

ARTICLE 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Section 1: The University, the Union and employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment.

Section 2: In order to maintain a safe and healthy work environment, the University and its employees will comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws pertaining to health and safety, including Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSHA”) regulations and the University’s health and safety policies, procedures and training requirements. No Employee shall be subjected to retaliation for reporting or inquiring about a health and safety concern.

Section 3: First aid equipment will be provided in appropriate locations. The University shall provide first aid information and training in workplaces that involve the use of or exposure to hazardous materials.

Section 4: Consistent with University procedures, the University will provide advance notice to affected Employees for asbestos removal project(s) in their immediate work area.

Section 5: In accordance with OSHA guidelines, an Employee will not be required to work in conditions which pose an immediate danger to their health and safety. If an Employee is aware of an unsafe working condition, the Employee should report the unsafe condition to their supervisor and/or the University’s Office of Environmental, Health and Safety for evaluation and appropriate follow-up.

Section 6: The University shall provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) deemed necessary by OSHA or any local, state or federal regulations for safely carrying out assigned duties.

Section 7: The University will make reasonable efforts to address ergonomic issues and questions which arise in the workplace.

Section 8: Employees will communicate with the University’s Office of Environmental Health and Safety and meet as needed, in order to share information and provide helpful suggestions to best support a safe and healthy work environment.

Section 9: A joint advisory Health and Safety Committee will be established. In the first year, the Health and Safety Committee will meet at least three (3) times and thereafter will establish a mutually agreed meeting schedule. Its function will be to provide feedback and recommendations to the University in relation to health and safety issues. The Union may designate up to three (3) representatives to the Health and Safety Committee. Members will be allowed reasonable time to participate in such meetings without loss of pay, so long as participation does not unreasonably interfere with the performance of their regular job duties.