

**ARTICLE 31
NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT**

For the purpose of negotiating a successor agreement, GTFF will send written notice to the University by October 15, 2013~~2015~~, specifying those subjects or sections of the Agreement it proposes to reopen and new subjects for negotiation. The University shall send written notice to the Union by October 15, 2013~~2015~~, specifying those subjects or sections of this Agreement it proposes to reopen as well as new subjects for discussion. New issues may be proposed by either party at the first meeting or later by mutual agreement. Those sections of this Agreement not reopened by said notices or by subsequent mutual agreement shall automatically become a part of any successor agreement. Negotiation of the successor agreement shall begin no later than November 15, 2013~~2015~~, or such date thereafter as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation agrees to schedule a ratification vote by the membership within two (2) weeks, excluding finals week and/or summer session, of the date of signing a tentative agreement with the University on a successor Agreement. ~~The Oregon State Board of Higher Education will ratify the Agreement at its next regularly scheduled meeting.~~ The tentative agreement will be presented to the University Board of Trustees or its designee within two weeks of receipt of the GTFF ratification of the tentative agreement for a decision on ratification.

Under these circumstances, the terms and conditions of the current Agreement will remain in effect until a successor Agreement is reached.