

*Tentative Agreement*

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10 **ARTICLE 36. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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12 **Section 1.** The University recognizes the importance of encouraging and supporting bargaining  
13 unit faculty members in professional development activities that enhance university instruction;  
14 scholarship, research and creative activities; and service that further the university’s academic  
15 mission. ~~Bargaining unit faculty members will have access to, and a monthly~~ an accounting of;  
16 their resources available for professional development.  
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18 ~~Section 2. Every unit will have a policy setting forth the procedures and criteria for applying for~~  
19 ~~and/or distributing available professional development funds using the process stated as~~  
20 ~~mandated in Article 4. The University shall inform bargaining faculty members of the amount~~  
21 ~~and status of their professional development funds in a monthly statement.~~  
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23 **Section 2. Professional Development Funds.** University funding support for professional  
24 development activities includes the following:  
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- 26 a. Unit-level funding for professional development activities, which is awarded in  
27 connection with unit-level policies;
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- 29 b. Designated funds for bargaining unit faculty members in appropriate classifications,  
30 categories, and ranks, such as Academic Support Accounts (ASA) or Professional  
31 Development Accounts (PDA), etc.;
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- 33 c. Other professional development funds made available for supporting professional  
34 development (i.e. Article 28);
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- 36 d. For purposes of this Article, “professional development funds” does not include ~~external~~  
37 ~~funds that grants or awards which~~ have restrictions on use (e.g., external grants or  
38 awards, endowment funds), ~~or endowment funds which have restrictions on use.~~  
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40 **Section 3. Use of Professional Development Funds.** The use of professional development funds  
41 must comply with all university, school or college, and department or unit policies and  
42 guidelines, in addition to applicable laws, regulations, and other funding restrictions. ~~When a~~  
43 ~~bargaining unit faculty member is on an approved sabbatical, research, medical, or family leave,~~  
44 ~~they may utilize professional development funds in order to maintain necessary activity on active~~  
45 ~~projects. Use of professional development funds while on approved leave other than sabbatical~~  
46 ~~will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the relevant Dean’s Office (or equivalent) Office~~  
47 ~~of the Provost, in consultation with the unit head and the bargaining unit faculty member, to~~


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48 honor the scope and purpose of the leave.

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50 **Section 4. Ownership.** All professional development funds along with any materials and  
51 equipment purchased with professional development funds are the property of the University and  
52 do not become the property of the individual faculty member. When a bargaining unit faculty  
53 member ~~separates from the University (e.g., resigns, retires, is laid off, or is terminated)~~, they  
54 forfeit any remaining professional development funds to the University. Electronic devices  
55 purchased with professional development funds may be subject to periodic return to the  
56 appropriate administrative unit to maintain inventory and update software.

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58 **Section 5. Additional Limitations.** Academic Support Accounts are not available to augment  
59 salaries, including compensation in the summer or expenses that would be considered in support  
60 of typical departmental operations. The use of professional development funds, including ASA  
61 funds, by funding-contingent bargaining unit faculty members must comply with the terms and  
62 conditions of their sponsored project and all federal and state laws and regulations.

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