

Article 1 - Recognition

1.1 Bargaining Unit. Pursuant to Order Granting Certification No. 03E-119 issued May 15, 2003 by the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC), wherein the Commission issued Certification No. 1395 adopting the bargaining unit agreed to by the University of South Florida and the United Faculty of Florida, the University has recognized the United Faculty of Florida as the exclusive representative, solely for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment as specifically set forth in this Agreement, for all employees in the bargaining unit described in the certification. Attached as Appendix "A," for information purposes only and not made a part of the Agreement, is the listing of titles included in the General Faculty bargaining unit.

1.2 University Rules, Policies, Regulations and Resolutions.

A. No existing, new or amended University rule, policy, regulation, or resolution shall apply to employees in the bargaining unit if it is inconsistent with or conflicts with an express term or provision of the Agreement.

B. The University shall provide to the UFF an advance copy of any proposed rule, policy, regulation, or resolution changing a term or condition of employment contained in this Agreement. The University shall provide the advance copy of a proposed rule no later than the date of publication under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. The advance copy of a rule, policy, regulation, or resolution shall be provided to the UFF at least thirty days (30) in advance of its effective date so as to permit the UFF to seek consultation with respect to it. With respect to a rule, policy, regulation, or resolution adopted pursuant to the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, an advance copy shall be provided to the UFF as far in advance of its effective date as is feasible under the circumstances.

C. If the USF Board or a committee of the Board has scheduled public hearings on any Board action that would conflict with an express term of this Agreement, the UFF shall not be denied the opportunity to address the matter.

D. If any proposed rule, policy, regulation, or resolution would modify an express term of this Agreement, the University shall engage in collective bargaining with respect to the change upon the UFF's request.

1.3 Board of Trustee Meetings.

A. The University shall maintain a web page containing a copy of the agenda and supporting materials for each Board meeting and Board committee meeting. Minutes of Board meetings and Board committee meetings shall be posted to the web page. The agenda, supporting materials and minutes shall be posted to the web page at the time same are made available to members of the Board.

B. The UFF shall be granted a place on the agenda at each Board meeting for the purpose of addressing any item on the Board's agenda that affects the wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment of employees.

1.4 Right to Hear Views. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent the USF Board or the University from meeting with any individual or organization to hear views on any matter, provided however, that as to any such matter which is a proper subject of collective bargaining and covered by a term of this Agreement, any changes or modification shall be made only through negotiation and agreement with the UFF.