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ARTICLE 4: WORKPLACE BEHAVIOR

The Employer and the Union agree that all employees should work in an environment that fosters mutual respect and professionalism. The parties agree that inappropriate behavior in the workplace does not promote the University's business, employee well-being, or productivity. All employees are responsible for contributing to such an environment and are expected to treat others with courtesy and respect.

Inappropriate workplace behavior by employees, supervisors and/or managers will not be tolerated. At no time will bullying be accepted as appropriate workplace behavior. Bullying is defined as language or conduct that is unwelcome and sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive such that it could reasonably be expected to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, or has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an employee's work performance, when viewed through both an objective and subjective standard. If an employee and/or the employee's union representative believes the employee has been subjected to inappropriate workplace behavior, the employee and/or the employee's representative is encouraged to report this behavior to the employee's supervisor, a manager in the employee's chain of command and/or the Human Resources Office. An employee or the employee's representative should identify complaints as inappropriate workplace behavior. The Employer will investigate the reported behavior and take appropriate action as necessary. If the investigation exceeds sixty (60) days, the Union may request a status update. The employee and/or union representative will be notified upon conclusion of the investigation. Retaliation against employees who make a workplace behavior complaint will not be tolerated.

Grievances filed under this article may only be advanced up to Step 3 Mediation.

The Employer reserves the right to develop a university wide workplace behavior policy. The parties agree that if the Employer implements the executive order, the Employer will satisfy its collective bargaining obligations by providing the Union notice and opportunity to bargain.

Tentatively Agreed To:

For the Union:	For the Employer:
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