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**Article X7**

**Release Time**

**Section 1.** The University shall provide the Union with ~~0.98 FTE 3.0 annualized FTE up to a single 0.49 FTE 4.0 annualized FTE~~ of release time each academic year. Such release time may be used at the Union's discretion by no more than two (2) ~~ten (10)~~ individuals by a single individual each term during the academic year and divided in portions no smaller than 0.09 FTE, for the purposes of conducting union business, including, but not limited to, contract administration, grievances, and participation in the governance of the Union, or its state and national affiliates.

**Section 2.** The Union will notify the University ~~and the GE's department~~ of the particular GEs who shall receive such release time. Such notice will be provided as far in advance as possible to permit adequate coverage of assignments.