

**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, state and university policy, 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 bargaining unit faculty member may report a condition that they believe does not comply with applicable safety or health laws or policies. The University has a reporting mechanism at <https://safety.uoregon.edu/> that allows bargaining unit faculty to anonymously report unsafe or hazardous conditions. The University will provide annual notice to faculty on how they can anonymously report unsafe or hazardous conditions.

The University will assess all reports they receive. Upon conclusion of the assessment, the University shall inform the bargaining unit faculty member (in writing if the report was made in writing), if identified, 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.** 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.

**Section 5. Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations.**

- a. All bargaining unit faculty members shall receive information in initial offers of employment to access necessary and reasonable employment accommodations for a variety of disability needs covered by the ADA including but not limited to chronic health conditions, physical disabilities, mental health disabilities, learning disabilities, and/or any other conditions. The University shall attempt to put into place workplace

- 1 accommodations before the beginning of employment if advance notice is provided.  
2 Faculty will give notice of their need for accommodation by submitting a request form at  
3 <http://hr.uoregon.edu/interactive-disability-accommodation-process>. Upon receiving  
4 this notice, the University shall acknowledge receipt within seven days and initiate the  
5 interactive process within 14 days. The University shall provide a list of the types of  
6 workplace accommodations that may be reasonable on the University's HR website and  
7 a link to that list will be provided to employees when first seeking accommodations .  
8 b. The parties recognize that actions needed to fulfill an accommodation request may at  
9 times take primacy over other existing policies or procedures.  
10 c. Unreasonable denials of employment disability accommodations, including denials that  
11 are based on the anticipated costs of the requested accommodations, shall be resolved  
12 through the grievance procedure.

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