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Article X7

Release Time

Section 1. The University shall provide the Union with ~~0.98 FTE~~ 2.7 annualized FTE of release time each academic year. Such release time may be used at the Union’s discretion by no more than ~~ten (10) two (2)~~ 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. No more than three (3) individual GEs from the same department shall make use of this release time in an academic term.

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.