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14 **ARTICLE 17. ASSIGNMENT OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

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16 **Preamble.** The University and the Union recognize that, given the diverse nature of the work  
17 performed by bargaining unit faculty members, the varying types of appointments, and the needs  
18 of the university, the weighting of assignments and the particulars of individual assignments will  
19 vary both between and within units. The University and the Union also recognize that each  
20 bargaining unit faculty member has the obligation to devote their best efforts to the university,  
21 and particularly to students; to perform all duties with professionalism and diligence and in  
22 accordance with the standards appropriate in AAU institutions; to act ethically and in compliance  
23 with the accepted professional standards; to account for all money or property received; to use  
24 money and property only for lawful purposes and in accordance with policy; to treat confidential  
25 information as confidential; to cooperate with the university with regard to investigations, audits,  
26 and legal proceedings; and to represent the university with professionalism.

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28 **Section 1.** The faculty in each department or unit will maintain unit-level professional  
29 responsibilities policies in accordance with Article 4. Assignment of professional responsibilities  
30 may consist of some combination of instructional activities (including class preparation,  
31 classroom teaching, evaluation of student work, advising and mentoring, and various forms of  
32 communication with students); research, scholarship, and creative activity; service within the  
33 department, school, college, institute, libraries, or the University; service to external  
34 organizations or communities; and professional development activities.

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36 **Section 2. Workloads.** A bargaining unit faculty member's particular workload shall be  
37 assigned in accordance with their position description and unit-level policy. Assignments shall  
38 reflect:

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40 a. The instruction, research, and service needs of the university and its departments,  
41 institutes, centers and other academic units;  
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43 b. The bargaining unit faculty member's qualifications, ~~and~~ expertise, and potential to  
44 acquire the appropriate expertise;  
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46 c. The bargaining unit faculty member's evolving professional interests;

- d. Generally accepted practices in the field; and
- e. A realistic balance of duties consistent with the criteria for review.

All Career instructional bargaining unit faculty members at 1.0 annualized FTE shall be assigned at least .2 FTE for professional development and service.

~~All bargaining unit faculty members in instructional classifications and categories at 1.0 annualized FTE shall be assigned at least 0.1 FTE for professional development. Bargaining unit faculty members teaching nine or more classes with 1.0 FTE shall have their course load reduced by one course to allow FTE for professional development.~~

~~All bargaining unit faculty members in instructional classifications and categories at 1.0 annualized FTE shall be assigned at least 0.1 FTE for service expectations.~~

**Section 3. Assignments.** The Office of the Provost shall be ultimately responsible, subject to delegation, for the assignment of all bargaining unit faculty members' professional responsibilities.

Bargaining unit faculty members shall be afforded the opportunity to meet with their department or unit head annually, before responsibilities are assigned, to discuss the bargaining unit faculty member's preferences regarding assignments for teaching, research/~~creative work~~, service and other professional responsibilities as set forth in this Article, and the member's anticipated resource needs. At the bargaining unit faculty member's request, their caregiving responsibilities shall be considered in the scheduling of assignments.

The department or unit head may modify scheduled assignments, provided they discuss changes with the bargaining unit faculty member before they are made and that changes are not made for arbitrary or capricious reasons. Bargaining unit faculty members shall be given as much notice as possible about potential changes to their scheduled assignments.

Bargaining unit faculty members may request ~~to adjust~~ adjustments to schedules or assignments, ~~which shall not be unreasonably denied.~~

**Section 4.** Each bargaining unit faculty member must be fully engaged in teaching, research/~~creative work~~, and service work for the university to the extent of their appointment, and must be engaged in work or reasonably available for work for the entirety of the term for which the bargaining unit faculty member is employed unless on approved leave. ~~There is no expectation that a faculty member engage in service work for the University outside of their contract period, and~~ A bargaining unit faculty member's election not to engage in service work outside of their contract period shall not be considered in the assessment and review of their performance.

**Section 5. Impact of Enrollment on Tenure-Track and Tenured and Career Faculty Assignments.** In the event of course cancellation for insufficient enrollment:

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94 {Acceptance of lines 99-104 is contingent upon the administration accepting the Union's  
95 language in lines 129-132 on overload appointments}  
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- 97 a. The University will work with the affected faculty member to determine if it is possible  
98 to replace the course assignment with an equivalent course assignment within the same  
99 academic year. The assignment of an equivalent course pursuant to the Section shall not  
100 be considered an overload assignment. Except by mutual agreement, a bargaining unit or  
101 as the result of an unsuccessful development plan, TT faculty will not be expected to  
102 teach more than two courses (3-5 credit courses) in a term. and Career Except by mutual  
103 agreement, Except by mutual agreement, a Career faculty member will not be expected to  
104 teach more than three courses (3-5 credit courses) in a quarter-term unless the faculty  
105 member agrees.  
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- 107 b. If it is not possible to replace the course assignment within the same academic year, the  
108 department may provide an equivalent, alternative assignment or combination of  
109 assignments consistent with the department's workload policy. Examples of such work  
110 include but are not limited to the following: advising; determining course equivalencies  
111 for transfer credit; assessment projects; curriculum development; substitute teaching;  
112 recruiting for study abroad programs; and course development for future years. The  
113 equivalent, alternative assignment must be completed during the same term the canceled  
114 course was scheduled.  
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- 116 c. If assignments cannot be made under (a) and (b) of this section, the bargaining unit  
117 faculty member shall be assigned faculty-related work by the Dean's office.  
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119 **Section 6. Overloads.** An overload assignment is (1) an assignment that is in addition to the  
120 bargaining unit faculty member's regular assignment and FTE status; (2) a one-time or limited  
121 assignment, made or approved by the Office of the Provost, that is in addition to or different  
122 from regular or usual assignments for the member's classification and rank; or (3) assignments  
123 unrelated to the bargaining unit faculty member's primary job responsibilities. ; or (4) work  
124 normally completed by a GE  
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126 Overload appointments, except those with alternative compensation models, will be assigned an  
127 FTE percentage commensurate with normal workload duties and compensated accordingly.  
128 Bargaining unit faculty members may request that overload compensation take the form of a  
129 course release as follows: when the

- 130 a. When overload duties are completed in Fall or Winter, the course release must should be  
131 taken in the same academic year as the overload duties if practicable.  
132 b. When overload duties are completed in the Spring, the course release must should be  
133 taken the following Fall-term. academic year. release, or within one year of the release.  
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135 No bargaining unit faculty member may be disciplined or terminated for refusing an overload  
136 assignment.  
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138 Appointments for which compensation is paid, in whole or in part, with sponsored federal funds

139 may be ineligible for overload appointment or compensation.

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141 ~~Section 7. Bargaining unit faculty members will be eligible to buy out courses with external~~  
142 ~~grant funds or other research funds at the rate of 10% of their base salary.~~