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ARTICLE 29: MILITARY LEAVE

29.1.

Military Leave will be approved in accordance with University of Washington Administrative Policy Statement 45.4, which is subordinate to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, RCW 38.40, and RCW 49.77. Employees who are called to active duty in any of the uniformed services or their reserves shall receive 21 work days of paid military leave annually from October 1 through September 30. Such paid military leave shall be in addition to any compensatory time off, holiday credit, personal holiday, vacation time off or sick ~~leave~~ time off to which the employee might be otherwise entitled, and shall not involve the reduction of any benefits, performance rating, privileges or base pay. During the period of paid military leave, the employee shall receive their normal pay. If the employee is scheduled to work a shift that begins on one calendar day and ends on the next calendar day, the employee is charged military leave only for the first calendar day.

29.2.

Employees required to appear during working hours for a physical examination to determine physical fitness for military service shall receive full pay for the time required to complete the examination.

29.3.

Employees who are called to active duty in one of the uniformed services of the United States or the State of Washington shall be granted a military leave of absence without pay for absence from work for up to 5 years in addition to any time covered by the provisions of Section 29.1. During an unpaid military leave of absence, an employee is entitled to receive:

a. retirement benefits and service credit in accord with the provisions of the applicable retirement system;
b. paid medical and dental insurance if in pay status at least 8 hours per month. Other health plan coverage at the employee's request and expense for a limited period of time as determined by the Health Care Authority;
c. other length-of-service credits related to employment that would have been granted had the employee not been absent; provided that the employee returns to University service at the conclusion of the leave in accord with applicable Federal and State laws related to military leave; and
d. any additional benefit required by then-applicable state or federal law.

29.4.

The employee should follow the military leave of absence request process. Unless

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prohibited by military necessity, the University shall be provided with a copy of an employee's orders at the time the employee requests military leave. Such request shall be made as soon as reasonably practical after the employee learns of the need for such leave.

29.5.

Following release from military service, an employee shall have the right to return to their employment as provided by then-applicable state and federal law. The employee will provide a copy of employee's discharge papers and any other documentation permitted or required by military-leave laws to their supervisor and to Human Resources.

29.6.

Employees who are spouses of members of the armed forces will be released for the provisions of the Military Family Leave Act RCW 49.77 when the service member has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty or when on leave from deployment.

Tentatively Agreed To:

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