall have the right to
139	join or assist UFSLU, or engage in other concerted activities or other mutual aid or
140	protection, or shall have the right to refrain from any or all of such activities.
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142	Section 2. Meetings
143	It is understood that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent
144	the Board of Trustees of the University or any member thereof or any official of the
145	University Administration from meeting with any individual or organization to hear
146	views on any matters; provided, however, that in the event of such meeting taking place
147	that no agreement may be made without negotiating with UFSLU where such meeting is
148	contrary to this Agreement or is a proper subject of collective bargaining.
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151	ARTICLE 2
152	DEFINITIONS
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154	Section 1. University
155	The term "University" as used in this Agreement shall mean Saint Leo University,
156	Incorporated, governed by its Board of Trustees, or the University's duly authorized
157	representative.
157 158	representative.
	representative. <u>Section 2. UFSLU</u>
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162	Florida Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Federation
163	of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization or its duly authorized representative.
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165	Section 3. Faculty
166	The term "Faculty" as used in this Agreement shall mean all full time Faculty members
167	employed by Saint Leo University at Saint Leo, Florida, only, including Faculty
168	Librarians; but excluding Visiting Faculty members, part-time Faculty members, School
169	Nurse, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, Graduate Program Directors,
170	Director of Library Services and other Directors, Faculty Department Chairs, Academic
171	Deans and all other employees, guards, managers, and supervisors.
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173	Section 4. Visiting Faculty
174	"Visiting Faculty" as used in this agreement shall mean a person hired in order to replace
175	a Faculty member on leave or to add a specialty to the academic program for no more
176	than five years.
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178	Section 5. Department Chair
179	The term "Department Chair" as used in this Agreement shall mean a Faculty member
180	who has accepted Academic Administrative appointment in exchange for course
181	reduction as determined appropriate by the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA)
182	in consultation with the dean and the chair. The Department Chair is responsible for the
183	management and supervision of an academic department(s) within the University. See
184	Article 5, Section 5 for status of bargaining unit Faculty serving as Chair.
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187	Section 6.	Graduate	Program	<u>Director</u>

188 "Graduate Program Directors" as used in this Agreement shall mean an Academic

189 Administrative appointment, responsible for the management and supervision of graduate

- 190 programs of the University.
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192 Section 7. Director of Library Services and other Directors

- 193 The term "Director of Library Services" as used in this Agreement shall mean an
- administrator appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) and
- approved by the President, to manage the Library. Other academic program directors
- shall include those appointed by the VPAA and approved by the President.
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198 <u>Section 8. Academic Dean</u>

- 199 The term "Academic Dean" as used in this Agreement shall mean an Academic
- 200 Administrative appointment, appointed by the VPAA and approved by the President, to
- 201 manage an academic school within the University.
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- 203 Section 9. Vice President of Academic Affairs

204 The term "Vice President of Academic Affairs" ("VPAA") as used in this Agreement

shall mean an administrator appointed by the President to manage the academic program
of the University.

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208 <u>Section 10. President</u>

209 The term "President" as used in this Agreement shall mean the chief executive officer of210 Saint Leo University.

212 Section 11. Board

The term "Board" as used in this Agreement shall mean the full Board of Trustees of
Saint Leo University or its duly authorized representative.

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216 Section 12. Overload

217 The term "Overload" means an additional course for full-time faculty of a type counted

toward faculty workload during a semester (15 weeks) that exceeds the contract workload

as provided in Article 14, Section 3. By way of example, certain course types are not

220 considered in determining workload (see, e.g., Article 14, Section 4) and various faculty

221 work assignments paid on a flat rate (such as CD ROM courses, directed studies, and

senior honors projects under Article 13, Section 4). These latter items may or may not

223 have sufficient enrollment to constitute a course.

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225 Section 13. Lead Faculty

226 Faculty members selected at the discretion of the Department Chair to assist with class

227 observations, peer collaboration or other duties as determined by the Department Chair

and Dean.

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230 Section 14. Assistant and Associate Chair

231 Faculty members appointed at the discretion of the Department Chair to perform

administrative duties as determined by the VPAA. When a University campus-based

233 opportunity for an Assistant or Associate Chair appointment becomes available, the

234	Department Chair will announce the opportunity to the Department faculty and allow
235	those interested to submit written requests for consideration.
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237	Section 15. Semester and School Year
238	A semester is one of two academic terms (Fall and Spring) that are 15 weeks each in
239	length. The term "school year" refers to a student obligation and consists of two
240	academic semesters as determined by the University.
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242	Section 16. Academic Year
243	The term "academic year" applies to Faculty members and consists of (9) calendar
244	months beginning by August 9 and ending no later than May 8. The exact dates may
245	vary within this framework each year, but the University will publish the dates in the
246	academic calendar by no later than May 1 each year.
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249	ARTICLE 3
250	UNION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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252	Section 1. Board of Trustees
253	Along with the President and the Board of Trustees, UFSLU, a major Saint Leo
254	stakeholder agrees with the goal of promoting a one-university culture.
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258 <u>Section 2. Bulletin Boards</u>

259 UFSLU may post official notices relating to UFSLU activities in the Faculty mailrooms.

260 The boards shall be purchased and maintained by UFSLU.

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262 Section 3. Communication with Members

263 UFSLU shall have the right to communicate with members of the bargaining unit by use

of the University's established mail system(s). Officers of UFSLU -- President, Vice

265 President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Grievance Officers -- may use University copying

facilities as available during normal University business hours and shall pay the standard
 rate.

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269 Section 4. Union Dues

270 (a) Dues Deduction. So long as the UFSLU is recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for the bargaining unit, the University agrees to deduct UFSLU membership dues 271 272 in an amount established by the UFSLU from the pay of any bargaining unit employees who individually and voluntarily makes such a request on a written authorization form. 273 The authorization form will, at a minimum, specify the name of the employee and the 274 275 exact amount to be deducted. Changes to the amount to be deducted will also be in 276 writing and approved by the individual employee before deduction. Deductions will be made twice per month based on the regular University pay schedule, and will 277 begin/change with the first full-pay period commencing at least seven (7) days following 278 receipt of proper authorization by the University Payroll Office. Dues will be remitted by 279 check within one week following the end of the month. At the time of each remittance, a 280 281 list of the employees from whose salaries such deductions were made will be provided to

the UFSLU office where the funds are sent Termination of Deduction. The University's 282 responsibility for deducting dues and other authorized deductions from an employee's 283 salary terminates automatically upon either (1) written notice from the employee to the 284 285 University revoking that employee's prior deduction authorization, or (2) the transfer or reassignment of the authorizing employee out of the bargaining unit. The University 286 agrees to process a dues revocation form within a reasonable period of time following 287 receipt. Employees are expected to copy the UFSLU on any revocation of dues 288 deduction. 289

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(c) Indemnification. The UFSLU assumes complete responsibility for and holds the 291 University harmless for any and all claims against the University, including (1) the cost 292 293 of defending such actions, arising from the University's compliance with this Section, and for (2) all monies deducted under this Section and remitted to the UFSLU. The 294 UFSLU shall promptly refund to the University excess monies received under this 295 296 Section not attributable to specified individuals. The UFSLU will promptly refund directly to bargaining unit members any excess monies received under this Section. The 297 University is not obligated to provide more than one payroll deduction field for the 298 299 purpose of making the deductions described in this Section.

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301 Section 5. Union Representatives

302 The UFSLU will provide the VPAA with a current list of UFSLU officers and

303 representatives under this Agreement. Updates or changes will be provided within ten

304 business days of the change.

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306 Section 6. Contract Administration

Within reason and with the advance approval of the representative's supervisor, UFSLU 307 will be allowed time off with no loss of pay or charge to leave to participate in collective 308 309 bargaining, meetings with administration, or meetings with employees when UFSLU representation has been requested and is required. All other activities relating to contract 310 administration or enforcement will not be on University time unless specifically approved 311 by Dean or Director, as applicable, in advance. It is agreed that such approval is at the 312 University's sole discretion and that the University has no obligation to approve such 313 additional time. But when additional time is not approved, the University agrees to work 314 collaboratively with the UFSLU to make the time available through an individual's use of 315 leave, through leave without pay, or through some sort of UFSLU-funded leave if the 316 317 activities cannot be accomplished during non-University time. 318 Section 7. Access to Information 319 The UFSLU agrees to pay, if requested, the amount of .10 per page for any information 320 requested by the UFSLU and provided by the University. The costs will be automatically 321

waived if the requested information is less than ten pages in total.

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324 <u>Section 8. Consultation</u>

325 The President or his designee will meet with the UFSLU representatives to discuss

326 matters pertinent to the implementation or administration of this Agreement, University

327 actions affecting terms and conditions of employment, or any other mutually agreeable

328 matters. Such meetings will typically occur once per semester in the academic year,

329 unless the parties agree to meet more or less frequently. The party requesting

330	consultation will submit a written list of agenda items no less than one week in advance
331	of the meeting. The other party will also submit a written list of agenda items in advance
332	of the meeting if it wishes to discuss specific issues. The parties understand and agree
333	that such meetings are intended for collaboration and problem-solving regarding this
334	Agreement's implementation and administration and not collective bargaining.
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337	ARTICLE 4
338	ACADEMIC FREEDOM
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340	Section 1. General Statement
341	Saint Leo University Incorporated is a Catholic institution that recognizes the teachings
342	of the Roman Catholic Church as morally binding. While the University does not require
343	that members of the Faculty practice or profess the Catholic faith, nor accept the
344	teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as personally binding, the University does
345	require that all Faculty members act professionally, respect, understand, and support the
346	institution's mission and values, which are founded and based on Roman Catholic belief
347	and tradition.
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349	Saint Leo University stands committed to the American Association of University
350	Professors (AAUP) principles articulated in the 1940 AAUP statement and in more recent
351	adoptions of AAUP policy and has endorsed the guidelines of the AAUP on this subject.
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353 College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should 354 be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the 355 356 community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their 357 utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate 358 restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to 359 indicate that they are not speaking for the institution. 360

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362 Section 2. Teaching

Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they 363 should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial material that has no 364 relation to their subject. The distinction between education and advocacy is instructive in 365 this regard. It is appropriate for Faculty to engage in discussions of controversial matters 366 that are relevant to their disciplines while engaging in the education of students. It is not 367 appropriate in the classroom to serve as advocates for positions that are contrary to the 368 teachings of the Catholic Church outside of their disciplinary and educational boundaries. 369 370 This article will not be construed as limiting the Faculty member's right to determine what materials are relevant to the objectives of a course. 371

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The University supports the full freedom of all Faculty to teach in the classroom. The

faculty is subject to the strictures associated with usual academic custom, usage, and case

375 law as well as to those requirements specified in the University's Master Syllabus. Such

376 freedom customarily includes the right to select those materials and teaching methods

377	consistent with the relevant Master Syllabus developed collaboratively by the Faculty,
378	approved by departmental Faculty and Deans, and distributed by the University.
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380	Section 3. Research and Publication
381	All Faculty members are entitled to full freedom to conduct professional or scientific
382	research. Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the
383	results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research
384	for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the
385	institution.
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388	ARTICLE 5
389	FACULTY RIGHTS
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402	Human Resources Record: All Human Resources personnel (excluding students),
403	VPAA, and University legal representatives.
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405	Academic Affairs Record: VPAA, Director of Academic Administration, Deans,
406	Department Chairs, Executive Assistant to the VPAA, Continuing Education
407	Personnel Coordinator, Director of Human Resources, and University legal
408	representatives.
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410	The files in each location will contain the following documentation:
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412	Academic Affairs: Official faculty academic personnel file that will include
413	current vita, official transcripts, teaching/faculty evaluations, annual appointment
414	letters, and originals of any personnel documents provided by Academic Affairs
415	to Human Resources for file.
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417	Human Resources: Official University personnel file that will include, but not
418	limited to, a copy of the employee's vita, a copy of official transcripts, annual
419	appointment letters, overload teaching contracts, benefit enrollment applications
420	forms, change forms and all other documentation pertaining to personnel-related
421	issues and correspondence.
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423	Upon written request, Faculty members may review and copy at the standard rate (.10 per

424 page) any material in their official personnel file. This review shall take place in the

presence of a designated University official during regular business hours and normally
within two workdays of the request.

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Faculty members shall be provided a copy of any evaluative material at the time it is placed in their official personnel files. Such documents shall be marked "cc: Personnel File." Faculty members shall have thirty (30) working days from the time they become aware of such material to place a rebuttal of such material in their personnel files, if they so desire.

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434 No evaluation material may be used in any action against any Faculty members subject to

this Agreement, unless the material has been made available to the affected Faculty

436 member at least ten (10) working days prior to said action, except in cases where a delay

437 would endanger self or others or would violate the law or provisions of this Agreement.

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439 <u>Section 2. Outside Employment</u>

440 The UFSLU faculty contract obligates the Faculty member to devote his or her

441 professional energies to meeting faculty responsibilities described in this Agreement.

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443 During the contract period, a Faculty member wishing to engage in any outside

employment may, at his/her own discretion and after having given prior notice, engage inthe following:

446 a. teach up to two (2) academic courses per semester for any non-competing

447 institution as defined in this Agreement (subject to a base load plus two (2) course

448 cap on combined internal and external teaching), or

449	b. work up to twenty (20) hours per week in non-teaching academic consulting or
450	non-academic related self or outside employment that is not a conflict of interest.
451	No outside employment in any form for competing institutions is permitted.

Outside the restrictions contained in this Article, the above options are available with notice only as long as the Faculty member has not already declined to do paid supplemental work for the University. In this instance, a Faculty member will provide the Dean of his/her school in writing, prior notice of the non-financial details of the employment no less than two weeks prior to the beginning of an academic semester. The two-week notice period can be waived when the opportunity is not available to the Faculty member until after the deadline has passed.

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A Faculty member wishing to teach more than two (2) academic courses per semester, or 461 to work more than twenty (20) hours per week in self or outside employment will 462 463 provide the VPAA of his/her school in writing, with the non-financial details of the employment. Normally, such a request must be made no less than one month before the 464 proposed date the external employment will commence and no less than two weeks prior 465 466 to the beginning of an academic semester. The VPAA, after consulting with the appropriate Dean, will grant or refuse approval for the employment in writing prior to the 467 start of the semester. In either case, a response shall be mailed within ten (10) business 468 469 days of the date of the receipt of the request. If the request is refused, the reasons for the refusal will be given. 470

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474	An institution is considered a competing institution for purposes of this Article if the
475	institution is a for-profit educational institution, or if the faculty member is teaching or
476	rendering services to or through a consortium or third party provider arrangement (such
477	as but not limited to Coursera or edX). The following are also considered competing
478	institutions for purposes of applying this Article: Western Governors University, Drexel
479	University, Park University, Liberty University, Troy University, Grand Canyon
480	University, Nova Southeastern University, Southern New Hampshire University,
481	University of Maryland, Keiser University, Florida Southern College, and for online
482	courses only, any of the twelve (12) universities in the State University System in
483	Florida.
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485	Faculty members will also refrain from any outside employment that either involves any

use of University resources, or involves engaging in business dealings or transactions
with the University that cause personal financial benefit for Faculty members or financial
benefit for their family members.

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Approvals for outside employment beyond the two courses per semester or the twenty (2)
hours per semester will be for a specified set time period stated in writing not to exceed
one year. Renewal of the approval will require a written reapplication by the Faculty
member and review by the Dean or the VPAA.

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Effective with the start of the Fall 2013 semester, Faculty members will bring themselves
into compliance with all necessary approvals. Teaching contracts or outside employment

engagements occurring during Fall 2013 and that were accepted in writing prior to the
sooner of the Union's ratification of this Agreement or July 1, 2013, will be
"grandfathered in" and considered under the prior CBA language, but only for that
semester.

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During the non-contract period, Faculty pursuing summer teaching and academic work 502 assignments with other institutions are expected to disclose their planned activities with 503 their Dean and Department Chair. If a Faculty member is pursuing a summer opportunity 504 that would briefly overlap with the Faculty member's academic year commitment (i.e., 505 no more than two weeks), the Faculty member may seek approval from his or her Dean to 506 accept the assignment. Such approval will ordinarily be granted if the Faculty member 507 has or will fully complete all of his or her academic year commitments and 508 responsibilities. 509

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511 Section 3. Copyrights and Patents

Within the tradition of academic freedom as promulgated in the AAUP's 1940 Statement 512 of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, and the AAUP's Statement on 513 514 Copyright (1999), the parties to this agreement believe that "the public interest is best served by creating an intellectual environment in which creativity, scholarship, and 515 innovation can be encouraged, and rewarded, while still retaining for the university 516 reasonable access to the intellectual property of the faculty for whose creation the 517 university has provided assistance." Furthermore, "...it is the prevailing academic 518 519 practice to treat the faculty member as the copyright owners of works that are created independently of support from the University and at the faculty member's own initiative 520

521	for traditional academic purposes. Faculty created works may not be treated as 'made for
522	hire' merely because it is created with the use of university resources, facilities, or
523	materials of the sort traditionally and commonly made available to faculty members."
524	(AAUP Statement of Copyright, 1999)

Faculty are free to enter into contractual agreements with the administration in which 526 faculty may sell some or all of their intellectual property rights in a given work, which 527 will establish the percentage of ownership of such rights. The modification of ownership 528 rights may occur if the parties involved enter into an agreement before the intellectual 529 property is developed. The agreement will include who will provide funding, who will 530 provide the work, what facilities may be used, deadlines for materials, as well as details 531 532 relating to who will own and control what percentage of the work, including any royalties. 533

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535 Section 4. Preference for Alternate Formats

The University shall give preference in hiring to full-time Faculty members who wish to 536 teach for COL, Distance Learning or the Division of Continuing Education and Student 537 Services or Graduate Education. Full-time Faculty must be qualified to be granted 538 privileges under this Section, including meeting academic credits, experience and 539 training and a significant record of publication and documented contribution to the field 540 that satisfy graduate teaching requirements governed by the Southern Association of 541 Colleges. Information regarding upcoming class schedules will be made available on the 542 University's website. 543

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545	Section 5. Status while Serving as Department Chair or Graduate Department Director
546	A Faculty member who chooses to accept administrative duties as a Chair or Graduate
547	Department Director shall for that period retain all the rights, privileges, and benefits of
548	their academic rank as contained in this Agreement. Serving as Chair or Graduate
549	Program Director shall be at the pleasure of the University. The Department Chair may
550	not be terminated from the faculty except as provided in this Agreement. When relieved
551	of administrative duties, such individuals resume their faculty position and the terms
552	applicable to it.
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555	ARTICLE 6
556	NON-DISCRIMINATION & DISABILITIES
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558	The University and UFSLU recognize their responsibilities under federal, state, and local
559	laws relating to fair employment practices and the principles involved in the area of civil
560	rights. They hereby reaffirm their joint commitment not to discriminate because ofrace,
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	color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disabilities, creed and any other protected classes
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569	ARTICLE 7
570	<u>NO STRIKE</u>
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572	UFSLU and the University subscribe to the principle that any and all differences shall be
573	resolved by peaceful and appropriate means without interruption of the University
574	academic program. The University and UFSLU further agree that disputes which may
575	arise between them shall be settled without resort to strike or lockout. UFSLU, therefore,
576	agrees that it shall not instigate and will actively discourage any work stoppage, strike, or
577	suspension of work during the term of this Agreement. Any violation of this clause
578	invalidates the terms of the Agreement, which shall terminate immediately upon any such
579	violation.
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581	ARTICLE 8
582	GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
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584	Section 1. Introduction, Definition and Terms
585	(a) Informal Resolution. The University and UFSLU agree that they shall use their best
586	efforts to encourage the informal and prompt settlement of all grievances, which may
587	arise out of the interpretation of this agreement. However, it is understood that nothing in
588	this Agreement shall deny an individual Faculty member or a group of Faculty members
589	the right to present an informal grievance individually or as a group to the University and
590	have such informal grievances resolved without the intervention of UFSLU, so long as
591	the resolution is consistent with the terms of this Agreement. UFSLU shall be given the

opportunity to be present at any proceedings pertaining to the resolution of such informalgrievances.

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(b) <u>Grievance Definition</u>. A grievance is defined as a formal allegation by either a
bargaining unit Faculty member, a group of Faculty members, or the UFSLU individually
or on behalf of its members (herein after known as the grievant) that there is a dispute or
disagreement with the University over the interpretation, application, performance, or
terms of this Agreement. No other matters shall be subject to the grievance procedure
here in described.

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(c) <u>Initiation at Step 2</u>. A grievance filed by the UFSLU which alleges a violation of its
rights by the University or that alleges a violation affecting multiple individual Faculty
members across more than one School may be initiated at Step 2. A grievance of a
decision made by the President or the VPAA is to be initiated at Step 2. Each grievance,
request for review, and notice of arbitration must be submitted in writing, which may
include fax, United States mail, email, or other recognized means of delivery.

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(d) <u>Burden of Proof</u>. In all grievances alleging any contractual violation, denial of
promotion, or denial of tenure, the burden of proof is on the Faculty member and/or the
UFSLU. In disciplinary grievances, the burden of proof is on the University.

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(e) <u>Representation</u>. The UFSLU has the exclusive right to represent any Faculty member
in a grievance filed under this Agreement. At each step in the process, the University and
the UFSLU each agree to provide the other with reasonable advance notice regarding

who will be present at grievance meetings. The grievant in these proceedings shall have
the right to representation by UFSLU at any step in these proceedings. The grievant shall
not be required to discuss any grievance if the Grievance Officer assigned is not present.
The University may likewise invite any member of management to attend any
proceedings set forth in this Article. The grievant and the University may invite
witnesses at any point in the process.

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A Faculty member, with the agreement of UFSLU, may elect self-representation, but the 623 University in such a circumstance has no obligation to recognize or deal with any 624 representative under this Agreement other than UFSLU. No resolution of any 625 individually processed grievance will be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement 626 627 unless approved by UFSLU. For this purpose, UFSLU has the right to have an observer present at all meetings called for the purpose of discussing such grievance. The UFSLU 628 President will be informed of the dates and times of any such meetings at the same time 629 630 as the grievant. The UFSLU President will also be sent copies of all correspondence related to the grievance, including grievance decisions at the same time as they are sent to 631 the grievant. 632

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Any time limits established in the grievance process at any level may be extended by
mutual consent of the parties upon written notice to the UFSLU President and the Human
Resources representative.

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Once a grievance has been filed, the grievance procedure set forth in this Article shall be
the exclusive process for resolving the grievance. None of the parties involved may
attempt to resolve the grievance by any other formal or informal means.

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642 <u>Section 2. Procedure</u>

Step One: By 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day (not including the first day) after the grievant 643 becomes aware that he or she has been aggrieved, the grievant shall request in writing an 644 informal meeting with the appropriate Department Chair or Academic Director, and the 645 appropriate Academic Dean to present the grievance. Such requests shall contain a 646 general description of the potential dispute, including dates, times, and locations, along 647 with copies of relevant documentation. Upon receipt of a request for the informal Step 648 One meeting, the Academic Dean shall schedule a meeting within ten (10) working days 649 of such a request to discuss the grievance with the grievant(s). The Academic Dean shall 650 notify the head of Human Resources of the University and UFSLU President of the 651 652 request for a meeting and the scheduled date of the meeting. The Human Resources representative and the Grievance Officer shall serve as the timekeepers for the grievance 653 procedure to insure that the meeting occurs within the prescribed ten (10) day period. A 654 655 written response will be issued within ten (10) working days by the appropriate Department Chair, Academic Director or Dean. Copies of the response will be provided 656 to the grievant and the UFSLU President. 657

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659 <u>Step Two</u>: If the grievance is not resolved to the grievant's satisfaction at the informal

660 meeting in Step One, then within ten (10) working days after the date of the meeting, the

grievant shall present the grievance in written form to the VPAA and the UFSLU

662	President, with a copy to the Human Resources representative. The VPAA shall provide
663	the grievant, the UFSLU President and the Human Resources representative with a
664	written answer within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of the formal grievance. If the
665	VPAA is not able to meet this deadline, s/he will appoint a substitute within five(5)
666	working days with the understanding that said individual shall respond to the grievant
667	within the aforementioned fifteen (15) working days' time period. The written grievance
668	shall thereafter be included in the official grievance record in all subsequent steps in the
669	grievance process.
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671	Step Three: If the grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant in Step
672	Two, then within ten (10) working days after receipt of the VPAA response, the grievant
673	may submit a request for review of the decision to the President. The President shall
674	review the grievance and render a written decision to grievant(s) within ten (10) working
675	days of receipt of the request for review of the VPAA's decision.
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677	Step Four: If the grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant in Step
678	Three, then within thirty (30) working days after receipt of the President's response, the
679	grievant may elect to follow the procedures and conditions of Article 9.
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681	Section 3. Abandonment
682	Failure of the University to observe any of the stated time limits in Steps One through
683	Four shall allow the grievant to proceed to the next step in the grievance procedure.
684	Failure of the grievant to appeal within the time limits set forth above shall terminate the
685	grievance process with implementation of the decision rendered at the prior step.

687	Section 4. Settlement
688	The parties may settle the grievance at any step of the procedure set forth above. Said
689	agreement shall be reduced to writing and signed by all parties with copies provided to
690	the VPAA, the grievant, the President of UFSLU, and the head of Human Resources.
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692	Section 5. Grievance Investigations
693	At the beginning of each academic year, UFSLU shall appoint two Faculty members who
694	shall serve as Grievance Officers and submit their names, in writing, to the VPAA no
695	later than September 10 of each academic year. The VPAA, the President, or the
696	grievant may request a written report of the Grievance Officer's investigation.
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698	Section 6. No Reprisal
699	No reprisal or recrimination of any kind shall be taken by the University against anyone
700	because of participation in the procedures set forth in this Article.
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702	Section 7. Retroactivity of Grievance Process
703	A grievance filed during the term of this Agreement shall be governed by this Article at
704	all steps of the grievance process, regardless of whether any subsequent collective
705	bargaining agreement takes effect during the time the grievance is pending.
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710	ARTICLE 9
711	ARBITRATION
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713	Section 1. Conditions
714	Only grievances which satisfy each of the following conditions and have been accepted
715	by UFSLU for arbitration shall be subject to arbitration:
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717	(a) The grievance was filed in writing as specified in Article 8 and processed in the
718	manner and within the time limits prescribed in the Grievance Procedure.
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720	(b) The written grievance and the written demand for arbitration clearly identified the
721	Article, section, paragraph, and page of this Agreement which was allegedly violated.
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723	(c) The demand for arbitration was made in writing to the President of the University
724	within thirty (30) working days from the date the decision was rendered at the last step in
725	the grievance procedure or failure of the University to observe the stated time limit in
726	Step Four.
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728	(d) The grievance may be withdrawn at any time by the grievant or by the designated
729	UFSLU representative.
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731	Section 2. Demand for Arbitration
732	(a) The demand for arbitration shall state the specific provision or provisions of the
733	contract alleged to be violated, the nature of the dispute, and the remedy requested. Upon

receipt of the demand for arbitration, the parties shall request the names of seven (7) arbitrators from FMCS, all of whom shall have Florida addresses for purposes of travel expenses. The location of any arbitration arising out of this Agreement shall be within the greater Tampa Bay metropolitan area. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator from the list, then the parties shall alternately strike one name from the list and the remaining name shall be the arbitrator. The first choice to strike from the list will be determined by the flip of a coin. The UFSLU will call Heads or Tails.

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(b) The parties may, at their option, agree in advance on the issues to be presented to thearbitrator.

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(c) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties, and it will be
rendered in writing within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the hearing or
submission of briefs, whichever is later. The parties shall each bear the cost of preparing
and conducting their own presentation, including payment of witnesses attending the
hearing at their request. The parties will share equally in the cost of the arbitrator,
including fees, hearing room and the cost of the transcriber, if any. The cost of the
transcript and any associated copies shall be paid by the ordering party.

753 <u>Section 3. Power of Arbitration</u>

The arbitrator shall only have jurisdiction to determine whether or not the alleged

violation of the Agreement occurred as described in the written demand for arbitration.

756 The arbitrator may consider, to the extent applicable, the entire contract in reaching such

757 a decision.

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759	However, the arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter
760	terms of this Agreement, nor will the arbitrator have the power to arbitrate any matter,
761	expressly or implicitly, not arising from the interpretation, construction, or enforcement
762	of this Agreement.
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764	Section 4. Resolution
765	Notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement, any claim or grievance arising
766	hereunder shall be processed through the grievance procedure and this Article until
767	resolution.
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769	Section 5. Reasons
770	The University shall not submit any reasons for its actions against the grievant that were
771	not presented during the grievance procedure prior to arbitration. Nor may the grievant
772	change or modify the issues of his/her grievance prior to arbitration.
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775	ARTICLE 10
776	FACULTY APPOINTMENTS
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778	Section 1. Probationary Faculty Appointments
779	The VPAA shall consult with the appropriate Academic Director, Department Chair,
780	Academic Dean and departmental and appropriate school Faculty in the appointment of
781	new Faculty, hereinafter referred to as probationary Faculty, to the University. In

782 general, after the approval for a faculty search, the Dean or Academic Director, working with the Chair and department faculty, will determine the qualifications and criteria to be 783 used to fill faculty vacancies that the VPAA has determined will be filled externally. 784 785 Faculty vacancies to be filled externally will be advertised, and the hiring committee will include at least Faculty members from the department and school, and at least one 786 Faculty member from a different school. The VPAA shall not, in any respect, be bound 787 by any recommendation of an Academic Director, Department Chair, Academic Dean, or 788 Faculty member. Appointments to the Faculty of the University shall be made by the 789 VPAA after consultation with the President of the University. All new appointments to 790 the Faculty will be in writing, and will reflect any special terms agreed upon as a 791 condition of hire. For purposes of tenure and promotion, Faculty who begin their duties 792 793 after the start of the academic year and no later than the beginning of the second semester, shall count that entire academic year as service. The initial rank of 794 795 probationary faculty shall be determined by the VPAA. In addition, conditions for 796 promotion and/or tenure (when applicable) must be stated in the initial appointment 797 contract.

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The probationary period for full-time tenure-track Faculty shall be a maximum of seven
(7) years in length. Appointments shall be of the following length in order from the first
year:

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803 The first year appointment is for one year;

804 The second year appointment is for one year;

805 The third year appointment is for one year;

806	The fourth year appointment is for one year;
807	The fifth year appointment is for two years; and
808	The seventh year appointment (terminal year) is for one year.
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810	At the Faculty member's request, the probationary period may be extended one time for
811	up to one year for Faculty members who take a leave of absence for serious health
812	condition of self or a covered relative under the FMLA. At the Faculty member's
813	request, the probationary period may also be extended for the purposes of child bearing
814	or rearing if the Faculty member (male or female) is a primary or coequal caregiver of
815	newborn or newly adopted children. This extension shall be granted only if the faculty
816	requests and is granted full or partial leave of absence. The Faculty member shall be
817	granted an extension of the probationary period for up to one year for each child not to
818	exceed more than two one-year extensions. If the probationary period is extended, that
819	extension will be confirmed to the Faculty member in writing by the VPAA.
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821	The University may elect not to renew said Faculty member's employment upon any
822	expiration date thereof during the probationary period for any reason whatsoever. If the
823	University elects to exercise its rights under this section during any year of the
824	probationary period, the following notification provisions shall apply:
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826	Year 1 – March 1;
827	Year 2 – March 1;
828	Year 3 – November 15;
829	Year 4 – November 15;

Year 6 – March 1 of year prior to terminal year;

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The VPAA will appoint a faculty mentor for each new tenure track Faculty member in 833 their first year. 834 The offer of a conversion of a Faculty member from a tenure track to a non-tenure track 835 appointment will be presented in writing and the Faculty member will have five (5) 836 business days to accept or reject the offer. The change will be effective after it is signed 837 by both the VPAA and the affected Faculty member. 838

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All grants of Tenure decisions and promotion decisions are recommended by the 840

President must be ratified by the Board of Trustees. Tenure and/or promotion, if granted, 841

will take effect on August 16 of the academic year immediately following the decision of 842

- the Board of Trustees. 843
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Section 2. Non-Renewal/Termination 845

Once tenure has become effective, a Faculty member will receive continuous 846

847 employment for each successive year until retirement or until the Faculty member is

terminated for just cause or reduction in force. 848

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(a) Termination of Employment. A tenured Faculty member will be terminated from the 850

University, only for Just Cause, which is defined as follows: academic incompetence, 851

neglect of duties, inability to perform assigned faculty duties due to a physical or mental 852

disability even with reasonable accommodation, misconduct, or moral turpitude. It is 853

expressly understood by and agreed to among the parties that a full-time, tenured Faculty
member who is also serving as the coach of an intercollegiate athletic team either may be
suspended for a period of time without pay, or the coach's employment may be
terminated if found to be involved in a deliberate and serious violation as defined by the
NCAA regulations. Coaches are hired, evaluated, retained and dismissed by the Athletic
Director. A Faculty member who no longer coaches returns to her/his full time faculty
responsibilities.

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(b) <u>Reduction in Force.</u> Should the University foresee the need for a reduction in force during the terms of this agreement, the VPAA will notify UFSLU President in writing of the University's intent in writing as soon as possible but not less than sixty (60) calendar days prior to notification to affected Faculty members. The notice will include the rationale for, and anticipated extent of, the reduction and the effective date of the reduction. The rationale for a reduction in force may include man-made and natural disasters, acts of God, program termination or financial exigency.

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The effective date of reductions in force will normally occur at the end of the current 870 871 annual contract period of the affected Faculty members. Notice of reduction in force to affected persons will provide a minimum notice of one academic term. Contracts for less 872 than a full academic year may be issued to provide the required minimum notice. In all 873 cases of termination of appointment because of the above conditions, the place of the 874 faculty member shall not be filled by a replacement within a period of three (3) years 875 unless the released Faculty member has been offered reinstatement and a reasonable time 876 in which to accept or decline it. The University and UFSLU will negotiate any 877

differences in the order of reduction and the order of recall during the 60-day notice period. Should negotiations not be concluded within the notice period, the University will have the right to proceed with the notice requirement to the person(s). Tenured faculty will be granted preference in retention over non-tenured faculty if the tenured faculty member's qualifications are judged by the University to be more aligned with program needs.

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885 Section 3. Visiting Faculty

Years of service as a visiting or non-tenure track Faculty member shall count toward the
probationary period for a tenure-track position if the Faculty member is hired for a
tenure-track position, and if the Faculty member decides to count some or all of these
years toward the probationary period. Visiting Faculty members may serve in a full-time
capacity for no more than five (5) years.

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892 <u>Section 4. Other Faculty Appointments</u>

893 The University also employs within the bargaining unit Faculty members in non-tenure

track appointments in the classification of Instructor and in all faculty ranks. Such

895 Faculty members are employed on fixed term appointments (typically by academic year).

896 Faculty members meeting applicable plan criteria are eligible for benefits like insurance

and retirement, but no right of tenure or renewal of appointment at expiration is

guaranteed. Faculty members in these appointments who accept appointment to a tenure

track position will be granted credit toward tenure for prior service only if specified in

900 writing by the VPAA at the time of the tenure track appointment.

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903	ARTICLE 11
904	PROMOTION AND TENURE
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906	Section 1. General Policy Regarding Promotion and Tenure
907	Saint Leo University, a Roman Catholic teaching university, commits to excellence as
908	one of its six core values. Promotion and Tenure are the means by which the University
909	recognizes individual Faculty for excellence in their faculty role. Tenure-track faculty
910	may apply for and be considered no sooner than the fifth year and must apply for and be
911	considered in the sixth year. Faculty denied tenure in the fifth year have the right to re-
912	apply for tenure in the sixth year. Faculty may apply for promotion in any year but must
913	have at least five years of experience at SLU since their last promotion or date of hire
914	before applying. Faculty denied promotion may re-apply in any subsequent year.
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916	The only exception to the above outlined promotion and tenure schedule can occur when
917	the University wishes to hire faculty who have held a tenured position at the rank of
918	Associate or Full Professor at another baccalaureate degree granting college or university.
919	The University may hire this person with the individual written contractual stipulation
920	that this faculty member may apply for tenure in October of the third year. For hires at
921	less than Full Professor, the University may hire this person with the individual written
922	contractual stipulation that they may seek promotion earlier than five years.
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924	Applications for promotion and tenure will be evaluated by the Committee, the VPAA
925	and the President following the annual promotion and tenure calendar. If granted,
926	promotion and/or tenure will take effect on August 16th of the next academic year.
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928	Promotion and Tenure Committee deliberations shall be electronically recorded and
929	sealed. The sealed recording shall be kept for seven years following the decision on
930	promotion or tenure. The Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee shall keep the
931	sealed recording stored in a secure fashion for the first month; the VPAA shall keep the
932	sealed recording stored in a secure fashion for the remaining six years and eleven months.
933	After the seventh year the sealed recording shall be destroyed.
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935	Denials of promotion and/or tenure are made by the President. Recommendations for
936	promotion or tenure are made by the President but must also be approved or may be
937	denied by the Board of Trustees. In the case of a disputed decision regarding promotion
938	and/or tenure, the sealed recording may be opened in the presence of appropriate persons
939	as described in the Grievance process if requested by either administration or the grieving
940	faculty member.
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942	Section 2. Policy Particular to Tenure, Promotion, Graduate Faculty and Non-Teaching
943	Faculty
944	Promotion and tenure decisions at Saint Leo University are made on the basis of
945	documented and evaluated performance in three areas: (1) teaching; (2) scholarly growth
946	(3) institutional and community service.

(a) Tenure and Promotion: The primary criteria for decisions regarding reappointment, tenure and promotion are excellence in classroom teaching and in facilitating student learning. Teaching Faculty must demonstrate excellence in teaching, a part of which is academic advising. Teaching Faculty must also demonstrate excellence in either (1) scholarly growth or (2) institutional and community service. Scholarly growth may be demonstrated through professional development and/or research. The definition of professional development and scholarly research will be determined by the relevant School. The University will recognize both traditional and non-traditional means of demonstrating professional development and/or research. (b) For library Faculty, professional library service contributing to the educational function of the University is the primary area of faculty performance and of evaluation. (c) For Faculty with no teaching assignments, professional responsibilities that are directly related to their assignments are the primary area of faculty performance. (d) For Graduate Faculty, traditional research as recognized by their discipline leading to publication in appropriate formats is expected. This provision does not obligate the University to fund the research.

972 Section 3. Promotion and Tenure Committee

The purpose of the promotion and tenure committee is to give to the administration the
recommendations of the faculty regarding the suitability of applicants to be promoted or
tenured.

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This committee shall be composed of five (5) tenured faculty members, holding the rank 977 978 of Professor. Faculty members are elected to this committee for two-year terms. Three 979 members' terms begin on even years and two members' terms begin on odd years. Faculty members elected by the faculty may serve no more than two (2) successive terms, 980 following which the Faculty member must have at least a four-year hiatus. No more 981 than one (1) member can be from any one department. At least three (3) members will be 982 983 bargaining unit Faculty. If there is only one person with this rank in a particular 984 department, then an alternative person holding the rank of Professor can be elected from another department to prevent members from serving multiple consecutive terms. No 985 986 more than two (2) members can be from any one school. If for any reason P&T membership cannot be achieved using this composition framework, the VPAA and the 987 Union will meet and agree on a temporary change in membership composition to fill the 988 989 vacancy.

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In even years, the three positions on the P&T Committee shall be selected in thefollowing manner:

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994 The President will appoint one member to the committee. The President's appointment
995 to the Promotion and Tenure Committee may come from non-University campus faculty.

996	The full-time faculty will elect two members to the Promotion and Tenure committee at
997	the last faculty meeting of the academic year.
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999	In odd years, the two positions on the P&T Committee shall be selected in the following
1000	manner:
1001	The full-time faculty will elect two members to the Promotion and Tenure committee at
1002	the last faculty meeting of the academic year.
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1004	In anticipation of elections conducted under this Section, the following procedure will be
1005	used:
1006	• The VPAA or designee will provide the Union President with a list of faculty
1007	eligible to serve of the P&T Committee. The Union will have 15 calendar days to
1008	check the list for accuracy.
1009	• Once the list is finalized, the eligible faculty members will be solicited regarding
1010	their willingness to serve. Eligible faculty members willing to serve will be
1011	placed on the ballot.
1012	• The election will then be conducted at the last faculty meeting of the academic
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1014	• The ballots will be counted in the Union's presence following the election. The

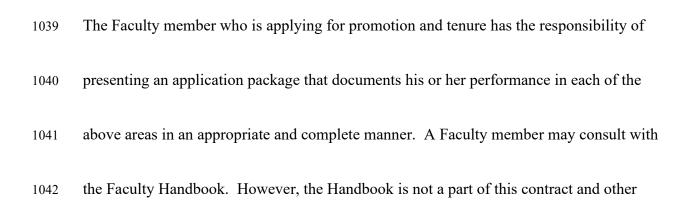
tally of ballots will be announced after being counted.

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- 1017 Only bargaining unit faculty, non-University campus faculty, and faculty in
- administrative appointments below the level of Dean are eligible to vote and serve on
- 1019 P&T. The VPAA and Deans are not eligible to vote in P&T Committee elections.

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1021	In both even and odd years, elections will take place at the last faculty meeting of the
1022	academic year. In even years, the Presidential appointment will be made following the
1023	elections, and that selection will be communicated following the faculty meeting.
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1025	The President will appoint the chair of the committee each year from the five
1026	appointed/elected members.
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1028	The Faculty P&T Committee shall review the credentials of faculty that submit
1029	application for promotion and/or tenure. The Faculty P&T Committee shall recommend
1030	those faculty members qualified for promotion and/or tenure to the Vice President of
1031	Academic Affairs. Upon consultation with the P&T committee and with the VPAA, the
1032	President recommends promotion and/or tenure of faculty to the Board.
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1034	The Promotion and Tenure Committee, Vice President of Academic Affairs and the
1035	President shall make these recommendations in accordance with the General Policy
1036	Regarding Promotion and Tenure listed at Article 11 Section 1 and 2.
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1038 Section 4. Procedures for Promotion and Tenure Applications



formats, if approved by the Dean and faculty of the relevant school, are equally

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1046	Department	Chairs and	Directors o	r Deans	provide the	Promotion and	Tenure Committe

1047 with written evaluations and recommendations for promotion and tenure as appropriate.1048

1049 Section 5. Beginning of the Promotion and Tenure Calendar

1050 Before September 30, the Committee shall meet together with the President of the

1051 University, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the president of UFSLU to

1052 review the criteria and procedures outlined in the Saint Leo University Collective

- 1053 Bargaining Agreement. Following that meeting, the Committee Chair shall meet with
- 1054 School Deans to review these criteria and procedures.

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- 1056 By September 15, the VPAA shall inform all Faculty of the annual tenure and promotion
- 1057 schedule.

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1059 Section 6. Tenure Calendar

1060 (a) By September 30th of each year, probationary Faculty who meet all qualifications

and who wish to apply for tenure must submit a letter of intent to apply for tenure to the

1062 VPAA who in turn informs the Committee Chair.

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- 1064 (b) On or before October 15st of the current year, applications for tenure must be
- submitted to the Department Chair or Library Director, as appropriate, who will review
- 1066 the application and attach a letter of comment to the application. The Department Chair

1067	must then forward the application to the School Dean for review prior to November 1st.
1068	The School Dean will also review the application and attach a letter of comment to the
1069	application. The School Dean or Library Director must forward the application for tenure
1070	to the VPAA and Chair of the P & T Committee prior to November 15th.
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1072	(c) On or before December 15th of the current year the Chair of the P&T Committee
1073	must submit the Committee's recommendations and rationale to the VPAA.
1074	
1075	(d) Written minutes of the meetings shall consist of a statement of subjects covered. No
1076	information shall be included that would identify the vote or remarks of any individual
1077	member or group of members. The recommendations concerning faculty tenure and/or
1078	promotion shall be decided by a majority vote of the full committee.
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1080	(e) On or before January 10th of the current year the VPAA submits his or her
1081	recommendations along with those of the Committee to the President.
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1083	(f) As stated above, denial of tenure decisions are made by the President.
1084	Recommendations for tenure are made by the President but must also be approved or may

1085	be denied by the Board of Trustees. Following the February Board of Trustees meeting,
1086	the President will communicate in writing his/her final decision to the candidate, VPAA
1087	and to the Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee within two weeks of the Board
1088	of Trustees' decision. If the President disagrees with the recommendations of the Faculty
1089	Promotion and Tenure Committee, the President shall meet with the committee to discuss
1090	his/her rationale prior to sending out the letter to the faculty.

1092 <u>Section 7. Promotion Calendar</u>

1093 (a) Faculty members who wish to be considered for promotion must notify the VPAA

and Committee Chair in writing prior to December 1st of the current year.

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1096	(b) On or before January 15th of the current year, a candidate for promotion must submit
1097	a complete application for promotion to the Department Chair or Library Director, as
1098	appropriate, who will review the application and attach a letter of comment to the
1099	application. The Department Chair must then forward the promotion application to the
1100	School Dean, who will review the application and attach a letter of comment to the
1101	application, for review prior to February 1st of the current year.
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1103	(c) The School Dean or the Library Director shall forward the application with their
1104	recommendation to the Committee Chair prior to February 15th of the current year. The
1105	Chair of the Committee will convene the Committee to begin review of the applications
1106	prior to February 15th of the current year. Should they choose, candidates may also

1109	applicants teaching service, scholarship, professional development, and committee work.
1110	(d) The Committee will submit its recommendations to the VPAA in writing prior to
1111	March 15th of the current year.
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- 1113 (e) Minutes of the meetings shall consist of a statement of subjects covered. No
- 1114 information shall be included that would identify the vote or remarks of any individual

- 1115 member or group of members. The recommendations concerning faculty tenure and/or
- 1116 promotion shall be decided by a majority vote of the full Committee.
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1118 (f) The VPAA will submit his/her written recommendations along with those of the

1119 Committee to the President on or before April 1 of the current year.1120

1121 (g) As stated above, denial of promotion decisions are made by the President.

1122 Recommendations for promotion are made by the President but must also be approved or

- 1123 may be denied by the Board of Trustees. Following the May Board of Trustee meeting,
- 1124 the President will communicate in writing his/her final decision to the candidate, VPAA
- and to the Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee within two weeks of the Board
- 1126 of Trustees' decision. In the event the President's decisions do not agree with the Faculty
- 1127 Promotion and Tenure Committee, s/he shall meet and discuss his/her decisions with the
- 1128 Committee. Promotion, if granted, will take effect at the beginning of the next academic
- 1129 year. For pay purposes, promotion is effective on August 16th.
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(h) Any changes in the specific listed dates such as those created by calendar variances

are circulated by the Office of the VPAA on or before September 15th of each academic

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1139	ARTICLE 12
1140 1141	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1142	Section 1. Professional Development Fund
1143	The University will maintain the annual professional development fund currently in place
1144	and funded in accordance with Article 13, Section 2 of no less than the applicable amount
1145	per fulltime Faculty member employed by the University on August 16 of each year. The
1146	fund shall be placed in a separate budget in Academic Affairs. Disbursement of funds
1147	will be made by a committee comprised of two academic administrators appointed by the
1148	VPAA and two Faculty appointed by the President of the Union.
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1150	Full time Faculty will apply for professional development funds by submitting a
1151	standardized form supplied by the University indicating the purpose of the activity and
1152	the impact funding will have on the Faculty member's teaching and professional
1153	development. A final expense report will be required from the Faculty member using the
1154	professional development funds that documents the use of the funds and reconciles all
1155	advances with expenses. All expenses will be documented by original receipts as

required by University financial policy, and the final expense report will comply with
IRS regulations.
Section 2. Sabbatical

- 1161 (a) <u>Sabbatical Definition and Eligibility</u>. Sabbatical Leave shall be considered a
- reassignment from normal teaching responsibilities for a specific period of time and for a

1163	specified academic purpose from which both the Faculty member and the University shall
1164	benefit. A sabbatical may be taken for one full academic year or for one full regular
1165	semester (a regular semester is the fall or spring semester). A Faculty member is eligible
1166	for sabbatical leave during and after the seventh year of service dating back to the initial
1167	appointment or to the prior sabbatical leave.
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1169	(b) <u>Application for Sabbatical</u> . The notice of intent for sabbatical shall be submitted by
1170	September 15th one year prior to the academic contract year in which the Faculty
1171	member wishes to start a fall sabbatical leave or by January 15 one year prior to the
1172	academic year in which the faculty member wishes to start a Spring sabbatical leave.
1173	She/he must submit to the Department Chair or Director and Dean a written notice of
1174	intent to file for sabbatical leave. The notice of intent to file for sabbatical leave will be
1175	followed by the actual application. In no event shall the actual application for sabbatical
1176	leave be filed less than six (6) months prior to the academic semester for when the
1177	sabbatical is proposed. The sabbatical project shall be outlined with details in the
1178	application. As a part of the sabbatical application the Faculty member applying for a
1179	sabbatical must provide clear and measurable goals for the sabbatical. The sabbatical

1180 project must be of a significant scholarly nature and should enhance Faculty member's

1181 professional development and/or his/her teaching effectiveness.

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- 1183 (c) <u>Approval Process</u>. The application shall be submitted to the Faculty member's
- 1184 Department Chair, or in the case of faculty librarians, to the Library Director. Within
- thirty days, the Chair or Library Director shall make a recommendation to the appropriate
- 1186 School Dean or VPAA, as applicable. The Department Chair's recommendation shall

1187	address the value of the proposed project, comment on the effect the project may have on
1188	teaching, learning, and professional development, and shall detail the courses that will
1189	not be taught or a plan for teaching courses in the absence of the faculty member who
1190	shall be on sabbatical. The Dean will recommend an action to the VPAA within fifteen
1191	(15) days of receipt of the Chair's recommendation and forward that recommendation to
1192	the VPAA. The VPAA shall decide to grant or refuse the request for sabbatical leave
1193	within thirty (30) days. The VPAA may defer a sabbatical leave for programmatic and/or
1194	financial reasons. Generally, no more than one faculty member per department shall be
1195	granted a sabbatical in the same academic year.
1195 1196	granted a sabbatical in the same academic year.
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1196 1197 1198 1199	 (d) <u>Required Report and Commitment</u>. Within three (3) months after the conclusion of a sabbatical, the Faculty member must file a written report on the sabbatical project to the VPAA detailing how the sabbatical project was completed. This report shall provide the
 1196 1197 1198 1199 1200 	(d) <u>Required Report and Commitment</u> . Within three (3) months after the conclusion of a sabbatical, the Faculty member must file a written report on the sabbatical project to the VPAA detailing how the sabbatical project was completed. This report shall provide the Faculty member's assessment of how the clear and measurable goals of the sabbatical

1204	member also agrees to make a presentation to the faculty or Board of Trustees. By
1205	accepting a sabbatical leave, the Faculty member commits himself/herself to one (1) year
1206	of full-time service to the University immediately following the expiration of the
1207	sabbatical. In the event the Faculty member does not comply with the terms of the
1208	Sabbatical or this Section the Faculty member agrees to compensate the University in an
1209	amount equal to the amount of salary paid to the faculty member during his or her

1210 sabbatical.

1211 Section 3. Reassigned Time

1212	Faculty members may be granted a reassignment of time from teaching for professional
1213	development purposes or for administrative duties. Normally, this reassignment of time
1214	is granted for no more than one (1) year. A Faculty member who wishes to have
1215	reassigned time for purposes of professional development must make application through
1216	his/her Department Chair and Dean to the VPAA. The procedure for requesting a
1217	reassignment of time is as follows:
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1219	(a) For the fall semester, a Faculty member should make written application to his/her
1220	Department Chair before April 1st of the preceding academic year. The request and
1221	application for reassignment of time, for the spring semester, must be submitted no later
1222	than October 1st to the Department Chair.
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1224	(b) The Faculty member's application must include a complete description of the work
1225	that is proposed and estimates of the time required to complete the work.
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1227	(c) The Department Chair, in reviewing the application, must comment on both the scope

1228 of the work, its relevance to department needs and goals and on the reasonableness of the

1229	request. The Department Chair will in turn forward her/his recommendation to the Dean
1230	within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request. The Department Chair's written
1231	recommendation must include a description of how the Department Chair proposes to
1232	replace the Faculty member for the course/courses that will be reassigned.
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1234	(d) The Dean in turn will review the application for reassignment of time for
1235	professional development and will forward her/his written recommendation to the VPAA
1236	within five (5) days. The Dean's analysis must include commentary on the impact of any
1237	courses not taught on the curriculum and on students.
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1239	(e) The VPAA, in turn, will make the final decision regarding the reassignment of time
1240	and will respond in writing within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the Dean's
1241	recommendation.
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1243	Section 4. Post-Tenure Faculty Development Review
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1245	Purpose
1246	The Post-Tenure Faculty Development Review process (FDR) is designed to ensure that
1247	faculty members continue to grow professionally after having received tenure and to
1248	provide a process for evaluation of that growth. To accomplish this, the University will
1249	use an annual review process to document a faculty member's post-tenure performance
1250	and to assess his or her contributions and professional development. When necessary, a
1251	more formal performance development plan will be implemented to support growth and 63

- 1252 development.
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- 1254 Process
- 1255 Step 1: Faculty members will be evaluated annually by their Department Chairs relative
- to an individual's assigned duties and accomplishments for the previous year, including:
- 1257 a. end-of-class student evaluations

1258	b. Department Chair and at least one peer class observations selected by the faculty
1259	member from Associate and Full Professors
1260	c. Department, School, and/or University-wide committee work, and
1261	d. Scholarly and/or other professional development activities.
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1263	As part of the process, faculty members will be given the opportunity to submit annual
1264	plans for development and year-end accomplishment summaries. During the review
1265	conference, faculty members will receive feedback and have the opportunity to discuss
1266	the review with their Department Chair. The faculty member may also receive
1267	counseling if their performance is less than satisfactory. A written review will be
1268	provided to the faculty member following the review conference.
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1270	Step 2: A tenured faculty member whose performance is judged to be less than
1271	satisfactory for two of the past five years (beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year)
1272	and for whom counseling has not adequately improved the situation will be given a
1273	formal Performance Development Plan (PDP), the details of which will be discussed with
1274	the faculty member. At the faculty member's election, he or she can accept the PDP as

written, or the faculty member can seek review under Step 3 before implementation.

1277	Step 3: Performance Development Plan
1278	a. The PDP review process begins with the Department Chair preparing a summary
1279	of faculty member's annual performance reviews for the period encompassing the
1280	two years of unsatisfactory performance, the proposed PDP, and any additional
1281	material pertaining to performance.

1282	b.	The faculty member prepares and provides whatever material he or she thinks will
1283		support their position.
1284	c.	The performance review summary and PDP, and the faculty member's materials
1285		are forwarded to a Faculty Development Review Committee made up of an
1286		administrator appointed by the President and two tenured Associate or Full
1287		faculty members elected by the faculty every two years. The election procedure
1288		to be used will be consistent with the process detailed for P&T Committee
1289		elections.
1290	d.	The Faculty Development Review Committee will review the materials submitted
1291		and provide a recommendation to the VPAA with a copy to the Department Chair
1292		and affected faculty member on whether the PDP should be implemented as
1293		written, implemented with revisions, or not implemented at all. If either the
1294		Department Chair or the affected faculty member is dissatisfied with the
1295		Committee's recommendation, he or she may seek review by the VPAA. The
1296		VPAA will promptly provide the faculty member, the Department Chair, and the
1297		Committee with his or her final decision. If the Committee recommended and the
1298		VPAA concurs that a PDP is not necessary, the faculty member will return to the 67

1299 annual performance review status.

1301	Step 4: PDP Implementation
1302	If it is determined by the VPAA that the PDP is necessary, the Department Chair will
1303	meet with the faculty member regularly to review and support the faculty member's
1304	progress toward meeting the PDP targets. When the faculty member meets all PDP
1305	expectations, the Department Chair will notify the faculty member, the Faculty

1306	Development Committee, and the VPAA in writing. The faculty member will then be
1307	returned to the annual review process.
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1310	ARTICLE 13
1311	SALARY
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1313	Section 1. Salary Increases
1314	The salaries of all Faculty, regardless of rank, will be increased as follows:
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1316	A minimum salary increase of 3.25% for the entire bargaining unit effective for six
1317	months of Academic Year 2012-2013 (i.e., effective February 16, 2013).
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1319	Academic Year 2013-2014: A minimum salary increase of 3.0% for the entire bargaining
1320	unit effective August 16, 2013. The University may also award additional individual
1321	salary increases effective that same date based on performance as determined by the
1322	Dean and approved by the VPAA. Although the individual Faculty selected to receive
1323	these raises may receive more than .40% on a per-person basis, the total pool of dollars

- available to award these increases will not exceed .40% of the bargaining unit base pay.
- 1326 Academic Year 2014-2015: A minimum salary increase of 3.0% for the entire bargaining
- 1327 unit effective August 16, 2014. The University may also award additional individual
- 1328 salary increases effective that same date based on performance as determined by the
- 1329 Dean and approved by the VPAA. Although the individual Faculty selected to receive

1330	these raises may receive more than .50% on a per-person basis, the total pool of dollars
1331	available to award these increases will not exceed .50% of the bargaining unit base pay.
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1333	Academic Year 2015-2016: A minimum salary increase of 3.0% for the entire bargaining
1334	unit effective August 16, 2014. The University may also award additional individual
1335	salary increases effective that same date based on performance as determined by the
1336	Dean and approved by the VPAA. Although the individual Faculty selected to receive
1337	these raises may receive more than .60% on a per-person basis, the total pool of dollars
1338	available to award these increases will not exceed .60% of the bargaining unit base pay.
1339	
1340	Section 2. Professional Development Fund
1341	The University Professional Development Fund established under Article 12, Section 1
1342	will be funded each year at the level of \$1,250 per full time Faculty member employed by
1343	the University on August 15 of the applicable year.
1344	
1345	Section 3. Increases for Faculty Promoted or Completing Doctorates
1346	Current Faculty pursuing a doctorate, who complete their doctorate in a regionally

1347 accredited university, in a discipline that is offered at University Campus or a discipline

1348	related to the teaching responsibilities of a Faculty member and that will meet SACS
1349	clearance criteria for that discipline, shall have their salary increased 10% (see current
1350	University catalog for disciplines offered at University campus). If completion is after
1351	the start of an academic year, the salary will be prorated from the completion date for the
1352	remainder of the academic year.

1353 Faculty promoted with an effective rank change will be granted a salary increase. The
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- salary increase will be at least \$5,000 and shall be sufficient to bring them to at least the
- 1355 25th percentile of the internal reference group for their rank.
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1357 Section 4. Directed Studies, Senior Honor Projects, and Course Overloads

- 1358 Faculty who teach courses as an overload, except in the cases of forced overload as
- outlined in Article 14, Section 3f, shall be paid not less than \$2,350. In those cases where
- 1360 SACS related mandates and/or unexpected enrollment require the administration to add a
- 1361 section in accordance with Article 14, Section 3(f), the assigned fulltime Faculty member
- 1362 shall be compensated at the rate of \$2,000 above the set overload rate.
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- 1364 Faculty who teach directed studies shall be paid \$400 per student per course. Faculty

shall be compensated \$250 per student for each senior honors project they supervise.

1367 Section 5. Internships/Field Placements/Apprenticeships/Practicum

- 1368 (a) Internships/ Field Placements/Apprenticeships/Practicum (field work) All
- 1369 Departments: Normal class size for different credit hours of field work is shown
- in the second column of the table below. The maximum number of interns shall

1371	be supervised by one faculty member whenever possible. If there are sufficient
1372	enrollments to make a normal class for a given number of credit hours of field
1373	work the faculty member will be credited as one three (3) credit hour course
1374	irrespective of the total number of credit hours in the field work and may be
1375	counted as part of the faculty members' normal teaching load or paid as an
1376	overload at the applicable overload rate per course. If there are an insufficient

- number of enrollments to make a normal class, the course will be treated similar
- 1378 to the directed study and stipend will be paid according to the third column in the

Number of credit hours of Field Work	Normal class size for Field Work (undergraduate)	Stipend/student (\$) if class size is not reached
1	7-10	\$250
3	6-8	\$350
6	5-7	\$450
9	4-6	\$500
12	3-5	\$600

1381 For graduate level courses, the normal class size will be between 7 and 9. If the

1382 enrollment does not make a full class (i.e., less than 7), the stipend will be paid as

1383 directed study at a rate of \$500.00 per student.

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1385 For all field work courses students must be observed at least once by the instructor if the

1386 distance of the placement is within fifty miles of the campus/center. If the distance is

1387 greater than fifty miles, observation may be accomplished through the use of technology

1388 (e.g. VTT, Skype, etc.) or by proxy. Faculty travel to observe student(s) requiring

distance greater than fifty (50) miles must be preapproved by the Dean of the respective

1390 school. The method of observation of field work must be included in the initial field work

1391 approval paperwork.

(b) Department of Fine Arts: Applied music courses, MUS 120, 220, 320, 420, shall	not
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- 1394 be considered in calculating faculty workload. Faculty members offering these courses
- 1395 are paid from student fees collected, if students are enrolled for credit.

1397 <u>Section 6. Class Cap Sizes</u>

- 1398 When specific class cap sizes have been established under Article 14, Section 3(a) of the
- 1399 Agreement and the administration lift the caps, the instructor will be compensated at
- 1400 \$110 per student for each student over the applicable cap as of the drop-add date. The
- 1401 cap will not be lifted without instructor consent unless additional faculty members
- 1402 qualified and approved to teach the course are not reasonably available.

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- 1404 Section 7. Workload
- 1405 In pattern 2 of Article 14, Section 3 on Workload, the Faculty member shall receive an
- additional payment of \$825. In pattern 4 of Article 14, Section 3 on Workload, the
- 1407 Faculty member shall receive an additional payment of \$1,650.

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- 1409 Section 8. Compensation during Sabbatical
- 1410 A Faculty member on sabbatical for an academic year (fall and spring semesters) will

1411	receive one half of his/her annual salary. A Faculty member on sabbatical leave for one
1412	semester (fall or spring) will receive the full salary during the sabbatical period. All
1413	benefit plans which are operative during the full-time employment will continue during
1414	sabbatical with the same contribution schedule from the University and individual
1415	participants; benefits related to salary levels are determined in accordance with the salary
1416	actually paid.

1418 <u>Section 9. Equity Adjustments</u>

1419	If/when the administration, in its sole discretion, identifies a salary equity issue among
1420	Faculty that it desires to address, the VPAA will notify the Union in writing of the
1421	amount it proposes to adjust the Faculty member's salary. Unless the Union objects in
1422	writing within ten (10) business days after notification, the salary can be so increased.
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1425	ARTICLE 14
1426	FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES
1427	Section 1. General
1428	Saint Leo University, Incorporated, is a Roman Catholic institution, which recognizes the
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	teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. While the University does not require that
1430	teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. While the University does not require that Faculty practice or profess the Roman Catholic faith, nor accept the teachings of the
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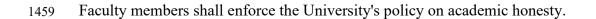
1435 <u>Section 2. Classroom Instruction and Related Responsibilities</u>

1436 At the first class of each semester or term, Faculty members shall distribute or post on an

- 1437 approved University web site, a syllabus to each student and submit to the School Dean a
- 1438 copy of the syllabus for each course they teach. The syllabus shall include the following:

1440	Course prefix, number, section, title, term, credit hours, instructor's name, prerequisites
1441	(from catalog), text(s) required and recommended, attendance policy, academic honesty
1442	policy (including the definition of plagiarism), methods of evaluating student
1443	performance (including grade weights and percentages), course objectives, course content
1444	and schedule, instructor's office hours, office phone number and location, and ADA
1445	Statement.
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1447	Faculty members shall meet all classes as outlined in their syllabus within the academic
1448	calendar including the scheduled final examination period. The course meeting day and
1449	time, as listed in the official University course schedule, shall not be changed without the
1450	approval of the appropriate School Dean and the University Registrar.
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1452	Faculty members shall apply the University's grading system as set forth in the current
1453	catalog and shall determine the academic proficiency and understanding of the students in
1454	accordance with the standards of the University. All courses are expected to include a
1455	final examination given at the scheduled final examination period or a final project due at
1456	the scheduled time for the final examination. Final examinations are not to be given at

the last class meeting time.



- 1460 Faculty members shall submit mid-term grades and final grades to the Registrar's Office
- 1461 by the date specified by the University. Faculty shall assign final grades based on the
- 1462 criteria outlined in their course syllabi. There shall be no change in a final grade except

1463 for a computational error and at the direction of the Faculty member and with the

approval of the appropriate School Dean and the VPAA.

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1466 Faculty members shall administer student ratings of teaching based on the instrument

1467 determined by the Institutional Assessment Committee of the University Senate and shall

1468 administer said evaluation in every course, every semester.

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1470 The University may request a Faculty member to develop an electronic platform course

1471 as a part of his or her teaching load, on terms mutually agreeable to both parties. In such

1472 cases, the University and Faculty member shall enter into a course development contract

1473 that specifies the release time assigned to the Faculty member for the course development

1474 project. The University may also request a Faculty member to develop and subsequently

1475 teach an electronic platform course outside of the normal responsibilities within this

1476 agreement. (See Article 5, section 3, Copyrights and Patents.) The University shall offer

1477 tenure track faculty the right of first refusal for the development of any electronic

1478 platform course. Faculty members will be given preference to teach courses they develop

1479 unless, in the judgment of the Department chair, it would interfere with the University's

1480 interests in having the Faculty member teach other courses.

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1482 <u>Section 3. Workload</u>
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- 1483 Each semester, full time Faculty teaching assignments will require one of the following:
- 1484 1. 12 credit hours per semester
- 1485 2. 9 undergraduate credit hours + 3 graduate credits

1486 3. 3 undergraduate credit hours + 6 graduate credit hours + regularly assigned graduate

1487 student advising.

1488 4. 6 undergraduate credit hours + 6 graduate credit hours.

1489 5. 9 graduate credit hours + regularly assigned graduate student advising.

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1491 Any work exceeding the above patterns is considered Overload. No more than one

1492 overload per semester is allowed, unless approved by the appropriate Dean, whose

1493 decision not to approve can be appealed to the VPAA. Overloads of three or more per

semester may only be approved by the VPAA.

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1496 Credit hours may be online or on-ground, as assigned.

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1498 (a) In order to achieve the University's goals of (1) excellence in teaching and (2) small,

1499 intimate classes that promote retention, class sizes will generally be limited.

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1501 The class cap size cannot exceed 25 students per class, excepting (1) Freshman English

1502 Composition courses, the caps for which are 18 students and (2) remedial English and

1503 Math courses, the caps for which are 15 students. This applies to all courses taught at all

- 1504 locations whether face to face or any other mode of instruction.
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- 1506 (b) Professional duties may be assigned in lieu of normal teaching workload or
- 1507 professional library duties by the VPAA in consultation with the School Dean and the
- appropriate Department Chair or Library Director and with the consent of the Faculty
- 1509 member.

1511	(c) As a part of their full time workload, faculty may be required to teach a course
1512	delivered partially or completely online. Faculty must be given sufficient time to be
1513	trained in the course platform used. In addition, in cases where SACS mandates as part of
1514	a Faculty member's fulltime workload can be met, or in cases where a Faculty member
1515	does not have a sufficient course load on campus to meet his or her fulltime obligations
1516	through an assignment by the VPAA or Dean, the Faculty Member may be asked to teach
1517	a campus-based Weekend and Evening course. The Faculty may be assigned to teach at
1518	another School or Continuing Education Center by mutual consent.
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1519 1520	(d) A Faculty member who began his/her Saint Leo University fulltime faculty
	(d) A Faculty member who began his/her Saint Leo University fulltime faculty appointment after August 15, 2003 may be assigned to teach at Mac Dill, St. Petersburg,
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1520 1521	appointment after August 15, 2003 may be assigned to teach at Mac Dill, St. Petersburg,
1520 1521 1522	appointment after August 15, 2003 may be assigned to teach at Mac Dill, St. Petersburg, Weekend and Evening, COL, DL or in another Continuing Education Center program.
1520 1521 1522 1523	appointment after August 15, 2003 may be assigned to teach at Mac Dill, St. Petersburg, Weekend and Evening, COL, DL or in another Continuing Education Center program. The University shall compensate a Faculty member assigned to teach at an off campus

1526 (e) A Faculty member assigned to teach at a location more than 50 miles from the

- ¹⁵²⁸ University campus will be compensated at a rate of \$1,000 per course.
- 1529 (f) Except in cases of University need, the University will not require the overload
- 1530 teaching assignment, if the Faculty member does not desire it. Cases of need include:
- i. To meet SACS mandated requirements regarding the 25 percent rule.
- 1532 ii. To meet SACS mandated requirements regarding faculty credentials.

1533	iii. Where the administration demonstrates that an unexpected increase in enrollment
1534	occurred after August 1st or after January 5th of each academic year, that prevent the
1535	Department Chair, School Dean or VPAA from hiring a SACS qualified adjunct Faculty
1536	members.
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1538	The administration shall make every effort to find qualified Faculty who will volunteer to
1539	teach these courses; however, the University must affirm its obligation to meet student
1540	academic needs with integrity. In a case where an assignment will cause an undue
1541	hardship to a Faculty member, the assignment shall be considered a basis for a grievance.
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1543	(g) Except by mutual consent, Faculty shall not be assigned to more than two committees
1544	at the same time. Faculty members are expected to serve on at least one University
1545	committee regularly.
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1547	(h) Directed studies and Independent studies shall be assigned with the mutual consent of
1548	the Faculty member and the School Dean. Directed studies are not normally a part of the
1549	teaching load.
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1551	(i) <u>Librarians</u> : Librarians are normally paid for a 40-hour week, of which thirty-five (35)
1552	hours are assigned for library duties. The additional five (5) hours are to be spent
1553	pursuing professional development activities at the librarian's discretion. Librarians are
1554	appointed for at least nine (9), ten (10) or twelve (12) month annual contract.
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1556	With their approval, Faculty Librarians may be assigned to teach up to three (3) academic
1557	credits per semester. Faculty Librarians may also request a teaching assignment of up to
1558	three (3) academic credits per semester, subject to the approval of the Library Director.
1559	In all cases, each credit hour taught will be in lieu of 3.33 hours of normal professional
1560	responsibilities.
1561	
1562	Section 4Internships, Applied Music, and Art Studio Courses
1563	(a) Internships and Applied Music are addressed in Article 13
1564	
1565	(b) Art Studio Courses: Art studio courses will be credited to the Faculty member as one
1566	(1) credit for each two (2) studio hours.
1567	
1568	Section 5. Tutoring and Lab Courses
1569	(a) <u>Tutoring</u> : Tutoring is not a faculty member function except as a necessary extension
1570	of teacher/student contact in teaching academic courses. Should a Faculty member be
1571	assigned tutoring duties, six tutoring hours shall be the equivalent of one three-credit hour

1572 course.

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1574 (b) <u>Department of Mathematics and Science</u>: One lecture hour per week shall equal one

1575 credit hour; each hour of laboratory per week shall be credited as 1 credit hour.

1580 Section 6. Advising/Office Hours

1581	(a) The School Deans shall assign School Faculty members duties as academic advisors.
1582	Assignments will be made on a reasonable and equitable basis, taking into account the
1583	needs and the interests of the School, department, students, and Faculty member.
1584	
1585	(b) Faculty members shall maintain a minimum of ten (10) office hours, six (6) of which
1586	shall be posted. The non-posted hours may be used for class preparation, professional
1587	and scholarly growth, and institutional and community service. When necessary, Faculty
1588	shall be available to meet with students during non-posted office hours.
1589	
1590	(c) Faculty members perform two primary kinds of advising. First, they work with
1591	students to help them better understand specific course and/or curricular requirements. In
1592	addition, faculty members advise students regarding the professions and professional
1593	schools (law, business, health professions, graduate programs of all types) and
1594	employment and life goals.
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1596	Section 7. University Functions

1597 (a) All Faculty members shall attend all general faculty meetings and be given

1598 reasonable notice of same.

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- 1600 (b) Faculty members shall participate in graduation ceremonies and other officially
- 1601 designated University functions not to exceed three, including graduation, in number
- 1602 during any academic year. Faculty members shall wear full academic regalia for these

1603 functions.

1605	(c) Faculty members shall attend all scheduled School and Department meetings,
1606	provided reasonable notice is given by the School Dean or Department Chairs, or the
1607	Director of Library Services.
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1609	(d) Faculty members may submit a written request to the School Dean or the Director of
1610	Library Services to be excused from participation in functions outlined in (a), (b) and (c)
1611	above. Permission shall be granted by the School Deans or the Director of Library
1612	Services only in cases of emergencies, illness, or in cases of conflict with other
1613	University activities.
1614	
1615	Section 8. Academic Year, Academic Calendar, and School Year
1616	The University shall not require the Faculty members to carry out work assignments on
1617	days described as University holidays. University holidays are defined as days when the
1618	University Campus Offices are closed.
1619	
1620	The academic calendar includes the following breaks when classes will not be held: Fall
1621	Break, Thanksgiving Student Break, Christmas Break beginning after final grades are due

1622	and ending	five (5) working	days prior	to the first d	ay of class	in the S	Spring semester,

1623 Spring Break as defined by the University Student Calendar, and Good Friday. The

- 1624 University shall not require Faculty to carry out work assignments during said breaks
- 1625 except in highly unusual circumstances.
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1628	ARTICLE 15
1629	FRINGE BENEFITS AND LEAVES
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1631	Section 1. Payroll Deduction for Dues
1632	The University shall provide payroll deduction service for UFSLU dues in accordance
1633	with Article 3.
1634	
1635	Section 2. Health Benefits
1636	The University shall contribute a minimum of \$550 a month (including HRA
1637	contributions) towards the total premium charged for each individual Faculty member's
1638	health insurance during the term of this Agreement. The University and faculty members
1639	shall equally share any health insurance premium increases during the term of this
1640	Agreement.
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1642	The University may offer other coverage, which will be paid by the Faculty member as a
1643	payroll deduction if such coverage is elected by the member.
1644	
1645	Section 3. Other Fringe Benefits

1646	The University shall continue to offer the following additional fringe benefits, subject to
1647	plan terms and policy provisions as may vary from time to time: group life insurance,
1648	short and long term disability, tuition remission, adoption assistance, and other benefits
1649	commonly available to University employees, except where expressly modified or
1650	limited by this Agreement.

1652 Section 4. Leave Benefits for Librarians

1653	Librarians are full time Faculty members who work nine (9), ten (10), or twelve (12)
1654	month contracts. Leave shall accrue according to the following schedule:
1655	
1656	Nine (9) month and ten (10) month contracts: Forty (40) hours personal leave will be
1657	accrued at the beginning of each academic year on August 16th, for use during the
1658	academic year. Sick leave shall accrue at the rate of four (4) hours per pay period for the
1659	nine (9) month contract period. Days off for personal or sick leave shall be reported by
1660	the submission of an Employee Leave Authorization Form to Payroll prior to the leave
1661	being taken or, or in the case of sick leave, immediately upon return from leave period.
1662	Unused personal leave at the end of the contract work period will not be carried over to
1663	the next academic year. Sick leave will continue to accrue to a maximum of ninety-six
1664	(96) hours. The eligibility period for using Personal and Sick Leave shall be limited to
1665	the nine (9) month or ten (10) month work period, as applicable.
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1667	Twelve (12) month contracts: Vacation leave will be accrued at the rate of eight (8) hours

1668 per pay period. Sick leave will be accrued at the rate of four (4) hours per pay period

- 1669 beginning upon the completion of ninety (90) days of continuous employment. Sick
- 1670 leave will continue to accrue to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours.
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- 1672 Vacation time must be approved in advance. Leave shall be reported by the submission
- 1673 of an Employee Leave Authorization Form to Payroll prior to the leave being taken or
- 1674 immediately upon return from leave period. Vacation leave will accrue on a semi

1675	monthly basis. The maximum allowable ca	rryover for each fiscal year is 264 hours.			
1676	Excess beyond the 264-hour maximum limit	t as of June 30th of each year is lost.			
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1678	Section 5. Retirement Funds				
1679	The University will continue to contribute an amount equal to a percentage of each				
1680	Faculty member's salary to a retirement fund. Conditioned upon the Faculty member's				
1681	written agreement to contribute, the Univers	sity will match the contribution as follows:			
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1683	Faculty Contribution	University Contribution			
1684	1%	3%			
1685	2%	4%			
1686	3%	5%			
1687	4%	6%			
1688	5%	7%			
1689	8%	8%			
1690	8.5%	8.5%			
1691	10.0%	9.0%			

1692	The Faculty member may make changes to the retirement contribution amounts with
1693	reasonable written notice using the proper process at any time, subject to IRS regulations
1694	and the Saint Leo University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. So long as the
1695	above University contribution schedule is maintained, the University, in consultation with
1696	the Union, may make changes to the Saint Leo University Defined Contribution

1697 Retirement Plan as needed to meet IRS requirements, to avoid failing nondiscrimination

1698	testing (including initiating auto enrollment for new hires), to control plan fees and costs,
1699	and to otherwise foster and promote the proper administration of the Plan.
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1701	Section 6. Sick Leave
1702	Members of the bargaining unit shall be provided sick leave at the accrual rate of four (4)
1703	hours per pay period. Sick leave will begin accruing in the first pay period upon
1704	completion of ninety (90) days of continuous employment and will accrue to a maximum
1705	of ninety-six (96) hours. Sick leave should be reported on an Employee Leave
1706	Authorization form and submitted to the appropriate academic Dean for submission to the
1707	Department of Human Resources with the department's payroll records.
1708	
1709	Community Share Sick Leave Donor Program – Members eligible to receive Short Term
1710	Disability or a form of FMLA for which sick leave could be used if available may apply
1711	for additional sick leave benefits under the Community Share Sick Leave Program. The
1712	Community Share Program is a volunteer program supported by donated sick leave from
1713	employees who contribute to an individual employee's request to bridge the shortfall of
1714	accrued leave and the limitations of the Short Term Disability coverage. An employee

1715	may request and receive up to a maximum of thirty donated days of Community Share
1716	time to cover the STD eligibility period, or to cover qualifying FMLA up to the same
1717	amount as would have been needed for the STD eligibility period. Employees who
1718	donate sick leave time cannot recover unused periods. Unused donated Community
1719	Share time remaining at the end of an employee's STD period will not be allowed to be
1720	carried over for use in subsequent STD periods or any other period by that employee.

1721 The Community Share program is supported entirely by donations of employees and will

1722 be add	ninistered by the	University and	include responsibil	lity for community	y notifications,
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1723 requests for donations, and reconciliation of donations and use.

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1725	Section 7. Military Leave
1726	Short-term Scheduled Military Leave. Faculty members with scheduled Armed Forces
1727	Reserve or National Guard obligations are expected to meet those obligations outside of
1728	regular University duty hours. Any Faculty involuntarily called to military duty during
1729	regular University assignments shall be granted paid short-term military leave not to
1730	exceed ten (10) working days.
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1732	Long-term Military Leave. Long-term military leave is leave without pay. Any Faculty
1733	member who is inducted or called to active duty in the armed forces of the United State
1734	for training or service is assured of re-employment and the benefits associated with re-
1735	employment with the University if the Faculty member meets the legal requirements for
1736	guaranteed re-employment under federal law.
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1738	Section 8. Disability, Parental, Family, and Military Leave

1739 (a) <u>Disability Leave</u>: The University provides short-term disability (STD) and long-term

1740	disability (LTD) coverage for Faculty who have a medical illness, injury or condition
1741	which requires and extended disability leave. STD and LTD programs are operated in
1742	accordance with applicable policies and plan terms available from Human Resources.
1743	STD may be supplemented through the Community Share Sick Leave Program where the
1744	employee receives donated sick leave time in the absence of accrued leave (see Section 6,

1745 Sick Leave).

1747	(b) <u>Parental Leave</u> : One full semester of unpaid parental leave will be granted upon
1748	request for birth or adoption of a child. The Faculty member must request this leave in
1749	advance of the beginning of the term/semester to the Division Dean through the
1750	Department Chair so that Faculty responsibilities will be adequately covered. Parental
1751	leave must be completed within one year of the birth or adoption. If this occurs at mid-
1752	semester, the Faculty member may be assigned non-teaching duties, or at her/his option,
1753	be placed on leave without pay until the end of the semester.
1754	
1755	(c) <u>Family and Military Leaves</u> : Both leaves for family and medical issues as well as
1756	leave to accommodate military service as provided by federal or state law will be
1757	provided to all eligible members of the bargaining unit. FMLA, when applicable, runs
1758	concurrent with other forms of leave. Nothing in this section is intended to limit or
1759	reduce the benefits provided under applicable law. If family leave occurs at mid-semester
1760	the Faculty member may be assigned non-teaching duties, or at her/his option, be placed
1761	on leave without pay until the end of the semester.
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1763 <u>Section 9. Leave Without Pay</u>

1764	A leave of absence without pay may be granted by the VPAA with the approval of the
1765	President of the University upon a favorable recommendation by the appropriate Dean or
1766	Director of Library Services. A leave of absence without pay may be granted for formal
1767	study, research, scholarly pursuit, family leave, parental leave, extended illness, or other
1768	reasons the University deems to be in the best interest of the University and of the

1769 Faculty member.

1771	Ordinarily, permission for a leave without pay shall be requested one semester before the
1772	semester when it is to begin. Permission shall normally be granted for only one year.
1773	
1774	During the time of the leave, the Faculty member shall, within the limits of the carrier's
1775	contracts with the University be eligible for group insurance (to be paid by the
1776	individual). Tenure status shall not be affected by a leave without pay. Leave time shall
1777	not be counted as time served in consideration of sabbatical leave eligibility, nor shall it
1778	be considered for tenure or promotion unless the Faculty member has performed
1779	professional activities and would like to count it toward tenure or promotion eligibility.
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1781	The Faculty member shall give at least one hundred eighty (180) days' notice of their
1782	intent to return or not to return to the University. Failure to give notice may result in the
1783	loss of severance pay. Upon return, the Faculty member shall be reinstated to the same or
1784	similar position. The Faculty member's salary may be adjusted at the discretion of the
1785	University to reflect increases distributed during the period of leave.
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1787 <u>Section 10. Emergency Leave</u>

1788	Faculty members shall, at the discretion of the University, be granted leave for personal
1789	reasons, including bereavement. Such leave shall not be unreasonably denied.
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1791	Bereavement leave shall be granted for up to five (5) business days for the death of a
1792	member of the Faculty member's immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined

1793	to include spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, grandchild, and other
1794	permanent household residents.
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1796	The Faculty member shall notify the Department Chair or Director and the appropriate
1797	Dean of the need for such leave as soon as practical.
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1799	Section 11. Faculty Employment Phase-Out
1800	Full-time, tenure-tracked faculty may elect to retire, with the approval of the VPAA, from
1801	University service through a two year Phase-Out plan. The requirements for eligibility
1802	are:
1803	1. The faculty member must reach at least age 62 within the academic year prior to
1804	taking Phase-Out and have 18 years of combined full-time service at Saint Leo
1805	University as a faculty member, or the faculty member must reach at least age 65
1806	within the academic year prior to taking Phase-Out and have 15 years of
1807	combined full-time service at Saint Leo University as a faculty member.
1808	2. The faculty member must notify his/her department chair or Dean in writing by
1809	January 15 of their intention to utilize the Phase-Out.
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1811	The Phase-Out plan provides that eligible faculty shall get a one-course per semester
1812	relief during the first year of Phase-Out and remain responsible for all other duties
1813	required of faculty. In the second year of Phase-Out, faculty will have a two-course
1814	semester relief and remain responsible for all other duties required of faculty except for
1815	the requirement to serve on committees. In year two of Phase-Out, faculty may serve on
1816	committees, if he/she chooses. Absent extraordinary circumstances as approved by the

1817	VPAA, a faculty member is not eligible for sabbatical or course overload during Phase
1818	Out. Under Phase Out, the faculty member electing Phase Out is automatically retired
1819	effective at the end of the second academic year of Phase Out.
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1821	Section 12. Required Changes
1822	The University reserves the right, based on its continuing analysis of applicable laws and
1823	regulations, and after negotiation with UFSLU to make appropriate adjustments in the
1824	benefits provided in this Article.
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1827	ARTICLE 16
1828	MANAGEMENT RIGHTS
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1830	Section 1. University Rights
1831	By this Agreement, the University and UFSLU have agreed to certain limitations to the
1832	management prerogatives of the University. However, it is the intention of the parties
1833	that the University shall retain all of its legal rights and privileges except those, which it
1834	has agreed to limit by the express and specific terms of this Agreement.

1835	Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or impair the rights of the
1836	University to exercise its own exclusive discretion on all of the following matters without
1837	prior negotiation with UFSLU and without being subject to the grievance and arbitration
1838	procedures of this Agreement except as specifically and expressly provided for elsewhere
1839	in this Agreement:

- (a) To manage the University and exercise sole, exclusive control and discretion over the
- 1842 organization of the University and its operations thereof;
- 1843 (b) To determine the goals, purposes, and functions of the University;
- 1844 (c) To perform those duties and exercise those responsibilities which are assigned to it
- 1845 by law.
- 1846 (d) To determine and adopt such policies and standards, rules, and regulations as are
- 1847 deemed by it necessary for the efficient operation and general improvement of the
- 1848 University system;
- 1849 (e) To select management, supervisory, administrative, instructional, and other
- 1850 personnel;
- 1851 (f) To appoint, terminate, define workload, compensate, establish standards of
- 1852 performance, and otherwise direct the performance of a Department Chair or Graduate
- 1853 Program Director in those roles;
- 1854 (g) To determine the University curriculum in accordance with the Criteria for
- accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on
- 1856 Colleges and as set forth by any applicable state or federal regulatory agencies and the
- 1857 by-laws, policies and procedures to be established by the Governance Committee;

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- 1858 (h) To direct the workforce, and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement to
- 1859 hire, promote, reappoint, grant leaves, and terminate or take other disciplinary action
- against a Faculty member for just cause; and
- (i) All other rights to manage the University which are not recited in or expressly limited
- 1862 by this Agreement are reserved by the University.
- 1863
- 1864 <u>Section 2. Interpreting Agreement</u>

1865	In interpreting this Agreement, there shall be absolute and complete regard for the rights,
1866	the responsibilities, and prerogatives of management, and this Article shall be so
1867	construed that there shall be no interference with or restrictions on such rights,
1868	responsibilities and prerogatives except as it may be expressly limited in this Agreement.
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1870	The University acknowledges that with respect to salaries, benefits and working
1871	conditions that this Agreement is superior to any other governance or policy document.
1872	Both parties to this Agreement acknowledge and mutually agree to open and negotiate
1873	modifications to this Agreement as may be required by University governance process. It
1874	is further expressly understood that any such reopening shall be strictly limited to matter
1875	directly resulting from the University's governance process.
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1880	[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]
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1882	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives,
1883	have entered into this Agreement on June 6, 2013, with the Article 13, Section 1 salary
1884	increases effective February 16, 2013. No other provision provides for retroactivity.
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1886	SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY, INC.
1887	By:
1888	Name: Arthur F. Kirk, Jr.
1889	Title: President, Saint Leo University
1890	Witness:
1891	By:
1892	Name: Jeanne Plecenik
1893	Title: Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO
1894	
1895	THE UNITED FACULTY OF SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY
1896	UNITED FACULTY OF FLORIDA, AFFILIATED WITH
1897	THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
1898	By:

1899	Name: Doris Van Kampen-Breit
1900	Title: President, United Faculty of Saint Leo University
1901	Witness:
1902	By:
1903	Name: Jeanne Plecenik
1904	Title: Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO