UNITED ACADEMICS PROPOSAL

ARTICLE 13. HEALTH and SAFETY

Preamble. The University of Oregon is noted for its strong tradition of collegiality and support for all members of the institution. Hostile, intimidating, or abusive behavior damages the strong sense of community so valued at UO. We should all work to ensure that each member of our community benefits from a respectful and inclusive working and learning environment. We expect that everyone will make a conscious effort to model the behavior necessary to create an inclusive and respectful climate for all.

Section 1. Bargaining unit faculty members have the right to work in a safe and healthy workplace that meets the safety and health requirements of the Oregon Safe Employment Act and is an environment that is not hostile, intimidating, or abusive. Bargaining unit faculty members shall not be required to work under conditions that violate applicable safety or health laws or regulations.

a. A bargaining unit faculty member may report a condition that they believe does not comply with applicable safety or health laws. The University will assess the report.

b. Upon conclusion of the assessment, the University shall inform the bargaining unit member (in writing if the report was made in writing) of the conclusion and what, if any, action is being taken.

Section 2. Bargaining unit faculty members will attend all required training on workplace health and safety offered by the University. Bargaining unit faculty members will be paid for attendance at required trainings.

Upon reasonable request, a bargaining unit faculty member will be provided instruction on how to safely operate equipment provided by the University for use by the bargaining unit faculty member in the performance of their duties.

Section 3. The Union may appoint two representatives to the Safety Advisory Committee.

Section 4. The University has developed a workplace violence prevention policy, which is incorporated into this agreement through Article 6. It is available in the university policy library and on the Human Resources website.

Because the University-developed workplace violence prevention policy does not adequately address locks on doors and secure workplaces, an effective warning and communication system, and drop-in counseling for troubled students and employees, the University and Union agree to form a joint committee to address these oversights. The committee will meet at least four times in the 2020-2021 academic year to explore amendments to the current University-developed policy.
Section 5. No bargaining unit faculty member will be subject to discrimination, discipline, or termination for reporting that they have experienced workplace violence or the threat of workplace violence.