

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **UNION RIGHTS**

#### Use of Facilities

- 5.1 Upon request of the Union, the CSU shall provide at no cost adequate facilities not otherwise required for campus business for union meetings that may be attended by employees during non-worktime.
- 5.2 The Union shall bear the cost of all campus materials and supplies incident to any union meeting or union business conducted on campus.

#### Campus Communication

- 5.3 Intra-campus mail service, including email services shall be available to the Union at no cost for official union communications. The Union shall package and label hard copy materials for convenient handling according to the normal specifications of the campus which shall be communicated upon the request of the Union. The name of the Union shall appear on all materials sent through the campus mail service. Employee mailboxes, if any, may be utilized by the Union for purposes of union communication to bargaining unit employees.

#### Bulletin Boards

- 5.4 The Union shall have the use of an adequate number of designated bulletin boards for the posting of union material. Such bulletin boards shall be visible, accessible to employees, and in areas frequented by employees.
- 5.5 A copy of union material posted on bulletin boards and union material intended for general distribution to employees through campus mail service shall be provided in a timely manner to the Appropriate Administrator. The Union shall exercise responsibility for the content of such union material.

#### Union Business

- 5.6 Union business involving employees shall be conducted during non-worktime except as provided for elsewhere in this Agreement. Union business shall not interfere with the campus programs or operations.
- 5.7 As a courtesy, the Appropriate Administrator shall be notified of the presence of a Union Representative who is not a campus employee either upon their arrival at the campus or by telephone in advance of arrival. As a courtesy, upon such notification, the Appropriate Administrator shall provide such a Union Representative with a daily parking pass at no cost to the Union.
- 5.8 One (1) Campus Bargaining Unit Representative per campus for each unit (2, 5, 7 and 9) shall be designated by the Union to officially represent the Union. The names of these Campus Bargaining Unit Representatives shall be provided in writing to the President.

## Employee Lists

- 5.9 The campus Human Resources Office shall provide to the person(s) designated by the Union, upon written request, a monthly list of all employees in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9. Such lists shall contain names, bargaining unit, classification, department name or department code and campus mailing address and shall be provided at no cost to the Union. An employee's home address shall be released to the Union unless the employee has officially informed the CSU that the employee wishes the home address withheld. Upon request of CSUEU, these monthly lists shall be provided in electronic format.
- 5.10 Upon written request of the Union, employee lists (with name, classification, hire date and department) and public information shall be provided to the person designated by the Union in a timely manner. The cost of such employee lists and public information shall be borne by the Union except as provided elsewhere in the Agreement.

## Release Time for Union Business

- 5.11
- a. The CSU shall provide release time for up to ten (10) people employed by the CSU for each scheduled meet and confer session. Normally, the Union shall provide the Office of the Chancellor and the relevant campus(es) with the names of the employees for whom release time is being requested at least seven (7) working days prior to the commencement of the meet and confer session(s). Additional release time shall be provided on an individual basis to meet special needs related to transportation and work schedules. Upon the Union's request, such additional release time may include granting no more than one (1) additional day prior to the scheduled meet and confer session for an employee whose workday ends between midnight and 6:00 a.m. The parties may mutually agree to provide release time for bargaining unit members to caucus upon request by CSUEU. Upon request an employee on the bargaining team on swing or graveyard shift shall be reassigned to the day shift for the duration of bargaining.
  - b. Up to seven (7) employees designated by CSUEU shall be provided with release time to attend Board of Trustees meetings. Such requests shall be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor and the relevant campus(es) Human Resources Office at least seven (7) working days prior to the Board of Trustees meetings in order to minimize the impact on campus operations and to arrange the appropriate release time.
  - c. Upon request of the Union, the President may authorize an unpaid leave of absence for any Union Representative for up to one year for union business. Such request shall be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor, with a copy sent to the relevant campus(es). Such leave shall not be unreasonably denied and, if granted, shall conform to Article 16, Leaves of Absence Without Pay.

- d. The CSUEU and the CSU agree that an annual allotment of five hundred seventy-six (576) days will be available, as requested by CSUEU Headquarters, for use by employees of Bargaining Unit 2, 5, 7 and 9 provided that all the requirements of Provision 5.6 are met.
  1. The allotment of five hundred seventy-six (576) days will be used on a fiscal year basis from July 1 through June 30 of each year of the Agreement. Any days that both parties agree are unused at the end of the fiscal year become available for use of CSUEU in accordance with the requirements of this provision.
  2. CSUEU Headquarters shall submit to the CSU thirty (30) working days in advance of the first date of leave requested the names of the Union Representatives at each campus who shall be eligible for such leave.
  3. Requests for release time under this provision shall be submitted in writing by CSUEU Headquarters to the CSU Headquarters, with a copy to the relevant campus(es). The request shall be submitted to CSU Headquarters, with a copy to the relevant campus(es), at least seven (7) working days in advance of the requested time off. Any request not received seven (7) working days in advance shall be deemed denied. Once a request is submitted, it will normally not be changed. The Union will notify the CO within thirty (30) days if the approved leave is not used. Leave requests that are not used shall be restored to the 5.11 (d) pool.
  4. The campus shall grant such requests, provided operational needs are met. If release time is denied, the campus shall provide a written explanation of the reason(s) for the denial.
  5. CSUEU shall provide to the CSU a quarterly report of leave used under this provision. The report shall be submitted by the end of the month following the end of each quarter (April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31). Each campus will also submit to the Office of the Chancellor a list of the leave used on their campuses under this provision by the same deadline.
  6. The Office of the Chancellor will work with CSUEU to reconcile any discrepancies.

5.12 The term "no cost" as used in this Article shall be exclusive of actual overtime costs or extraordinary clean-up costs incurred by the CSU in complying with the provisions of this Article. Such costs shall be borne by the Union. When the meeting request is submitted and the Union inquires, the CSU shall inform the Union whether or not costs shall be charged.

#### Union Leave

5.13 Upon written request of normally not less than seven (7) working days from the Union to the Office of the Chancellor, the CSU shall grant a union leave without

loss of compensation to any Union Representative. CSUEU shall provide a copy of the request to the relevant campus(es).

- a. Such a leave may be partial or full-time and shall not be less than one (1) day for exempt employees and shall be on an hour for hour basis for non-exempt employees. No leave may be more than one (1) year in duration. An employee on such a leave shall continue to earn service credit and retirement credit. An employee on such a leave shall have the right to return to their former position upon expiration of the leave. Such a leave shall not constitute a break in the employee's continuous service for the purpose of salary adjustments, sick leave, vacation or seniority.
- b. The CSU shall be reimbursed by the Union for all compensation paid the employee on account of such leave plus forty-two percent (42%) for incidental costs. Within ninety (90) days of the date the release time was taken, the CSU shall submit to the Union an itemized billing.
- c. Reimbursement by the Union shall be made no later than thirty (30) working days after its receipt of the CSU certification of payment of compensation to the employee.
- d. Such a union leave in accordance with this Article shall also be provided to a bargaining unit employee upon becoming a Statewide CSUEU Officer, to a maximum of three Statewide Officers systemwide.

5.14 Each campus shall provide CSUEU Headquarters with a static email address for the purpose of requesting release time and union leave (e.g., csueu.leave@campusdomain.edu). CSUEU will be notified before any changes are made to this address.

5.15 An employee shall not suffer reprisals for participation in union activities, including, but not limited to, filing and processing grievances or complaints under Articles 7 and/or 8 of this Agreement.

#### Union Orientation

5.16 The Human Resources Office on each campus shall make available to new employees Union membership material provided by the CSUEU.

CSUEU and CSU will meet within thirty (30) days of ratification to negotiate the implementation of AB 119 regarding Chapter 11.5, Public Employee Communication. Nothing in this Article is intended to supersede AB 119.

#### Union Security

5.17 The CSU agrees to advise the State Controller's Office (SCO) to deduct from employee's pay warrants and transmit to CSUEU all authorized deductions from all CSUEU members within the bargaining units (2, 5, 7 and 9) who have signed and approved authorization cards for such deduction on a form provided by

CSUEU, less necessary administrative costs incurred by the SCO to the extent such deductions are permitted by law.

- 5.18 The written authorization for CSUEU deduction shall remain in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement provided, however, that any employee may withdraw from CSUEU by sending a withdrawal letter to CSUEU within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.
- 5.19 Upon movement of an employee out of the bargaining unit, the employee may elect to withdraw from CSUEU. Such withdrawal shall not be permitted if the employee moves to another bargaining unit in which CSUEU is the exclusive representative and in which the Agreement contains a provision such as 5.18 above.
- 5.20 The amount of dues deducted from the CSUEU members' pay warrants shall be sent to CSUEU and changed by the CSU/SCO upon written request of CSUEU.
- 5.21 Employees shall be free to join or not to join the Union.
- 5.22 CSUEU agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the CSU/SCO harmless against any claim made of any nature and against any suit instituted against the CSU/SCO arising from its payroll deduction for CSUEU dues and deductions.

#### Office Space

- 5.23 Upon request of CSUEU, the CSU may provide appropriate office space to the Union. If such office space is provided, rental charges for the duration of this agreement shall be one dollar per year for each office provided.