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AFFIDAVIT OF JEFFREY WICHTEL

I, Jeffrey Wichtel, of the City of Guelph, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am one of the defendants in this proceeding, and, as such have knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose. The matters deposed to that are not within my knowledge have been derived from third parties or a review of documents and, in each of such cases, the source of the information is identified, and I verily believe such matters to be true. True copies of all exhibits referred to herein are attached.
2. I am the Dean at the Ontario Veterinary College ("OVC") at the University of Guelph ("Guelph") and hold a faculty appointment in OVC's Department of Population Medicine.
3. The plaintiff, Dr. Byram Bridle ("Dr. Bridle") is a tenured Associate Professor of Viral Immunology in the Department of Pathobiology at OVC.

4. As the Dean of OVC, one of my many responsibilities includes mediating between different interests, including that of faculty. I often consult with the Faculty and Academic Staff Relations department and Guelph's Faculty Association (UGFA) to ensure that Guelph policies and procedures are followed in our unionized environment. To the extent that it is possible, I attempt to build and maintain a culture of collegiality and collaboration amongst faculty. That is not always possible, when faculty members have wide-ranging and contradictory views on various topics both in the public domain and within academia. The response to COVID-19, including vaccinations, mandatory vaccination policies, and masking, have been one of the most polarizing issues that I have dealt with during my tenure.
5. On May 26, 2021, I received an email from Dr. Bridle, advising me that he intended to sign a petition requesting that the US FDA not licence any COVID-19 vaccines until a minimum amount of additional scientific data had been provided by the manufacturers. This was certainly Dr. Bridle's right, and I took no issue with it. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit A** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email.
6. On May 30, 2021, I received an email from Dr. Bridle regarding a "smear campaign" that he believed had been launched against him because he had discussed his views on COVID-19 vaccines during a radio interview. He learned that a website had been set up in his name (byrambridle.com) that he believed was damaging to his reputation. Another OVC professor, Dr. Glen Pyle, had tweeted that he had been contacted by the person who had set it up. Dr. Bridle demanded to know what role Dr. Pyle had played in the creation of the website. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit B** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email sent at 2:07 a.m.
7. Later that morning, Dr. Bridle sent another email, including a tweet from Dr. David Fisman, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Fisman referred to vaccine safety concerns aired by Dr. Bridle during recent interviews and directed followers to the

website. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit C** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email sent at 3:58 a.m.

8. Still later that morning, Dr. Bridle copied me on an email that he had sent to Dr. Pyle, asking him to explain his role in the "smear campaign". Dr. Bridle also copied Dr. Charlotte Yates, the President and Vice Chancellor of Guelph. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit D** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email sent at 4:10 a.m.
9. I responded to Dr. Bridle's tweets that morning. I expressed my concern, and indeed I was very concerned, that Dr. Bridle had been up all night and that he was clearly distraught by the website and social media exchanges. I reiterated Guelph's commitment to freedom of expression and academic freedom but pointed out that:

...one can imagine situations where there are public statements and actions that fall outside what most people would consider reasonable debate and pursuit of truth. If a member feels that a U of G employee has subjected them to harassment or a violation of their human rights, there are policies and procedures to lodge a complaint, and all complaints are considered. I recommend that you look at the U of G policies on workplace harassment and human rights...

I concluded with a reference to the supports available if Dr. Bridle was struggling and urged him to avail himself of the available resources. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit E** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my email to Bridle sent at 9:09 a.m.

10. For his own part, Dr. Pyle denied any role in creating the website. In an email response to Dr. Bridle, he stated that he had not condoned it nor reposted anything about it on his Twitter account. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit F** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Pyle's email to Dr. Bridle sent on May 30, 2021, and copied to me.
11. Dr. Bridle responded to Dr. Pyle's email, asking who had created the website and demanding that Dr. Pyle facilitate it being taken down immediately. Attached hereto and

marked as **Exhibit G** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email sent to Dr. Pyle on May 30, 2021, and copied to me.

12. I responded to this email, as I was concerned about the entire matter escalating through an exchange of emails. I advised Dr. Bridle that I recommended a meeting between him and Dr. Pyle, either informally or with a third party to facilitate it. I was of the view that if a conflict could be managed peer-to-peer, that would be preferable to resorting to a formal complaints process, which was time-consuming. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit H** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my email to Dr. Bridle sent that day at 12:46 p.m.
13. Dr. Pyle also responded to Dr. Bridle's email, copying me. He stated that he did not know who had created the website, and that he had not attacked Dr. Bridle personally and did not condone this. He pointed out that they disagreed on the science and hoped that they could both present their respective arguments without character condemnations. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit I** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Pyle's email to Dr. Bridle sent that day at 1:00 p.m.
14. On June 2, 2021, Dr. Bridle made a workplace harassment complaint against Dr. Pyle and Dr. Scott Weese, another OVC professor. Dr. Bridle described the website, as well as a Twitter account that had been created in his name, and attached screen shots of tweets that had been made by Drs. Pyle, Weese and Fisman that he believed impugned his reputation. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit J** to this my affidavit is a true copy of the Workplace Harassment Reporting Form.
15. On June 21, 2021, I emailed Dr. Bridle to acknowledge receipt of his complaint. I explained that I had consulted with Faculty and Academic Staff Relations regarding the complaint process and substantive issues relating to the behaviour that would constitute harassment in accordance with its definition. I asked to meet with him to discuss it. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit K** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my email to Dr. Bridle.

16. Dr. Bridle's complaint had in fact been reviewed by Laurie Arnott, the Assistant Vice-President, Faculty & Academic Staff Relations. Without intending to waive solicitor-client privilege, I confirm that AVP Arnott told me that she had sought a legal opinion regarding whether the subject matter of the complaint constituted workplace harassment, and had been advised that it did not.
17. On June 23, 2021, AVP Arnott and I met with Dr. Bridle to explain why his complaint was being dismissed. We explained that academics were expected and encouraged to engage in scientific discussions and debates about issues relevant to their work or discipline and in this environment, a wider latitude of disagreement and confrontational speech occurred than in other workplaces. We explained that the topic was a controversial one, and that the disagreement amongst colleagues did not deviate from reasonable workplace conduct. We relayed this decision to Dr. Bridle with professionalism and compassion, reminding him that he could access support services for his mental and physical health.
18. In reaching this decision, there was no consultation – or conspiracy – with Drs. Weese or Pyle or anyone else.
19. The day after our meeting, Dr. Bridle sent an email to Drs. Weese and Pyle but copied the entire listserve in Pathobiology, including early career faculty. He stated that he was “sick and tired of your immature behaviours in social media”, and it was “time to start acting your age”. He again demanded to know the identity of the person who had created the website. He invited them to publicly debate the issue of COVID-19 vaccines in children, told them they had one week to respond and concluded that the clock had started ticking. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit L** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email addressed to Drs. Weese and Pyle dated June 24, 2021.

20. I responded to this email, reminding Dr. Bridle that I had previously requested that email not be used for discussing the topic as the exchanges were fuelling tensions at OVC. I asked that he remove Drs. Weese and Pyle from email distributions related to the topic, as they had both previously requested. I reminded him that this request in no way restricted his right to academic freedom and freedom of expression. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit M** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my email to Dr. Bridle dated June 24, 2021.
21. Dr. Bridle responded to my email, suggesting that my direction to remove Drs. Weese and Pyle from email distributions was unfair as I had not directed them to refrain from tweeting about him. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit N** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bridle's email dated June 24, 2021.
22. On June 28, 2021, 82 members of Guelph faculty and/or staff signed a letter stating that they disagreed with Dr. Bridle's public statements to the effect that COVID-19 vaccines were unsafe. This letter was prepared and disseminated without any prior consultation with myself, although these 82 members were certainly entitled to express their views without my pre-approval.
23. On July 21, 2021, Dr. Pyle reported an encounter with Dr. Bridle on campus. He stated that he had been crossing a parking lot when Dr. Bridle called out to him that I should "come over here and say it to my face, you fucking coward". Dr. Bridle continued to yell and gesture until Dr. Pyle took out his phone to record the incident. At that point, Dr. Bridle made one final gesture and turned away. Dr. Pyle reported that he was concerned for his physical safety as he believed that Dr. Bridle's gesture was an attempt to engage in a physical confrontation. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit O** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Pyle's email report to Larry O'Connell, a Special Constable with the Campus Safety Office, dated July 21, 2021, and copied to me.

24. That same day, I received an email complaint from Dr. Dorothee Bienzle, another OVC professor. She had that day found a hard copy of a letter from Dr. Bridle in her office, which commenced with “Are you sure you are on the right side of history?”. She had learned of the encounter between Dr. Pyle and Dr. Bridle that morning and found the physical intrusion into her office unsettling. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit P** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Dr. Bienzle’s email dated July 21, 2021.

25. The following day, both Dr. Andrew Peregrine and Dr. Bienzle reported an encounter with Dr. Bridle on campus. Dr. Peregrine arrived at the Pathobiology building where his office was located to find Dr. Bridle waiting for him beside the elevator. Dr. Peregrine went to the stairwell to avoid him, but Dr. Bridle began shouting and followed him up the stairs. Dr. Peregrine went to Dr. Bienzle’s office, located next to his, and she let him in and shut the door. Dr. Bridle remained outside, shouting. They asked him to leave several times, but he would not. They called the Campus Safety Office for assistance. Dr. Bridle remained outside Dr. Bienzle’s door until they arrived. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit Q** is a copy of the email complaint that I received from Dr. Peregrine dated July 22, 2021.

26. The complaints arising out of the encounters of July 21 and 22, 2021 involving Drs. Pyle, Peregrine and Bienzle, could not be ignored, due to the perceived threats of physical violence on campus. It was necessary to initiate an investigation in accordance with Article 39 of the Collective Agreement, Guelph’s Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), to determine whether Dr. Bridle breached the expectations for maintenance of a workplace free from harassment. I believed that it was necessary to retain an independent, third-party investigator to conduct the investigation.

27. By letter dated July 22, 2021, I informed Dr. Bridle of the investigation and assured him that he would be provided with a full opportunity to provide input and response at each step of the process. I also assured him that the investigation, in and of itself, was not to be seen as a disciplinary action but that as safety had been raised as a concern, he would not be permitted to attend campus without my consent until the investigation was complete. I offered to facilitate his working remotely in the interim. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit R** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter to Dr. Bridle dated July 22, 2021.
28. On July 23, 2021, I sent an email to Dr. Bridle, requesting a meeting to discuss what had transpired over the preceding couple of days. I informed him that he was to have no contact with Drs. Pyle, Peregrine, Bienzle or Weese. I assured him that I understood that recent events were unwelcome and stressful, and I reminded him that he could avail himself of the Employee and Family Assistance Program. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit S** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my email to Dr. Bridle dated July 23, 2021.
29. On July 29, 2021, AVP Arnott retained Nick Duley of North Shore HR Consulting Inc., an independent party, to investigate the complaints. I was interviewed by Mr. Duley and provided a complete and honest account of the circumstances leading up to the complaints and my perception of them. I understand that multiple attempts were made to persuade Dr. Bridle to participate in the investigation, but he refused.
30. On September 24, 2021, while the investigation was ongoing, Guelph instituted a mandatory vaccination policy.
31. On or about November 9, 2021, Mr. Duley issued his report. He found that based on the evidence, including witness interviews, Dr. Bridle's behaviour was harassing and in violation of Article 42 of the Collective Agreement and Guelph's Workplace Harassment

Prevention Policy. Attached as **Exhibit T** to this my affidavit is a true copy of Mr. Duley's report dated November 9, 2021, with names of witnesses redacted.

32. I notified Dr. Bridle of Mr. Duley's findings and invited him to a meeting to respond to the findings before the imposition of discipline. Dr. Bridle refused.
33. By letter dated November 24, 2021 to Dr. Bridle, I reiterated the results of the investigation, advised him that Guelph believed that discipline was warranted and again invited him to a meeting to discuss. He declined. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit U** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter dated November 24, 2021.
34. On or about December 7, 2021, I contacted Dr. Bridle to advise that his winter semester course was to be taught in person and that he would need to comply with the vaccine mandate. Dr. Bridle, however, refused to be vaccinated and was therefore not permitted to be on campus property.
35. On December 15, 2021, Dr. Bridle wrote me a 5-page letter, explaining how he had acquired natural immunity to COVID-19 and therefore did not need to comply with the mandatory vaccination policy. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit V** to this my affidavit is a true copy of his letter dated December 15, 2021.
36. By letter dated January 4, 2022, I advised Dr. Bridle that due to his failure to meet to discuss Mr. Duley's report, that I accepted the results. I imposed discipline in the form of five days of paid suspension commencing immediately. I advised him that temporary restrictions in place regarding his attendance on campus would be lifted effective January 11, 2021; however, he was required to comply with the mandatory vaccination policy if he attended campus. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit W** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter to Dr. Bridle dated January 4, 2022.

37. Separate and apart from the complaints leading to the workplace harassment complaint, Guelph received unsafe workplace complaints from Drs. Weese, Pyle, Peregrine and Bienzle. These complainants believed that Dr. Bridle's impending return to campus created a safety risk for them due to, among other things, his refusal to participate in the harassment investigation and fear of repeated behaviour.
38. In or about February of 2022, in response to this further complaint, Guelph retained an independent third party, Protect International Risk and Safety Services Inc. ("Protect") to conduct a workplace violence risk investigation. Once again, Dr. Bridle refused to be interviewed as part of the investigation.
39. On February 25, 2022, I wrote to Dr. Bridle to inform him of the retainer of Protect. I explained that there remained outstanding safety concerns and a workplace assessment was necessary to determine whether there ought to be measures put into place in addition to a no-contact requirement that was being implemented effective immediately. There was to be not contact between Dr. Bridle and Drs. Weese, Pyle, Peregrine, Bienzle and Greer for a period of 2 years. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit X** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter to Dr. Bridle of February 25, 2022 (but mistakenly dated 2021).
40. By letter dated March 22, 2022, I advised Dr. Bridle that he was directed to participate in the Protect investigation by making himself available for an interview. Dr. Bridle refused to do so. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit Y** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter to Dr. Bridle dated March 22, 2022.
41. On April 25, 2022, Protect issued its report and recommended that steps be taken to mitigate a perceived risk of violence on the part of Dr. Bridle. I immediately notified Dr. Bridle of the results of the investigation and advised him that his office and lab would need to be moved from the Pathobiology building, and that he would no longer be

permitted to access the Pathobiology building. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit Z** to this my affidavit is a true copy of my letter to Dr. Bridle dated April 29, 2022.

42. On May 1, 2022, Guelph paused its mandatory vaccination policy. This meant that Dr. Bridle, who was unvaccinated, could return to campus. However, as per the Protect assessment and report, he would not be permitted to have an office or lab in the Pathobiology building.
43. On August 11, 2022, AVP Arnott and I met with Dr. Bridle to discuss his return to campus, including moving his office and lab. Dr. Bridle was urged to meet with Protect, which could potentially result in a change in the safety risk identified. Still, Dr. Bridle refused.
44. On September 9, 2022, I contacted Dr. Bridle and advised him that an alternate office had been sourced for him and possible alternate locations for his lab were being explored.
45. On December 8, 2022, I contacted Dr. Bridle and confirmed that he was scheduled to begin teaching a course in January of 2023 and that an alternate office had been located. Dr. Bridle responded that he would not move his office.
46. On January 4, 2024, UGFA brought a grievance on behalf of Dr. Bridle, on the basis that i) his continued prohibition from the Pathobiology building was unreasonable and de facto disciplinary and that ii) he was being discriminated against on the basis of his Tourette's Syndrome, which might have contributed to behaviours which can appear aggressive. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit AA** to this my affidavit is a true copy of the letter from UGFA to Dr. Gwen Chapman, Provost and Vice-President of Academic, dated January 4, 2024.
47. On February 6, 2024, AVP Arnott responded to the grievance. She explained what led to the prohibition from the Pathobiology building and advised that if Dr. Bridle agreed to participate in an updated safety and risk threat assessment associated with his potential

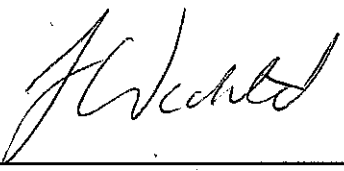
access, and that the outcome of the assessment was determinative of there being no safety threat or that risks of any safety threat could be mitigated, that the prohibition would be reconsidered. With respect to the issue of Dr. Bridle's Tourette's Syndrome, she confirmed Guelph's commitment to appropriate accommodations of employees requiring it and invited Dr. Bridle to follow procedures by submitting the necessary documentation to the Occupation Health and Wellness department for review. She also advised that, in light of the competing regimes of disability accommodation and the provision of a psychological safe workplace, that Guelph would conduct an updated safety and risk assessment and require Dr. Bridle to participate. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit BB** to this my affidavit is a true copy of AVP Arnott's letter to Herb Kunze, the President of UGFA, and copied to me.

48. Dr. Bridle has returned to campus to teach in person but has not availed himself of the offer of the alternate office and lab.
49. Throughout the events leading up to the within action, I believe that I, as well as AVP Arnott, have dealt with Dr. Bridle professionally and compassionately, while balancing the concerns of other faculty who have expressed concern for their safety, in the midst of behaviour they considered to be intimidating, threatening and violent.
50. I categorically deny that I at any time entered into a conspiracy with one or more of the other individually named defendants to defame Dr. Bridle and damage his reputation. I categorically deny that I engaged in disparate treatment of Dr. Bridle and any of his colleagues.
51. With the possible exception of statements made in the social media accounts of two members of the faculty, all events described in this affidavit pertain to matters that I verily believe are subject to the Collective Agreement between Guelph and the UGFA, of which Dr. Bridle is a member. UGFA is certified by the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The

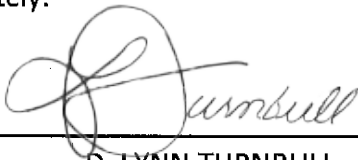
Collective Agreement that UGFA negotiated governs the conditions of employment for all of its members. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit CC** to this my affidavit is a true copy of the Collective Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. This Collective Agreement was rolled over for one year due to COVID so it was actually in effect until June 30, 2022. The current Collective Agreement, effective July 1, 2022, is contained in this link [UGFA CA 2022 FinalPrint Nov20 2023.pdf \(uoguelph.ca\)](#).

52. I swear this affidavit in support of the relief sought and for no improper purpose.

SWORN REMOTELY by Jeffrey Wichtel, stated }
as being located in the City of Guelph before }
me at the City of Burlington, on this 21st }
day of June, 2024 in accordance with O. Reg }
431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration }
Remotely. }



JEFFREY WICHTEL



D. LYNN TURNBULL

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.

This is Exhibit "A" referred to in the Affidavit of Jeffrey Wichtel sworn before me June 21, 2024.

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Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: [Byram Bridle](#)
To: [Brandon Lillie](#); [Jeffrey Wichtel](#)
Subject: copy of petition that I will be signing
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 10:32:37 AM
Attachments: [2021-05-26 - Citizens Petition v17 draft.docx](#)

Hi Brandon and Jeff,

Out of respect and for your information, I have attached a second-to-last draft of a petition that I will be signing requesting that the US FDA not license any COVID-19 vaccines until a minimum amount of additional scientific data are provided by the manufacturers. The final version will include signatories from around the world, with at least 50% from within the USA. If accepted, it will be made public. When signing I will include reference to my institution 'for identification purposes only'. Although the names of the other signatories are currently confidential, here is a partial list of the institutions that they are from:

University of Maryland
UCLA
OHSU
Harvard
Stanford
Baylor University
University of Leicester
Newcastle University
Oxford University
University of Sydney
University of Muenster

I just wanted to give you a 'heads up' so you don't learn about it for the first time via social or traditional media.

Sincerely,
Byram

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From: Byram Bridle

Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 2:07 AM

To: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Karen Mantel <kmantel@uoguelph.ca>; Jane Dawkins <jdawkins@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: smear campaign

Dear Jeff and Shayan,

It has been brought to my attention that a smear campaign has been launched against me because I answered a question about COVID-19 vaccines that was posed to me by a radio show host. Everything I said is backed up by peer-reviewed scientific articles. Of course, however, I had no way to show these references in the context of a radio interview. FYI, this libelous website was set-up...

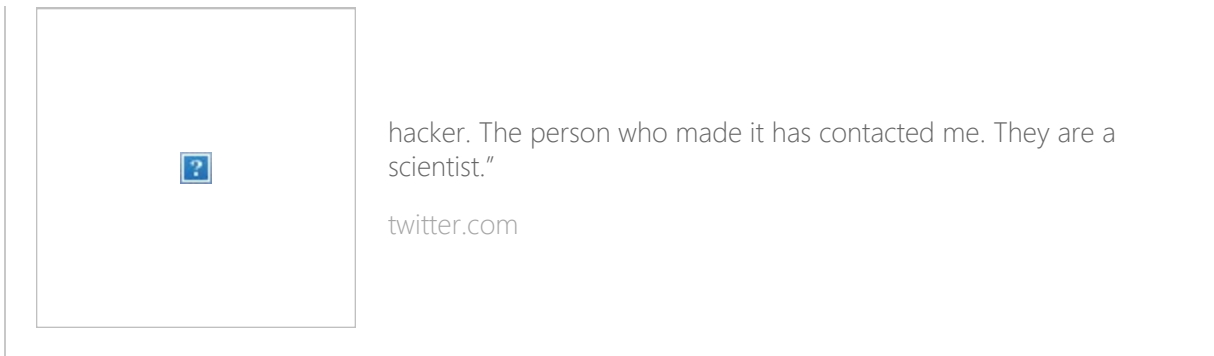
<http://byrambridle.com/>

Because of this I have found myself the victim of vicious attacks. This has forced me to cancel my commitment to a grant review panel for CIHR (reviews were due tomorrow [Mon.], the panel was to meet the week after). I have had to leave them and applicants short of eight reviews. This is a very embarrassing thing to do and reflects very poorly on me as a professional. I have also had to contact two editors to plead for extensions to submission deadlines for two manuscripts from my group that were due tomorrow (Monday). This is taking a toll on my mental and physical health. I should not have to be up at 2 in the morning on a Sunday having to deal with this. Thankfully, I have had numerous colleagues, both locally and from around the world jump to my defence. I have already been in contact with a legal team that has offered to investigate should I wish to follow through. There is a second lawyer who may be willing to help. Of incredible concern was this tweet that was forwarded to me....

<https://twitter.com/glenpyle/status/1398810510234206210>

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated on Twitter

"@maggieoutabout @DFisman @UofGuelphOAC It's not a



...I demand to know what Glen's role is in this. Did he condone this? Was he part of this? He certainly knows who made the website and did not speak out against it. The website also uses an article that Glen wrote to try to slam me. I will wait to see if this can be handled internally. However, I am ready to pull the trigger on a police investigation and getting a lawyer involved. Since I have had to, with enormous embarrassment, cancel my work obligations, I am now free most of Monday. I would like to deal with this ASAP. None of this adheres to the principle of academic freedom. To protect myself, I now feel obligated to disseminate the scientific sources of my comments. I am currently writing a comprehensive document to prove that the science underpinning my comments is legitimate. I should not be having to waste so much time and energy on something like this. I am disgusted. Especially if a colleague within OVC is involved in some way. I have never had anything but the most collegial interactions with Glen in the past. We served together on the Pet Trust grant review panel. Why didn't he use this public forum to condemn a vicious attack on a colleague????!!???? Instead, he is implying that the slander is legitimate by assuring the public that it was written by a scientist that he can back-up. This has got very ugly very quickly.

Do you have any more information that you can provide to me?

What is the immediate next step?

Sincerely,
Byram

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From: [Byram Bridle](#)
To: [Jeffrey Wichtel](#); [Shayan Sharif](#)
Cc: [Karen Mantel](#); [Jane Dawkins](#); [Brandon Lillie](#)
Subject: Re: smear campaign
Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 3:58:55 AM

I just received this...

<https://twitter.com/DFisman/status/1398756044004802565>



David Fisman on Twitter

"I've had questions over the past 48 h about vaccine safety concerns aired Dr Byram Bridle at @UofGuelphOAC in some recent interviews. I don't know Dr Bridle but he's a legit immunologist. Some claims, however, are not data based, and are answered here: <https://t.co/GOrR5vQVvb>"

twitter.com

Glen Pyle is all over this. He seems to be loving the bashing I am taking. He even states embarrassment when correcting someone to note that I am from OVC, not OAC. Is David Fisman the one who made the website?

Sincerely,
Byram

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To: [Glen Pyle](#)
Cc: [Jeffrey Wichtel](#); [Shayan Sharif](#); [Brandon Lillie](#); [Karen Mantel](#); [Jane Dawkins](#); [Charlotte Yates](#); [Gwen Chapman](#); [Cate Dewey](#)
Subject: Re: smear campaign
Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 4:10:59 AM
Importance: High

Glen,

Can you please explain your role in the smear campaign against me? Who is the scientist that made the website to slander me? I need this information now! ...or are you going to continue to revel in the harm being caused to a colleague that you are embarrassed about? If I do not receive a reply from you by noon on Monday, I will contact the police to see if they can get the information from you.

Byram

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From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 9:09 AM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Karen Mantel <kmantel@uoguelph.ca>; Jane Dawkins <jdawkins@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: smear campaign

Dear Byram,

By the time stamps on your emails, I can see you have indeed been up all night. I am sorry to hear that these social media exchanges have affected both your personal and professional life; the wellbeing of all our UofG community is top priority for me and for all OVC and UofG leadership so I will take a few minutes to explain how the university supports its members.

First of all, it goes without saying that the University's [commitment to freedom of expression and academic freedom](#) is extended to all our members. This commitment means that scholarly debate on a topic is supported, even where it may not reflect the majority view and even when it appears that one member is directly confronting the statements of another, even in public media.

That being said, one can imagine situations where there are public statements and actions that fall outside what most people would consider reasonable debate and pursuit of truth. If a member feels that a UofG employee has subjected them to harassment or a violation of their human rights, there

are policies and procedures to lodge a complaint, and all complaints are considered. I recommend that you look at the UofG policies on [workplace harassment](#) and human rights – the links are right there in our freedom of expression statement.

Because of the UofG commitment to fairness and transparency, working through the complaints process is not quick, but it is thorough and fair to all parties. Thus, you cannot expect any immediate result from lodging a complaint, other than the complaint will be considered in a dispassionate and fair way. Because of this and many other good reasons, we always recommend that conflict be managed at the lowest possible level, informally, wherever possible. In this case it appears that both parties have offered to speak directly to each other as one scientist to another – this of course is something we would recommend as a first step. If that does not work well, it can help to have a third-party present that is known and trusted by both – both parties should agree who that should be.

I want to stress that the formal complaint process is available to you, but I recommend that this issue be approached informally, if at all possible, as a first step.

Byram, as a private citizen it is your absolute right to consult law enforcement, but that is outside of my jurisdiction. I suggest you seek legal advice before taking such steps.

Finally, you mention this has affected your mental wellbeing and I am glad to hear you have a collegial support network. There are many [supports available to you](#) should you need personal help. Anyone in the Deans Office or your Chair will be more than happy to help you negotiate the services available. I cannot stress enough how important it is to seek help when you are struggling. Access to counselling is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week through the University's EFAP provider, [Homewood Behavioural Health Corporation \(HBH\)](#) at 1-800-663-1142.

I believe Shayan has offered to speak with you at your earliest convenience and I highly recommend you take the time to meet with him.

Sincerely,

Jeff

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Cc: [Jeffrey Wichtel](#); [Shayan Sharif](#); [Brandon Lillie](#); [Karen Mantel](#); [Jane Dawkins](#); [Charlotte Yates](#); [Gwen Chapman](#); [Cate Dewey](#)
Subject: RE: smear campaign
Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 11:27:58 AM

I have no role in the website, nor have I condoned it or reposted anything about it. It was flagged to me and that's how I found out.

With respect to the comment that "The website also uses an article that Glen wrote to try to slam me", my article was written about the paper by Lei et al and was posted May 12. This was well before the interview so I'm not sure how I wrote it to try and slam you.

Glen.

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----- Original message -----

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Date: 2021-05-30 12:06 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>, Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>, Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>, Karen Mantel <kmantel@uoguelph.ca>, Jane Dawkins <jdawkins@uoguelph.ca>, Charlotte Yates <cyates@uoguelph.ca>, Gwen Chapman <gwen.chapman@uoguelph.ca>, Cate Dewey <c.dewey@exec.uoguelph.ca>

1/4/2024 11:40 AM

Electronically filed / Déposé par voie électronique : 28-Jun-2024
Toronto Superior Court of Justice / Cour supérieure de justice

From: Glen Bridle <Glen.Bridle@uoguelph.ca>

Court File No./N° du dossier du greffe : CV-22-00691880-0000

Hi Glen,

You failed to answer the most important question: **Who is the scientist that made the website?** They need to take it down immediately. You know who this person is. If you do not facilitate taking it down, then you are complicit in the harm it is causing me.

My comment Re: your article was supposed to be interpreted as "The website slammed me using an article that Glen wrote". Please excuse my weak use of grammar under great duress in the wee hours of the morning.

Byram

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From: Jeffrey Wichtel

Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 12:46 PM

To: Byram Bridle

Cc: Shayan Sharif; Brandon Lillie; Karen Mantel; Jane Dawkins; Charlotte Yates; Gwen Chapman; Cate Dewey

Subject: Re: smear campaign

Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Byram,

I am going to be more specific: rather than ramp this up via email I suggest you and Glen find another strategy. I have let Glen know, as I did you, that an informal one on one or a facilitated one on one discussion would be a great first step to coming to mutual understanding, while respecting our principles of free expression. I am happy to help, as is Shayan, copied here. Continued exchange like this one, escalating the stakes by including the President and Provost, is certainly not the strategy I would recommend. You see below the likelihood of misunderstanding: this is why we do not recommend relying on email exchange on sensitive items like this.

I hope you'll both take my advice on this.

Thanks,

Jeff

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RE: smear campaign

Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Sun 2021-05-30 1:00 PM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>;Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>;Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Hi Byram.

I'm removing some of the cc on this in the hope that a more focused discussion will help. Jeff conveyed to me the suggestion that we try a more focused approach and I understand he did the same for you. Hopefully this helps

First, I appreciate the clarification about the article. Stress or not, I can see how a small language error (inadvertent) can cause a misunderstanding. Happy to move past that.

Second, I don't know who made the website. You've mentioned you are not on social media so you may not be aware that some people chose to remain anonymous. The website was flagged to me and that was the info I was given. Others tried to tag it to Dr Fisman and someone mentioned a hacker. I simply clarified that my understanding was this was not the case. I think you can appreciate that had someone been mistakenly linked to material they didn't create, that could create stress for them.

Finally, I would like to point out that anything I posted was based on publically available information and that I have stuck to the evidence. I have not attacked you as a person and have no intention of doing so. I think we can have profound disagreements about the science and stay away from character attacks. If others have made it personal I don't condone that. In all honesty, I have not seen personal attacks like that, but these things do happen on social media and I don't think they help any side of the debate. I myself have been on the receiving end, including threats of violence, so I can speak from experience.

We have deep disagreements over the science. I have no issue with you presenting your arguments based on studies and data, and have never called for your academic freedom to be curtailed. You don't need my permission, so hopefully that last statement doesn't come across like that. I hope that you will afford me the same opportunity to discuss the scientific literature, and we can disagree (or perhaps be swayed by each other's arguments).

I am sorry you feel you have been personally attacked and that this has created stress. If I have inadvertently posted something that appears to be personal, I apologize without reservation. I can't be responsible for the words of others, but let me clearly state that anyone who attacks you as a person is not supported by me.

Glen.

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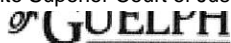
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Workplace Harassment Reporting Form

CONFIDENTIAL

Submission Date: (yy/mm/dd): 2021/06/02

The University of Guelph takes all reasonable steps to ensure that an employee's right to freedom from harassment and discrimination is upheld. For more information concerning the definition of harassment, refer to the University's Policy and Program on [Workplace Harassment Prevention, 851.01.18](#).

The purpose of this report is to obtain sufficient information about the incident to trigger action by appropriate individuals. Submit the completed form to Occupational Health & Wellness (OHW).

Fax or Send to (519) 780-1796 / ohw@uoguelph.ca

This form is not to be used to report incidents of workplace violence. For violence-related cares, refer to the Policy and Program on [Workplace Violence Prevention](#).

Complainant:

Full Name: Dr. Byram W. Bridle Initial: _____

Status:

- Employee Student Visitor Volunteer Contractor
 Other: _____

Department: Pathobiology Building: #89 (PAHL)
Phone/Extension: (Work) x54657 (Cell) 519-362-5637

Employee Group (if applicable):

- X UGFA Unit 1 CUPE 3913 OSSTF/TARA PSA
 UGFA (not sure which unit)
 UGFA Unit 2 Exempt UNIFOR OPSEU
 CUPE 1334 ONA UGFSEA USW
 Other (specify): _____

Incident(s)

Date of Incident(s): Started May 29, 2021

Where did the Incident Occur?

- Guelph Campus Research Station: _____
 Ridgetown Campus Other: online

Name of Supervisor: Dr. Brandon Lillie, Dept. Chair
Dr. Jeffrey Wichtel, Dean of OVC



Workplace Harassment Reporting Form

Have you notified your Supervisor?

- Yes No

Respondent(s):

Last Name	First Name	Work Location
Pyle	Glen	Faculty member in the Dept. of Biomedical Sciences
Weese	Scott	Faculty member in the Dept. of Pathobiology

Relationship to you:

- Co-worker Visitor Volunteer
 Employee Student Other (specify): _____
 Supervisor Client

Witness Information, if any:

Name	Department	Phone number/Extension
Tweets from both faculty members have been viewed by innumerable people around the world.		

Description of events

Provide a thorough description of the events, including who, what, where and when. Note witness names and dates and times of incident(s). If necessary, you may use additional pages:

Please see the appended description of events.



Workplace Harassment Reporting Form

Have you notified anyone else of the events? If so, who and when?

I have not had a chance yet, but intend to contact the Guelph Police to see if they will perform an investigation.

A complaint has been filed about Dr. David Fisman to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; Drs. Pyle and Weese were listed as possible witnesses. This complaint is appended at the end of this document.

Recommendations (if any)/Remedy Sought:

Please see the appended recommendations.

Signatures

Reported by: Dr. Byram W. Bridle

Signature: _____

Date: (yy/mm/dd) 2021/06/02

The University of Guelph takes every complaint of harassment in the workplace very seriously. You can assist in the investigation of the incident(s) by providing as much information and as many details as possible. Information provided about a complaint or incident will not be disclosed except to the extent necessary to protect workers, to investigate the complaint or incident, to take corrective action or as otherwise required by law. By signing this report, you certify that the information herein is factual and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Report received by: _____

Date received: (yy/mm/dd) _____

Description of Events

In the fulfillment of my responsibility as a public servant at a publicly funded academic institution I gave an interview, when invited. I answered a question posed by a radio show host to the best of my ability. It was an honest, unbiased answer that I could back-up with multiple peer-reviewed scientific papers. Following this interview, a Dr. David Fisman from the University of Toronto (and a member of Ontario's COVID-19 Science Advisory Table) began a series of Tweets that appear to have been part of or initiated a very public smear campaign against me. This has included the creation of a libelous website that was created using my domain name "byrambridle.com". The host of the radio show was also slandered on this website. Also, a slanderous Twitter account was made ("Not Byram Bridle" @ByramBridle). Both Drs. Pyle and Weese have made and/or promoted slanderous comments about me. I have appended some screenshots to provide examples. For example, many of the negative conversations in his Twitter feed revolve around attacking the 'scientific references' for the statements I made on the radio show. However, I never had a chance to state what my references were. I obviously could not show people the science via the air waves. No attempt was made by Drs. Pyle and Weese to engage me in respectful scientific discussion; they did not ask me what my evidence was prior to posting comments. The appended comments may only represent a partial list of commentary on Twitter (to the best of my knowledge, Dr. Weese was responsible for only one slanderous Tweet; Dr. Pyle was responsible for multiple). For maintenance of my mental health, I have stopped following and documenting the Twitter feeds, so additional investigation into what has transpired would be required. This is the account in question: <https://twitter.com/DFisman/status/1398756044004802565>. The harmful Twitter feeds began at 5:40 P.M. on May 29, 2021. As a result of the smear campaign that Drs. Pyle and Weese have actively participated in I have had to cancel major academic commitments, including service this and next week on a grant review panel for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. I have also had to contact three journal editors to request extensions to deadlines for three invited manuscripts. I am receiving some malicious e-mails and phone messages from members of the public. The roles of Drs. Pyle and Weese seems contradictory to the tent of appropriate academic conduct. Their harmful messaging has had a negative influence on my mental and physical health. Notably, since the Tweets were initiated, I averaged only ~2 hours of sleep for three consecutive nights. I cannot currently fulfill all my work responsibilities. I have had to remove names of my trainees from my website to try to protect them from defamation. I felt compelled to right a report to circulate on social media to show that my comments on radio were backed up by science.

Of grave concern, Dr. Pyle openly shared on Twitter that he knows the person who made the libelous website using my domain name. In an e-mail chain that included members of the senior administration in my college Dr. Pyle denied stating this. I was appalled at the lie and went to Twitter to take a screenshot of the comment. To my dismay he has removed that post. However, a colleague of mine had taken a screenshot to show others. I have appended the two screen shots that prove he attempted to cover up a deliberate lie. It also confirms that he knows the identify of the person who created the website.

Recommendations

1. If it hasn't stopped already, that the slandering being done by Drs. Pyle and Weese be stopped as soon as possible.
2. That Drs. Pyle and Weese be disciplined in a manner befitting of someone that is actively harming a fellow academic and attempting to suppress open respectful scientific discussions.
3. That Dr. Pyle's role in setting up the libelous website be disclosed.
4. That Dr. Pyle reveal the name of the scientist who set-up the website to facilitate efforts to take it down.
5. That Drs. Pyle and Weese be questioned to determine if they played any role in setting up a false Twitter account in my name that is slandering me.
6. That I can return to conducting my academic work without being harassed by Drs. Pyle and Weese and others that they are inciting.
7. That Drs. Pyle and Weese will issue a public apology to me. At a minimum, this should be done via the U of G campus community and via Twitter.
8. That Drs. Pyle and Weese will undertake sensitivity training to promote respectful academic conduct.

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface with a navigation bar on the left containing icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. The main content area displays a tweet from David Fisman (@DFisman) with a reply from J Scott Weese (@weese_scott). The reply is circled in black, and a hand-drawn line connects it to the text 'I hate to do this because this is my college, but Dr Bridle is not in OAC. He is a faculty member at @OntVetCollege.' in the tweet's text. Below the reply, there are several other tweets, including one from 'Thirty Six Edibic Cups' and another from 'Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated'. On the right side, there is a 'What's happening' section with trending topics like 'Clippers at Mavericks' and 'Kawhi'. At the bottom, there is a search bar and a 'Type here to search' prompt.

Twitter.com/glenpyle/status/1398807577593626627

Home Explore Notifications Messages Bookmarks Lists Profile More

Replying to @DFisman and @LetGueInOAC

I hate to do this because this is my college, but Dr Bridle is not in OAC. He is a faculty member at @OntVetCollege.

1:04 PM · May 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

2 Quote Tweets 14 Likes

J Scott Weese @weese_scott · 17h
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
It's tough but misinformation has to be challenged. More misinformation and confusion during a pandemic are dangerous and causing harm.

36 **Thirty Six Edibic Cups** @ThirtySixCups · May 29
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
Wait he's a VET?

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · May 29
No. Many of us who work at the vet college are not vets, just like many people who teach at med school are not physicians.

Crypto Arcadian @phantastry · 10h
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
Regardless of who he is can you address what he says please.

David Fisman @DFisman
Professor, interested in plaques, pestilences and politics. I am, literally, a fish who needs a bicycle.

Ontario Agricultural College @OntAgriculturalCollege
The Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph. Innovative education & research in agriculture, food, communities and the environment. Est. 1874.

What's happening

NBA - 5 hours ago
Clippers at Mavericks
Trending with #Mavs

NBA - Trending
Kawhi
20.1K Tweets

Technology - Trending
Snapchat
57.6K Tweets

Canada national news - Yesterday
Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school
Trending with #215children

BuzzFeed - Yesterday
Just 17 Photos Of Evan Peters That Prove How Much He's Changed Over The Years

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there are navigation icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, and Bookmarks. The main content is a tweet from David Fisman (@DFisman) dated May 29, 2021, at 5:40 PM. The tweet text is: "I've had questions over the past 48 h about vaccine safety concerns aired Dr Byram Bridle at @UofGuelphOAC in some recent interviews. I don't know Dr Bridle but he's a legit immunologist. Some claims, however, are not data based, and are answered here: byrambridle.com". The tweet has 34 retweets and 166 likes. Below the tweet, there are two replies. The first reply is from Peggy Blair (@peggy_blair) at 2:3h, replying to @DFisman and @UofGuelphOAC, with the text: "Question for you. I am one of those people who had a delayed adverse reaction to Moderna (small fibre neuropathy) and probably an immune reaction to one of the ingredients. Since I can't take Moderna or Pfizer which has the same ingredients, how will I get a second dose?". The second reply is from David (@DentistScottMBA) at 2:3h, replying to @DFisman and @UofGuelphOAC, with the text: "Yep, the study he quoted actually demonstrates mRNA vaccines work as designed." To the right of the tweet, there is a 'Trending' section with the following items: "Knicks at Hawks" (Trending with [Knicks-Hawks](https://twitter.com/Knicks-Hawks)), "Marc Gasol" (Sports - Trending, 1:22 Tweets), "Anthony Davis" (Sports - Trending, 4:06 Tweets), and "Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle" (Fun - Last night).

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface on a mobile device. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. Below this is a search bar and a row of suggested accounts, including @UofGuelphOAC.

The main content area displays a tweet from Glen Pyle (@GlenPyle19) with a blue verified checkmark. The tweet text is: "Replying to @DSisman and @UofGuelphOAC I hate to do this because this is my college, but Dr Bridle is not in OAC. He is a faculty member at @OntVetCollege." This tweet is circled in black. Below it are two replies: one from E. David Klonsky PhD (@KlonskyLab) and one from JDI (@jill_joi). Further down, another reply from KimRB (@KimRB) is visible. At the bottom, the profile of Jocelyne Bridle (@BridleJocelyne) is partially shown.

On the right side of the screen, there is a vertical list of trending topics under the heading "What's happening". The topics listed include "Knicks at Hawks", "Marc Gasol", "Anthony Davis", "Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle", and "19-year-old MotoGP rider Jason Dupasquier dies from injuries after crash at Italian GP".

The bottom of the screen shows a mobile home indicator bar with icons for signal strength, Wi-Fi, cellular service, battery, and time (4:57 PM on 2021/05).

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface with a navigation bar at the top containing icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area displays a tweet from user LC23 (@LC234280303) with a reply from user Glen Pyle (@glenpyle). The reply is circled in black. Below the reply, there are several other tweets, including one from Mary Anne (@MaryAnne) and another from David Fisman (@DFisman). The bottom of the screen shows a search bar and a system tray with the date and time (4:58 PM, 2023/06/28).

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Tweet

LC23 @LC234280303 · 22h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofGuelphCAC
I thought this was a peer-reviewed study that clearly demonstrated the organ distribution of the spike protein. Why is this considered misinformation?

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · 19h
You'll notice he never mentions the levels. By my calculations the spike protein peaks at ~300-350 nM. The Kd for the ACE2 receptor it binds to ~1.5 nM. This means it is 10,000 times below the amount needed.
The study is fine. The math to criticize the vaccine, not so much.

Mary Anne @MaryAnne · 20h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofGuelphCAC
The claims Endle makes are rather disturbing and somewhat unsettling. Thanks for setting the record straight Dr. Fisman.

David Fisman @DFisman · 9h
An excellent article for those who question science from @UofGuelphCAC. It Dr. Endle, who has addressed some of the misinformation in these interviews in his own tweets.

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · 19h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofGuelphCAC
The paper Fisman cited doesn't support his claim. That's pretty telling that a study cited to support his claims actually goes against those claims.

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

Ontario Agricultural College @UofGuelphCAC
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What's happening

NBA · 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with Knicks Hawks

Sports · Trending
Marc Gasol
1,129 Tweets

Sports · Trending
Anthony Davis
4,814 Tweets

Fun · Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

NBA · LIVE
Suns at Lakers

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Twitter interface showing a tweet from TraumaNurse (@TraumaNurse) replying to @Ffianan and @LuoGuelphQAC. The tweet discusses hamster wheel, why EARLY prophylactic treatment with procuring antibodies for positive COVID patients is not part of the Combat Covid Plan? Obviously the "wait and see if they get sicker and require ICU" IS NOT WORKING!

Replying to @Ffianan and @LuoGuelphQAC
Curious as we vaccinate in a hamster like hamsters on a hamster wheel, why EARLY prophylactic treatment with procuring antibodies for positive COVID patients is not part of the Combat Covid Plan? Obviously the "wait and see if they get sicker and require ICU" IS NOT WORKING!

1 retweet, 1 like

J Scott Weese @JWeese · 2h
Prevention is better than treatment.
Vaccines are much more effective than antibodies or other treatments (early or late prophylaxis).
Even if treatments were highly effective, you have to get sick first. +
transmission and healthcare burden.
Focus has to be on prevention.

Renny Ronson @RennyRonson · 23h
Replying to @Ffianan and @LuoGuelphQAC
Look into it. @Ffianan I started to about a month ago when I noticed he is going to be an expert for Adam Steffy of Adamsons BBQ.
whatsupcanada.org/whatsthepremiere

Advertisement: adamsonbarbecue CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE EXPERT LINEUP

Navigation: Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, More

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Profile: Ontario Agricultural College (@LuoGuelphQAC)
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What's happening

- Kinicks at Hawks (Trending with keywords: hawks)
- Marc Gasol (Sports - Trending)
- Anthony Davis (Sports - Trending)
- Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle
- Suns at Lakers (NBA - LIVE)

Footer: Type here to search, 4:59 PM, ENG, 2024.06

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is located at the bottom right. The main content area features a tweet from ScienceGuru (@ScienceGuruMem) with a video thumbnail and text: "There are no pharmacokinetic studies of the spike protein. Bylam may be referring to a preprint by Ogata wherein spike protein was detected in the plasma of 3 of 13 subjects after Moderna vaccination...for up to 29 days in one of them." Below the tweet is a reply from Benny Ronson (@BennyRonson) stating: "It concerns me that he is associating with these folks." To the right, a 'What's happening' section lists trending topics: Knicks at Hawks, Marc Gasol, Anthony Davis, and Suns at Lakers. At the bottom, a 'Tweets' button is visible. The browser's address bar shows 'twitter.com/DFerman/...', and the system tray at the bottom right displays the time as 4:39 PM on 2021-05-15.

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What's happening

- Knicks at Hawks** - 1 hour ago
Trending with Knicks, Hawks
- Marc Gasol** - 1:01 Tweets
Sports · Trending
- Kuzma** - 4:07n Tweets
Sports · Trending
- Suns at Lakers** - 1:01 Tweets
Sports · Trending
- 19-year-old MotoGP rider Jason Dupasquier dies from injuries after crash at Italian GP** - This morning
Sports · Trending

ScienceGuru @ScienceGuruMam · 7h
Replying to @DrHirshman and @LousauepinQAC
I appreciate that the spike protein isn't supposed to be getting into circulation...but this was never investigated and PK studies of the spike protein were not required by any of the regulators. Which is completely insane to me.

ScienceGuru @ScienceGuruMam · 7h
Replying to @DrHirshman and @LousauepinQAC
Correction, David, Ogata study showing detectable plasma levels of spike protein in 3 of 13 subjects and the S1 subunit which contains the ACE2 receptor binding domain, in 11 of 13 subjects is now ACCEPTED in Clinical Infectious Diseases. No longer a preprint.

Control_Group @ControlGroup9 · 7h
Will only take the MSM 2 months to report it...how many young adults will have been vaccinated? How many "rare" side effects?

NCameren @CamMichelle · 3h
Replying to @DrHirshman and @LousauepinQAC
Do your posts usually fall up with conspiracy type information? Seems like a red flag here and concerning given that Dr Bridle is a "legit immunologist". Why are professionals not held to a higher standard when making claims to the public without facts?

Adventureover40 @cwmwhitehead · 5h
Replying to @DrHirshman and @LousauepinQAC

Jocelyne Bridle @BradieJocelyne

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Abstract: SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Antigens Detected in Longitudinal Plasma Samples Collected from 15 ...
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5:01 PM · 2021.05.31

David Harkin on Twitter: Tue 11:00 AM · 100

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Adventureover40 @overthetop · 5h
Replying to @DHarkin and @UoTGuetspQAC
I wonder if @DHarkin would like to discuss his own conflicts of interest?

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Full Name: David Harkin
Date: 06/06/2023 07:12:21
This is the name of your role at the time of the disclosure.
From all the following links including articles where your institution has received compensation, regardless of the amount, in the form of payment or in-kind, such as honoraria or honoraria, or other related activities

Jennifer Drogell @jendrogell · 1h
Replying to @DHarkin and @UoTGuetspQAC
I am pro science and pro vaccine. But I don't understand why you'd direct us to an attack style website created to discredit Dr. Bridle instead of providing scientific data to reassure? Who is this website even authored by?

BC Think Tank @BCThinkTank · 22h
Replying to @DHarkin and @UoTGuetspQAC
There seems to be a not insignificant number of qualified people in public health, ID, immunology, and virology who are magical thinkers. It's certainly interesting. And hell, dangerous.

Eve Examines @EveExamines · 2h
Yes, they have a big dot of them at Stanford.

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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What's happening

Knicks at Hawks · 1 hour ago
Trending with **Knicks Hawks**

Marc Gaisel · 1,123 Tweets
Sports - Trending

Booker · 10.3K Tweets
Sports - Trending

Canada national news · 2 hours ago
Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school
Trending with **indigenous** #150childev

Suns at Lakers · 10.8K Tweets
Trending with **indigenous** #150childev

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What's happening

NBA, 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
 trending with Knicks Hawks

Sports, Trending
Marc Gasol
 1,121 Tweets

Sports, Trending
Kuzma
 6,912 Tweets

Fun, Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

NBA, LIVE
Suns at Lakers

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Tweet
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Matt Unruh @mathunruh · 3h
 Replying to @DFHigman and @UoGuelphOAC
 @biopeptide would be interested for you to weigh in on this one too...

In short, the conclusion is, we made a big mistake. We didn't realize it until now. We thought the spike protein was a great targeted antigen. We never knew the spike protein itself was a toxin and was a pathogenic protein. So by vaccinating people we are inadvertently inoculating them with a toxin. [For] some people this gets into circulation and when that happens, in some people that can cause damage especially in the cardiovascular system and I have many other, I don't have time, but many other legitimate questions about the long-term safety there

Dave @justice_4_juli · 23h
 Replying to @DFHigman and @UoGuelphOAC
 It is absolutely right for the vulnerable to be vaccinated, but I worry that the message coming from someone who has just advocated masks for 3 year olds and ventilation in schools as a mental wellness measure might be somewhat ... counter-productive

TraumaNurse @TraumaNurse · 4h
 Replying to @DFHigman and @UoGuelphOAC
 God that this appears to have only happened in Norway???? According to the hyacker of the domain name :The Seniors who have been vaccinated are 'Perfectly Healthy' post vaccination??? Where is the study to support this claim?

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne
 Covid-19: Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is "likely" respon...
 The Pfizer-BioNTech covid-19 vaccine is "likely" to

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What's happening

10:04 - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with **Owens, Hawks**

Sports Trending
Kuzma
1,013 Tweets

10:04 - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks
Trending with **Thes**

10:04 - LIVE
Suns at Lakers

Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

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Tweet

Cond-19: Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is "likely" respon...
The Pfizer-BioNTech covid-19 vaccine is "likely" to have been responsible for at least 10 deaths of frail. [@benj.com](#)

MCameron @CamMichelle · 21h
Replying to @Efriman and @UoGuelphOAC
Others weighing in on this inflammatory interview as well

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated · May 28
Replying to @Wentoverwee27 @Aby_Meek and @Westermu
No, this is a hypothesis, and nothing is reviewed or published. A few points:
1. Claims the first access to biodistribution studies. In fact EMA requested these data last year & updated in Feb 2021 ([ema.europa.eu/en/documents/a...](#))

El @wefelberton · 21h
Replying to @Efriman and @UoGuelphOAC
Thanks for addressing this. I know his radio interview scared a lot of people and it's good to confront bad absence

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Thread Reader App @ThreadReaderApp · 3h
Sorry we only unroll consecutive tweets from the same author, but if you want to grab the whole convo try [@pdfmakerapp](#)!
[twitter.com/pdfmakerapp/...](#)

PDFMakerApp @pdfmakerapp · Aug 4, 2020
We are experimenting a new way to grab Twitter conversations using [Twitter Developer Labs](#). Please [contact us](#) if you have any feedback.

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays "Twitter.com/DFHaman/status/17397550440203565". The Twitter navigation bar includes icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A blue "Tweet" button is visible in the bottom right of the navigation area.

The main content is a tweet from **PDFMakerApp** (@pdfmakerapp) dated August 4, 2020. The text of the tweet reads: "We are experimenting a new way to grab Twitter conversations using Twitter Developer Labs. Please try it out by mentioning us at the beginning of any Twitter conversation with the keyword 'grab this' like below! 🙌". Below the tweet is a link to "twitter.com/dfhaman/status/17397550440203565" and a "Show full thread" option.

The thread continues with several replies:

- gforbes** (@gforbes) - 19h: "Replying to @DFHaman and @UofGuelphOAC LOL great website"
- DaniNigro** (@dani_nigro) - 21h: "Replying to @DFHaman and @UofGuelphOAC I was hoping you were going to address this...thank you!"
- Caroline Sugarman** (@CarolineSugar1) - 7h: "Replying to @DFHaman and @UofGuelphOAC I'm so relieved! Thank you."

Below the replies is a section titled "More replies" with a vertical ellipsis icon. It shows a reply from **Adventurover40** (@cwwhitehead) - 5h: "Replying to @DFHaman and @UofGuelphOAC Now year in my world, internet domains I have successfully sued many with settlements in the millions. I would make Dr. Brittle to contact me and I'll help him with his statement of claim".

At the bottom of the thread, a profile card for **Jocelyne Bridle** (@BridleJocelyne) is visible, with a timestamp of "22m".

On the right side of the screen, a "What's happening" section features several trending topics with associated images and text:

- Knicks at Hawks** (NBA) - 1 hour ago: "Knicks at Hawks" (Image of a basketball game)
- Marc Gasol** (Sports - Trending) - 1,143 Tweets: "Sports - Trending" (Image of Marc Gasol)
- Booker** (Sports - Trending) - 104K Tweets: "Sports - Trending" (Image of a person)
- Suns at Lakers** (NBA) - 11K Tweets: "Suns at Lakers" (Image of a basketball game)
- Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle** (Fun - Last night) - 425.9M Tweets: "Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle" (Image of Matt LeBlanc)

The bottom of the screen shows a search bar with the text "Type here to search" and a system tray with icons for network, volume, and battery, along with the date and time "5:04 PM 2021-05-28".

David Farnac on Twitter · Tue 11 Jun 2024
twitter.com/Dafarnac/status/1739875640404002365

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What's happening

NBA · 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trading with Knicks #NBA

Sports · Trending
Marc Gasol
1.1k Tweets

Fun · Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

NBA · 1 hr
Suns at Lakers

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Tweet

Jocelyne Bridie @BridieJocelyne · 23m
Dear Adventureswith40, I do not usually use social media, hence my use of my wife's account. Could you please contact me at: "bbndie@uoguelph.ca"? Thank-you Byron! (holler)

Thebodylibrary @thebodylibrary · 32h
Replying to @BridieJocelyne and @UofGuelphOAC
You mention the spike does not accumulate in the spleen, liver, etc. Any data on this please?
Show replies

Wolf @Wolf_3141_59 · 7h
Replying to @BridieJocelyne and @UofGuelphOAC

Declaration of Interest

Full Name: David Farnac
ID#: 2889757375, M:32801

While in the rotation of your role at this location, I have identified and declared the following conflicts of interest:

1. Declaration of Interest
I am employed by a company that provides services to various clients, including the University of Guelph. I have been a member of the board of directors of the University of Guelph since 2019 and have been involved in various committees and subcommittees. I have also been a member of the board of directors of the University of Guelph since 2019.

2. Declaration of Interest
I have been a member of the board of directors of the University of Guelph since 2019 and have been involved in various committees and subcommittees. I have also been a member of the board of directors of the University of Guelph since 2019.

If you have identified any of the conflicts of interest listed above, please contact me immediately at 22889757375 or via email, the name of the entity providing the compensation, and appointment. If you have any questions, please contact me immediately at 22889757375 or via email.

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Company	Year	Fees	How paid	Relationship

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Evita Siu @EvitaSiu21 · 17m
Replying to @BridieJocelyne and @UofGuelphOAC

Jocelyne Bridie @BridieJocelyne
Spike Problem Behavior
Ever been getting a lot of questions on the last row?

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@OntAgricultural
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What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with Knicks Hawks

Sports - Trending
Kuzma
1,246 Tweets

Sports - Trending
Marc Gasol
1,154 Tweets

NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers

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Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

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Spike Protein Behavior
I've been getting a lot of questions in the last few days about several Spike-protein related items.
↳ biogaseconomics.org

Erika Siu (@ErikaSiu21) · 15m
Consider what happens when you're infected by actual coronavirus. We know that huge majority of infections R spread by inhalation of virus-laden droplets from other infected people, so route of admin. is via nose-&/or lungs & cells lining ur airway R thus 1st ones 2 get infected.

Jordan (@Jordan.ans) · 47m
Replying to @DrFinnian.ans @UofGuelphDAL
Wait, so you or someone under you set up a website, under Dr Brudie's name to discredit him? Now.

Can people not see through this?
Just take a quick glance at this image.

Declaration of Interest

A. General Information
Full Name: Jordan Brudie
Date: 06/28/2024 (6/28/24)
What is the nature of your role at the Ontario College of Veterinary Medicine?

B. Declaration of Interest
I, the undersigned, declare that I am not a person who has a financial interest in the Ontario College of Veterinary Medicine, or any other organization that could be perceived to influence your participation in the Society of Public Health. Please submit all compensation that has been received in the last 3 years prior to your participation in the Society.

If you have accepted this for any other competition, please indicate whether the competition is named in Exhibit 11 at all, the name of the entity providing the compensation, and an explanation of your role with that entity. The word "Company" should be used for all entities at all times by attaching the "X" sign at the end of each row.

Company	Year	Amount	Role	Explanation

Jocelyne Brudie
@BrudieJocelyne

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The screenshot shows a Twitter interface with a search bar at the top containing "What's happening". Below the search bar, there are several trending topics and a tweet by Erita Siu. The tweet by Erita Siu is highlighted with a hand-drawn circle. The tweet text is: "Replying to @DrEthan and @UrbGuelphOK David, could you comment on this study and if this phenomenon is limited to adenovirus delivery and why it would not be present in mRNA vaccines? #covid #indigob". The tweet has 1 reply, 4 retweets, and 1 like. The reply is from Kimmy Mend (@kimmymend) who says "Replying to @DrEthan and @UrbGuelphOK Not surprising that you are trying to discredit him. He doesn't support vaccines are best narrative." Another reply is from Glen Pyle (@glenpyle1311) who says "The paper Byram cited doesn't support his claim. That's pretty telling that a study cited to support his claims actually goes against those claims." The tweet also has a link to a research square article titled "Vaccine-induced Covid-19 Mimicry" by Synrome SpL. The article text is: "During the last months many countries have suffered the immunization of millions of people by...". The tweet also has a link to a research square article titled "These soluble Spike variants initiate severe side effects when binding ACE2-expressing endothelial cells in blood vessels: in analogy to thromboembolic events caused by Spike protein encoded by SARS-CoV-2, we termed underlying mechanism 'Vaccine-induced Covid-19 Mimicry' syndrome".

Again, I have a brief interview and could not show the papers over the radio waves. He has no idea what I was referring to. My primary data source is a report that he hadn't seen. Why not talk to me to get the fact first?

Twitter interface showing a tweet by Sam W. (@stastawbe) replying to @DrFarman and @JocGuelpinOAC. The tweet contains a table titled "Your team's research data by region in 2022" with columns for "Region", "Year", "Percentage", and "Count". A handwritten note points to the table.

What's happening

- NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Headed with Knicks Hawks
- Sports - Timorog
Chris Paul
7.81k Tweets
- Sports - TheKing
Drummond
5.81k Tweets
- Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle
- NBA - LIVE
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Sam W. (@stastawbe) · 1h
Replying to @DrFarman and @JocGuelpinOAC
Seems like Dr. Farman's concerns are data based. Here to compare
117 TWEETS

Region	Year	Percentage	Count
North America	2022	100%	100%
South America	2022	100%	100%
Europe	2022	100%	100%
Asia	2022	100%	100%
Africa	2022	100%	100%
Oceania	2022	100%	100%
Other	2022	100%	100%

Pat (@PAT_PHEWASKA) · 15m
Replying to @DrFarman and @JocGuelpinOAC
Did you read his latest research/data from the study in 2022? It's not really rehab when all you say is "it doesn't". You both should be showing your data. Otherwise it's just 1 person's opinion and people are gonna pick between the two

Liam McKinnon (@liam_d_riddonson) · 15h
Replying to @DrFarman and @JocGuelpinOAC
Strange to link to a website that uses Dr. Brodie's name only to discredit each of his data-backed claims, and yet offer no data in return. Where are the footnotes, sources?

Jocelyne Bridie (@BrodieJocelyne) · ...

Ervin Sair (@ErvinSair) · 25m
Replying to @DrFarman and @JocGuelpinOAC

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5:19 PM ENG 2023/06

This is partial data from the report that I was talking about. Remarkably, all the detractors suddenly went silent. Not a single reply to this Tweet!

Twitter navigation: Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, More

Tweet

Evita Siu (@EvitaSiu21) · 24m
Replying to @Frisman and @UofGuelphOAC

What's happening

- NBA - Trending
Knicks at Hawks
trending with Knicks #NBA
- NBA - Trending
Gasol
6,822 Tweets
- Sports - Trending
Chris Paul
7,633 Tweets
- NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers
- Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

Evita Siu (@EvitaSiu21) · 24m
Replying to @Frisman and @UofGuelphOAC

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinized · @glenpyle · 20h
No. He works at @OntVetCollege but we are not all veterinarians. Many of us do research focused on human health.

Evita Siu (@EvitaSiu21) · 23m
Replying to @Frisman and @UofGuelphOAC

Joeeyne Bridle · @BridleJoeeyne

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5:16 PM · 2023/05/30

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Search Twitter

What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Threaded with [Knicks Hawks](#)

NBA - 1 hour ago
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks
Threaded with [Thats](#)

Sports - 1 hour ago
Chris Paul
TTT Tweets

5:41 PM - 1 hour ago
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

Canada national news - 2 hours ago
Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school
Threaded with [Indigenous](#), [#215children](#)

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David Fisman on Twitter: "ur r...
twitter.com/DrFisman/status/193875644024002565
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ECS
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COVID-19 Test
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Gym
Hospital Center
Dinar Botasinski

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Tweet

humanity.

Honor Barnes UK @HonourUK · 22h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofTGuestPHQ
How many defoid injections end up in a vein? Hardly any. But not zero.
Denmark have a policy of aspirating vax injections to avoid the risk of injecting into a vein.
Why isn't this policy elsewhere?
I asked my vaccinator to aspirate the injection and they had no clue.

V. Oden @Padsur · 7h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofTGuestPHQ
Who is the author of the article you cited please? The author of [byramtiss.com](#)? There is no attribution. Thanks.

Interstellar Angel 🇺🇸 @110000955929 · 13h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofTGuestPHQ
How do we know Dr. Byram Bridle is over the target? David Fisman discredits him.
The reversible biomedical experimental gene editing injection is dangerous, as David Fisman.

It is what it is @110000955929 · 23h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofTGuestPHQ
I heard it and I fully agree with him. He has our backs. If this vax is gonna harm down the road it needs to be banned

Maggie 🇺🇸 @maggieslabour · 23h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UofTGuestPHQ
wait 48 hours and you'll see the evidence to back his claims.

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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5:29 PM
ENG
2021-05

The screenshot shows a Twitter search page for the term "LeBlanc". The search results are displayed in a grid format. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A "Tweet" button is located at the bottom of this menu. The main content area shows several tweets. The top tweet is from Maggie (@maggieabout), replying to @DrFriman and @UofTLeBlanc, with a timestamp of 23h. The text of the tweet reads: "If you can't wait, then go ahead and ask Pizer about the data they submitted to Japan." Below this are several replies, including one from Kirstin Adam (@kristinadam) and another from Gnosys (@GnosysAwakening). The right side of the page features a "What's happening" section with trending topics such as "Knicks at Hawks", "Julius Randle", "Gasol", and "Suns at Lakers". At the bottom of the page, there is a search bar with the text "Type here to search" and a system tray showing the time as 5:21 PM on 2021/05.

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface on a desktop browser. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is visible on the right. The main content area displays a tweet from Maggie (@maggieoutabout) replying to @DrFisman and @UofTQuintGAC. The tweet text reads: "Wait, you're doing a website, created by an Icelandic hacker who hijacked Bynam's name & put it as a web domain, as your rebuttal that Dr. Brindley's claims are not supported by data? Gosh, maybe too much HasidMolur & Brenninn being passed around the Ontario Science Table?". Below this tweet, a message states: "This tweet was deleted by the Tweet author. Learn more". A hand-drawn black circle highlights this deleted tweet area. To the right of the deleted tweet, a tweet from nolan pine (@nimitzmt) is visible, replying to @DrFisman and @UofTQuintGAC. The text of this tweet reads: "The linked website doesn't provide any sources for its claims, so all we're doing is playing 'he said she said'". Below this, a tweet from Glen Pyle (@GetVaccinated) is shown, replying to @DrFisman and @UofTQuintGAC. The text reads: "Here is a source that was cited in the interview: Circulating SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Antigen Detected in Abstract, SARS-CoV-2 proteins were measured in longitudinal plasma samples collected from 15... academic.oup.com". At the bottom of the page, there is a search bar with the text "Type here to search".

This is the Tweet that Glen Pyle deleted to try to cover-up his admission that he knows the author of the libelous website. (see this and the original tweets later in these appended documents).

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Tweet

What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with **KNOXIA, HAWKS**

Sports - Trending
Anthony Davis
9,132 Tweets

NBA - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks
Trending with **YULOOK, THOR**

Fun - Late night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers

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Tweet

Dave, aren't you an epidemiologist? Isn't vaccine development a bit out of your area of expertise? Scientists debate would be welcome but a dummy website? Byram's hypothesis explains a lot of what we are seeing in the database #SafetyFirst

Vaccine Safety VAERS Database - Passive Reporting - 4000

Vaccine name	VAERS reports	VAERS rate	VAERS per 100,000	VAERS per 100,000 per year
Adenovirus type 5	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 11	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 26	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 3	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 4	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 7	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 14	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 19	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 21	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 24	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 25	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 31	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
Adenovirus type 35	Unspecified	0.22 (0%)	0	0
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Seraphina (@seraphina15) · 22h
Replying to @5DFrem and @LorKoulinOAC
How kind of you to purchase Dr. Bridle's .com domain name for that "greaty Take-down."

is this your come back after deleting your @RuhusVahala account?

Amy (@kkipczazebra) · May 27
So, I was gonna do this thread later, but so many people have picked up on this - I think it's time to have a look.

THREAD: @RuhusVahala What is this account?
To start, as many ppl have gathered, the profile is a stock photo. But that's only the beginning of the weirdness

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Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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Tweet

Jocelyne Bridle
@BridleJocelyne

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Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle
Replying to @maggieoutabout @DFisman and @UofGuelphOAC
It's not a hacker. The person who made it has contacted me. They are a scientist.

9:16 PM · May 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Maggie 🇮🇪 @maggieoutabout · 3h
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and @UofGuelphOAC
hmmm...I'm a scientist too (and a Uof G grad, at that). As a fellow scientist, I am embarrassed for this "scientist" to have crafted such an unprofessional way to engage a colleague. Make a website with the guy's name? Really? Sarcastic punchlines at the bottom? wow, no class.

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · 3h
They are not a colleague. I don't say that to be dismissive, just to clarify that this is not someone who is at the same level & has legitimate reason to fear retribution.

You are certainly entitled to your opinion on the website & I'm not here to change anyone's mind on that.

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Maggie 🇮🇪 @maggieoutabout · 17h
Thank you for clarifying. If you are in touch w/this scientist, please advise

Original Tweet from Glen Pyle.

This was later deleted!

The next page shows his e-mail where he lied about knowing the scientist who made the website...

RE: smear campaign

Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Sun 5/30/2021 1:00 PM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <billie@uoguelph.ca>

Hi Byram.

I'm removing some of the cc on this in the hope that a more focused discussion will help. Jeff conveyed to me the suggestion that we try a more focused approach and I understand he did the same for you. Hopefully this helps

Here is the lie!

First, I appreciate the clarification about the article. Stress or not, I can see how a small language error (inadvertent) can cause a misunderstanding. Happy to move past that.

Second, I don't know who made the website. You've mentioned you are not on social media so you may not be aware that some people chose to remain anonymous. The website was flagged to me and that was the info I was given. Others tried to tag it to Dr Fisman and someone mentioned a hacker. I simply clarified that my understanding was this was not the case. I think you can appreciate that had someone been mistakenly linked to material they didn't create, that could create stress for them.

Finally, I would like to point out that anything I posted was based on publically available information and that I have stuck to the evidence. I have not attacked you as a person and have no intention of doing so. I think we can have profound disagreements about the science and stay away from character attacks. If others have made it personal I don't condone that. In all honesty, I have not seen personal attacks like that, but these things do happen on social media and I don't think they help any side of the debate. I myself have been on the receiving end, including threats of violence, so I can speak from experience.

We have deep disagreements over the science. I have no issue with you presenting your arguments based on studies and data, and have never called for your academic freedom to be curtailed. You don't need my permission, so hopefully that last statement doesn't come across like that. I hope that you will afford me the same opportunity to discuss the scientific literature, and we can disagree (or perhaps be swayed by each other's arguments).

I am sorry you feel you have been personally attacked and that this has created stress. If I have inadvertently posted something that appears to be personal, I apologize without reservation. I can't be responsible for the words of others, but let me clearly state that anyone who attacks you as a person is not supported by me.

Glen.



Complaint Form

INSTRUCTIONS

If you have a question or concern, we encourage you to first speak with your doctor, the patient advocate at your hospital or a College Public Advisor (1-800-268-7096 ext. 603). Please refer to the CPSO's [Guide to the Complaints Process](#) for assistance and more information.

To make a complaint, you may complete this form electronically, print it out and mail it to the address at the end of this form, or submit it online to ir@cpso.on.ca.

Once the College has received your complaint, we will aim to contact you within two business days. We are required to notify the doctor and may provide him/her a copy of your complaint.

Consent for the release of confidential medical information

The investigator handling your complaint will need relevant personal health information. The investigator may need to get written consent from you or the patient to get certain records.

Person Registering Complaint

Last name	<input type="text" value="Bridle"/>	First name	<input type="text" value="Byram"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Rm. 4834, Bldg. 89, Dept. of Pathobiology, University of Guelph
50 Stone Rd. E."/>		Apt# <input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text" value="Guelph"/>	Province	<input type="text" value="ON"/>
		Postal code	<input type="text" value="N1G 2W1"/>
Daytime telephone	<input type="text" value="1-519-824-4120 x54657"/>	Alt telephone	<input type="text" value="1-519-362-5637"/>
Email	<input type="text" value="bbridle@uoguelph.ca"/>		

I am the patient I am representing the patient for the purpose of this complaint

Relationship to patient

Obtaining Records

If you are the patient, your doctor is permitted, under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*, to disclose your medical information to the CPSO so it can investigate.

If you are **not** the patient, the patient needs to sign a [consent form](#) or, if unable to do so, their legal representative may sign this [authorization form](#) instead. This is necessary before the doctor can provide the patient's personal health records.

Patient Information *if different from the complainant*

Last name	<input type="text"/>	First name	<input type="text"/>		
Street	<input type="text"/>	Apt#	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	Province	<input type="text"/>	Postal code	<input type="text"/>
Daytime telephone	<input type="text"/>	Alt telephone	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>				
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>	Date of death (if deceased)	<input type="text"/>		
OHIP #	<input type="text"/>				

Preferred Mode of Communication

How would you like the College to communicate with you?

Telephone E-mail Regular mail Fax (if confidential line)

Doctor(s) You Are Complaining About

Doctor Name	Address	Telephone Number
David Norman Fisman	Division of Infectious Diseases Toronto General Hospital 200 Elizabeth Street, Eaton Wing Room 220 Toronto ON M5G 2C4	416-340-3183

Summary of Concerns

Please list the key points of your complaint here.

- Dr. Fisman has made libelous and slanderous comments about a fellow academic because he disagrees with my point of view regarding COVID-19 vaccines (I am an immunologist who develops novel vaccine technologies but have concerns about known and potential safety issues with the current mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines; my concerns are based on a growing body of scientific literature).
- I have suffered permanent damage to my reputation and career as a result of Dr. Fisman's public comments.
Dr. Fisman made a public claim about private and confidential medical information that belongs to my parents.
- Damage being propagated by Dr. Fisman is ongoing and needs to be stopped as soon as possible.

Describe Your Complaint

Please tell us in the box below:

- What happened
- Who was involved
- When and where it happened
- Any other information that may help the CPSO in its review
- What you hope will happen as a result of this complaint

In the fulfillment of my responsibility as a public servant at a publicly funded academic institution I gave an interview, when invited. I answered a question posed by a radio show host to the best of my ability. It was an honest, unbiased answer that I could back-up with multiple peer-reviewed scientific papers. Following this interview, Dr. Fisman began a series of Tweets that appear to have been part of or initiated a very public smear campaign against me. Notably, his initial Tweet pointed people to a libelous website that was created using my domain name "byrambridle.com". The host of the radio show was also slandered on this website. Also a slanderous Twitter account was made ("Not Byram Bridle" @ByramBridle). Dr. Fisman has actively made and promoted slanderous comments about me. I have appended some screenshots to provide examples. For example, many of the negative conversations in his Twitter feed revolve around attacking the 'scientific references' for the statements I made on the radio show. However, I never had a chance to state what my references were. I obviously could not show people the science via the air waves. No attempt was made by Dr. Fisman to engage me in respectful scientific discussion; he did not ask me what my evidence was. The appended comments likely represent only a partial list of Dr. Fisman's commentary on Twitter. For maintenance of my mental health, I have stopped following and documenting his Twitter feeds. This is the account in question: <https://twitter.com/DFisman/status/1398756044004802565>
Dr. Fisman's Twitter feeds began at 5:40 P.M. on May 29, 2021.
As a result of the smear campaign that Dr. Fisman is participating in I have had to cancel major academic commitments, including service this and next week on a grant review panel for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. I have also had to contact three journal editors to request extensions to deadlines for three invited manuscripts. I am receiving some malicious e-mails and phone messages from members of the public. Dr. Fisman's role in this is contrary to the foundational tenet of academic freedom. It is also unbecoming of a physician to engage in activities that promote negative influences on another person's mental and physical health. Notably, since his first Tweet, I have averaged only ~2 hours of sleep for three consecutive nights. I cannot currently fulfill my work responsibilities. I have had to remove my trainees names from my website to try to protect them from defamation. I felt compelled to right a report to circulate on social media to show that my comments on radio were backed up by science. Of great concern, Dr. Fisman made public claims about confidential medical information regarding the vaccination status of my parents. My hope with this complaint is: 1. That the slandering being done by Dr. Fisman will be stopped as soon as possible. 2. That Dr. Fisman will be disciplined in a manner befitting of someone that is actively harming a fellow academic and attempting to suppress open respectful scientific debate. 3. That Dr. Fisman's fitness to serve on Ontario's COVID-19 Science Advisory Table be assessed. Members of this committee should respect the basic tenets of academic conduct. 4. That it be determined if Dr. Fisman was involved in setting up the libelous website. 5. That it be determined if Dr. Fisman played in role in the creation of the fake Twitter account that is slandering me. 6. That I can return to conducting my academic work without being harassed by Dr. Fisman and others that he is inciting. 7. That Dr. Fisman will issue a public apology to me. 8. That Dr. Fisman will issue a public apology to my parents for making claims about their private medical information. 9. That Dr. Fisman will undertake sensitivity training to promote respectful academic and medical conduct.

Other Information

Please give the names of any other people who were involved and can provide information.

Name	Contact Information	Their role/why they might have information to contribute
Dr. Glen Pyle, Professor, University of Guelph	gpyle@uoguelph.ca 1-519-824-4120 x54772	Has interacted with Dr. Fisman in some capacity and shares his views that differ from mine. Notably, Dr. Pyle made numerous slanderous comments about me in Dr. Fisman's Twitter feed. Dr. Pyle has contributed to my harassment in the workplace.
Dr. Scott Weese, Professor, University of Guelph	jsweese@uoguelph.ca 1-519-824-4120 x54064	Has interacted with Dr. Fisman in some capacity and shares his views that differ from mine. Notably, Dr. Weese made at least one slanderous comment about me in Dr. Fisman's Twitter feed. Dr. Weese has contributed to my harassment in the workplace.

Please enclose or attach copies of any documents you feel would be relevant to your case. Please list any documents you are providing so that we can be sure we have received everything.

Supporting Documents:

Screenshots of representative portions Dr. Fisman's Twitter feed. The involvement of Dr. Pyle can be seen in this twitter feed. The second-to-last page shows that Dr. Weese was involved. The last page that is appended shows some of the libel propagated by Dr. Fisman. The Tweet at the top of the last page shows his support for the libelous website. The Tweet immediately below this makes a claim that my parents did not get vaccinated. I can attest to this being an outright lie because they did get vaccinated, although I should not have to disclose this because it represents private medical information (so please respect this confidentiality for the sake of my parents).

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The screenshot shows a Twitter thread on a mobile device. At the top, the browser address bar shows a URL: <https://twitter.com/DFrisman/status/17390756044004002565>. The Twitter interface includes a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A blue 'Tweet' button is visible at the bottom of the tweet content.

The main tweet is from **David Frisman** (@DFrisman), posted at 5:40 PM on May 29, 2021. The text of the tweet reads: "I've had questions over the past 48 h about vaccine safety concerns aired Dr Byram Bridle at @UofGuelphOAC in some recent interviews. I don't know Dr Bridle but he's a legit immunologist. Some claims, however, are not data based, and are answered here: byrambridle.com". The tweet has 34 retweets and 166 likes.

Below the main tweet are two replies. The first is from **Peggy Blair** (@peggy_blair) replying to @DFrisman and @UofGuelphOAC. Her text says: "Question for you. I am one of those people who had a delayed adverse reaction to Moderna (small fibre neuropathy) and probably an immune reaction to one of the ingredients. Since I can't take Moderna or Pfizer which has the same ingredients, how will I get a second dose?". The second reply is from **David** (@DavidJacoMBA) replying to @DFrisman and @UofGuelphOAC. His text says: "Yup, the study he quoted actually demonstrates mRNA vaccines work as designed."

At the bottom of the screen, a search bar contains the text "Type here to search". The system tray at the very bottom shows the date and time as "4:59 PM" and "DAG 2023-05".

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is visible on the right. The main content area displays a tweet from E. David Klonsky PHD (@klonskyLab) with 22h, which has been replied to by several users. The replies include:

- JDI (@jill_joh - 5h): "This: 'It's interesting to note that Bridle's lab was given \$230,000 from the Ontario government to develop a competing vaccine he hoped to have ready in 4 years, that likely won't be needed if the existing vaccines succeed'."
- KimRB_she/her (@KimRBJden - 5h): "Thank you! I have been trying to find information to provide my freaked out relatives. I will also point out to them that scientists rarely release legit data by saying 'you heard it here first' on a podcast."
- Ellie (@eocooperlat - 3h): "Replying to @DFarman and @JulesGuetebDAC @pdmakersapp grab this"
- Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated (@glenpyle - 13h): "Replying to @DFarman and @JulesGuetebDAC I hate to do this because this is my college, but Dr Bridle is not in DAC. He is a faculty member at @OntWestCollege."

Below the replies, there is a section titled "What's happening" with several trending topics and news items, including "Knicks at Hawks", "Marc Gasol", "Anthony Davis", "Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle", and "19-year-old MotoGP rider Jason Dupasquier dies from injuries after crash at Italian GP".

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What's happening

NBA · 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trading with Knicks Hawks

Spurs · Trending
Matt Gosol
1.1K Tweets

Spurs · Trending
Anthony Davis
4.9K Tweets

Fun · 441 replies
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

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Tweet

LC23 @LC2342803053 · 22h
I thought this was a peer-reviewed study that clearly demonstrated the organ distribution of the spike protein. Why is this considered misinformation?
Replying to @DrFisman and @UoAGuelphOAC

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated · @glenpyle · 15h
You'll notice he never mentions the levels. By my calculations the spike protein peaks at ~300-350 nM. The Kd for the ACE2 receptor it binds to ~1.5 nM. This means it is 10,000 times below the amount needed.
The study is fine. The math to critique the vaccine, not so much.

Mary Anne · @Blocksanti-mask/vax/conspiracy trolls · @grove · 20h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UoAGuelphOAC
The claims Bredie makes are rather disturbing and somewhat unsettling. Thanks for setting the record straight Dr. Fisman.

David Fisman · @DrFisman · 9h
An excellent follow for good immune science from @UoAGuelphOAC is Dr @glenpyle, who has addressed some of the misinformation in these interviews on his own tweets.

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated · @glenpyle · 15h
Replying to @DrFisman and @UoAGuelphOAC
The paper byram cited doesn't support his claim. That's pretty telling that a study cited to support his claims actually goes against those claims.

Jocelyne Bredie · @BredieJocelyne

4:58 PM · 2023, 06

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is visible on the right. The main content area displays a tweet thread. The first tweet is from **TraumaaNurse** (@TraumaaNurse) replying to **@DrHuman and @UCGuelphOAC**. The text of the tweet reads: "Cutout as we vdo made in a frenzy like hamsters on a hamster wheel, why EARLY prophylactic treatment with promising antivirals for positive COVID patients is not part of the Combat Covid Plan? Obviously the 'wait and see if they get sicker and require ICU' is NOT WORKING!". Below this is a reply from **J Scott Wesce** (@wscott_scott) stating: "Prevention is better than treatment. Vaccines are much more effective than antivirals or other treatments (early or late prophylaxis). Even if treatments were highly effective, you have to get sick first. [plus] transmission and healthcare burden. Focus has to be on prevention." A second reply from **Renny Reinson** (@RennyReinson) is also visible, replying to **@DrHuman and @UCGuelphOAC** with the text: "Look into it. @DrHuman I started to about a month ago when I noticed he is going to be an expert for Adam Stealy of Adamsons BBQ." To the right of the main thread, there's a sidebar with several tweets. One tweet from **Ontario Agricultural College** (@UCGuelphOAC) is highlighted with the text: "What's happening Knicks at Hawks". Other tweets in the sidebar include "Marc Gasol", "Anthony Davis", "Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle", and "Suns at Lakers". At the bottom of the page, there's a search bar and a taskbar with various application icons.

COVID-19 news on Twitter | Tue 11:41 AM
 twitter.com/DJFarran/status/17390756044604002565
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What's happening

- NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with Knicks #KATs
- Sports - Trending
Marc Gasol
1,129 Tweets
- Sports - Trending
Anthony Davis
5,105 Tweets
- NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers
- Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle
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Team Tyranny
 Dr. Brian Hodges
 Chief Medical Officer at the University Health Network
 Hired gun for Ontario's Public Health

Team Freedom
 Dr. Joel Kerrison, former Chief Medical Officer of Health of Manitoba and professor of medicine at U of Manitoba

Expert Lineup

Renny Ronson @RennyRonson · 21h
 It concerns me that he is associating with these folks.
 Police on Board for These

Police on Board for These
 Watch the Canadian Professional Urologist Panel, recorded on April 15th, 2021. Dr. Deborah Cahill, Dr. Brian Hodges, Dr. Marc Tremblay, Dr. Stephen Labrecque, and Dr. Paul Armstrong are present. Some in by link.

ScienceGuru @ScienceGuruMam · 7h
 Applying to @BETHymin and @UoGuelphOAC
 There are no pharmacokinetic studies of the spike protein. Byram may be referring to a preprint by Ogata wherein spike protein was detected in the plasma of 3 of 13 subjects after Moderna vaccination...for up to 29 days in one of them.

Jeceylnne Bridle @BridleJeceylnne
 Circulating SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Antigen Detected L...
 Abstract: SARS-CoV-2 proteins were measured in

4:59 PM 2021-06-11

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. Below this, a tweet from ScienceGuru (@ScienceGuruTeam) is visible, discussing SARS-CoV-2 vaccine antigen detection. The tweet text includes: "Circulating SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Antigen Detected L... Abstract. SARS-CoV-2 proteins were measured in longitudinal plasma samples collected from 13...". Below the tweet, there are several replies from other users, including @CamMichelle and @Adventurecover40. The right side of the page features a 'What's happening' section with trending topics such as 'Knicks at Hawks', 'Marc Gasol', 'Kuzma', 'Suns at Lakers', and '19-year-old MotoGP rider Jason Dupasquier dies from injuries after crash at Italian GP'. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a search bar.

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David Farhat on Twitter · Tue 11, 2020

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Ontario Agricultural College
@UoAGuelph · 1h
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Tweet

Matt Unruh @mattheunruh · 3h
Replying to @DFriman and @UoAGuelphOK
@Bogochisane would be interested for you to weigh in on this one too...

In short, the conclusion is, we made a big mistake. We didn't realize it until now. We thought the spike protein was a great targeted antigen. We never knew the spike protein itself was a toxin and was a pathogenic protein. So by vaccinating people we are inadvertently inoculating them with a toxin. [For] some people this gets into circulation and when that happens, in some people that can cause damage especially in the cardiovascular system and I have many other, I don't have time, but many other legitimate questions about the long-term safety there

What's happening

NBA · 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with Knicks Hawks

Sports · Trending
Marc Gassol
1,130 Tweets

Sports · Trending
Kuzma
6,912 Tweets

Tun · Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle 🍀

NBA · 11h
Suns at Lakers

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Tweet

Dave @Justice_4_Yall · 23m
Replying to @DFriman and @UoAGuelphOK
It is absolutely right for the vulnerable but I worry that the message coming from someone who has just advocated masks for 3 years olds and vaccination in schools as a mental wellness measure might be somewhat ... counter-productive

Tweet

TraumaaNurse @TraumaaNurse · 4h
Replying to @DFriman and @UoAGuelphOK
Glad that this appears to have only happened in Norway???. According to the hacker of the domain name :The Seniors who have been vaccinated are perfectly healthy post vaccination???. Where is the study to support this claim?

Jocelyne Bridie @BridieJocelyne · 1h
Covid-19: Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is "likely" respon...
The Pfizer-BioNTech covid-19 vaccine is "likely" to

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David Farhat on Twitter: Tue, Jun 28, 2022

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Tweet

What's happening

- NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
trending with [#Knicks](#), [#Hawks](#)
- Sports - Trending
Kuzma
7,013 Tweets
- NBA - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Heat's trending with [#NBA](#)
- NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers
- Fun - last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the ineme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

Tweet

N.Cameron @CamNichelle · 21h
Replying to @DFrisman and @LuigiGaleottiOAC
Others weighing in on this inflammatory interview as well.

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated · @jlanglyin · May 28
Replying to @WormerTweets27 @Baby_Meek and @WesternU
No, this is a hypothesis, and nothing is reviewed or published. A few points.

1. Claims the first access to biodistribution studies. In fact EMA reported these last year & updated in Feb 2021 ([ema.europa.eu/en/documents/a...](#))

Eli (@elizabeth01) · 21h
Replying to @DFrisman and @LuigiGaleottiOAC
Thanks for addressing this. I know his radio interview scared a lot of people, and it's good to confront bad science

This tweet was deleted by the Tweet author. [Learn more](#)

Thread Reader App @threaddreaderapp · 3h
Sorry we only unroll consecutive tweets from the same author, but if you want to grab the whole convo try [@pdfmakerapp](#) [twitter.com/pdfmakerapp/1...](#)

PDFMakerApp @pdfmakerapp · Aug 4, 2020
We are experimenting a new way to grab Twitter conversations using [https://pdfmakerapp.com](#). Please visit our [https://pdfmakerapp.com](#)

Jocelyne Bridle @BridleJocelyne

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What's happening

- NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with #knicks #hawks
- Scouts - Trending
Kuzma
1.1k Tweets
- Sports - Trending
Marc Gasol
1.1k Tweets
- Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle
- NBA - LIVE
Suns at Lakers

Tweet

Jocelyne Bridle (@BridleJocelyne) · 23m
Dear Adventurers4Q, I do not usually use social media, hence my use of my wife's account. Could you please contact me at 'bbridge@uoguelph.ca'? Thank-you -Byram (bridge)

Thebodylibrary (@Thebodylibrary) · 23h
Replying to @BridleJocelyne and @UofGuelphCAC
You mention the 'spice' does not accumulate in the spleen, liver, etc. Any data on this please?

Wolf @Wolf_314_59 · 7h
Replying to @BridleJocelyne and @UofGuelphCAC

Declaration of interest

1. General Information
Full Name: David Thomas
DOB: 08/07/1971 (53 years)
This is the nature of my role in the Spice Protein business.

2. Spice Protein: My Interest
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Category	No.	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Evita Su @EvaSu21 · 17m
Replying to @BridleJocelyne and @UofGuelphCAC
Spice Protein Behavior
I've been getting a lot of questions in the last few...

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What's happening

- NBA · 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Teaming with Knicks Hawks
- Sports · Trending
Kuzma
7,248 Tweets
- Sports · Trending
Marc Gasol
1,154 Tweets
- Subs · LIVE
Suns at Lakers
- Fun · Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

Spike-Protein Behavior
Ever been getting a lot of questions in the last few days about several Spike-protein-related links...
@biologiscientia.org

Erika Siu @ErikaSiu2 · 15m
Consider what happens when you're infected by actual coronavirus. We know that huge majority of infections R spread by inhalation of virus-laden droplets from other infected people so route of admin. is via nose &/or lungs & cells lining ur airway R thus 1st ones 2 get infected

Jordan @method_4747 · 48h
Replying to @Diffrman_ana @UofGuelphOAC
Wait, so you or someone under you set up a website, under Dr Erdős's name to discredit him? Wow.

Can people not see through this?
Just take a quick glance at this image.

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5. Scientific Information
Full Name: David Hooper
New Publications: 1/1/2021

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Please fill out the following table by indicating whether you or your institution have received compensation, regardless of amount, from the sponsor of the research project, or whether you or your institution have received compensation that could be perceived to influence your publication in the subject area, or related activity. Please indicate all compensation that has been received in the last 3 years prior to your participation in the project.

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@BridieJocelyne

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David Forman on Twitter: "Tui r..."

twitter.com/DrSamanthaYu/139075644604002565

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What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
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Marc Gasol
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NBA - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks
Trending with [DerrickRose](#), [Habs](#)

Canada national news - 2 hours ago
Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school
Trending with [Indigenous](#)

Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

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Tweet

Erita Siu (@EritaSiu) · 6h
Replying to @DrHuan and @UterGuehohJAC
David, could you comment on this study and if the phenomena is limited to adenovirus delivery and why it would not be present in mRNA vaccines?
[#covid19](#) [#vaccine](#)

Research Square
"Vaccine-induced Covid-19 Mimicry Syndrome" Spurred the Immunization of millions of people by...
During the last months many countries have started the immunization of millions of people by...
[researchsquare.com](#)

Erita Siu (@EritaSiu) · 6h
These soluble Spike variants imitate severe side effects when binding ACE2-expressing endothelial cells in blood vessels. In analogy to thrombotic events caused by Spike protein encoded by SARS-CoV-2, we termed underlying mechanism "Vaccine-induced Covid-19 Mimicry Syndrome"

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Kimmy Mend (@kimmymend) · 15h
Replying to @DrHuan and @UterGuehohJAC
Not surprising that you are trying to discredit him. He doesn't support vaccines are best narrative.

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated (@glenpyle) · 17h
The paper Byram cited doesn't support his claim. That's pretty telling that a study cited to support his claims actually goes against those claims.

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Jocelyne Bridle (@BridleJocelyne)

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twitter.com/DrFriman/status/1390756040940035665

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What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trading with Knicks Hawks

Sports · Trending
Chris Paul
7,814 Tweets

Sports · Trending
Drummond
3,812 Tweets

Fun - Last night
Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle

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Tweet

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Sam W. (@stuslavine) · 6h
Replying to @DrFriman and @UoGuelph
Seems like Dr. Byram Boodle's concerns are data biased. More to come.

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Pat (@pat_nebraska) · 47m
Replying to @DrFriman and @UoGuelph
Did you read his latest research/data from the study in Japan yet? It's not really helping when all you say is "it doesn't". You both should be showing your data. Otherwise it's just 1 person's opinion and people are gonna pick between the two

Liam McKinnon (@liam_mckinnon) · 10h
Replying to @DrFriman and @UoGuelph
Strange to link to a website that uses Dr. Boodle's name only to discredit each of his data-backed claims, and yet offer no data in return. Where are the footnotes, sources?

Jocelyne Bridie (@BridieJocelyne) · 23m
Replying to @DrFriman and @UoGuelph

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What's happening

Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle · Fun - Last night

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Anthony Davis · Sports · Trending · 8,127 Tweets

Knicks at Hawks · NBA - 1 hour ago · Trending with **Brooks** · Hawks

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Sam W. @tudorville10 · 6h · Replying to @DFirmann and @UofGuephOAC
Seems like Dr. Bystam Brodie's concerns are data based. More to come.

Pat @pat_nebraska · 47m · Replying to @DFirmann and @UofGuephOAC
Did you read his latest research/data from the study in Japan yet? It's not really refuting when all you say is "it doesn't". You both should be showing your data. Otherwise it's just 1 person's opinion and people are gonna pick between the two.

Year	Total Population consuming AGU with COVID-19	Total Population consuming AGU without COVID-19	% of total population consuming AGU with COVID-19	% of total population consuming AGU without COVID-19
2018	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2019	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2020	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2021	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2022	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2023	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%
2024	141,149	141,149	50.0%	50.0%

Liam McKinnon @liam_01_mckinnon · 16h · Replying to @DFirmann and @UofGuephOAC
Strange to link to a website that uses Dr. Brodie's name only to discredit each of his data-backed claims, and yet offer no data in return. Where are the footnotes, sources?

Evita Siau @EvitaSiau · 23m · Replying to @DFirmann and @UofGuephOAC

Jocelyne Brodie @BrodieJocelyne

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Twitter

Search Twitter: [input field]

The screenshot shows a Twitter interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area displays a tweet from Evita Siu (@EvaSiu1) replying to @DrFirman and @UoTAgri. The tweet includes a scientific figure with four panels (A, B, C, D) showing microscopy images and bar graphs. The figure is titled "SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein Impairs Endothelial Function via Downregulation of ACE 2" and includes a URL to a preprint on medRxiv. Below the tweet, there are two replies. The first reply is from Glen Pyle (@GertVaccinated) replying to @GertPyle, stating "No. He works at @UoTAgriCollege but we are not all veterinarians. Many of us do research focussed on human health." The second reply is from Evita Siu replying to @DrFirman and @UoTAgri, with the text "Splice Protein of SARS-CoV-2 Virus Alone Can Cause Exposure to a Segment of the viral spike protein". The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with the Start button and several application icons.

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Twitter interface showing a tweet by Maggie (@maggieabout) and a 'What's happening' section with trending topics like Knicks at Hawks, Julius Randle, Gasol, and Suns at Lakers.

Home **Explore** **Notifications** **Messages** **Bookmarks** **Lists** **Profile** **More**

Tweet

Maggie @maggieabout · 23h
Replying to @DrFisman and @LiaGuelphOAC
wait 48 hours and you'll see the evidence to back his claims.
If you can't wait, then go ahead and ask Pfizer about the data they submitted to Japan.

Kristin Adam @kristinadam · 6h
I'll be interested to see this. No one here seems to be mentioning the FOI request from Japan that he cited. That's where he said the info re: spiked bone marrow etc came from.

Gnosys @GnosysAwakening · 6h
Replying to @DrFisman and @LiaGuelphOAC
Science is actually on Dr. Brode's side.

Lawrence Gold @LawrenceGold72 · 19h
Replying to @DrFisman and @LiaGuelphOAC
This is not evidence based and a bit odd. He says "there have been reports of infant bleeding". This is unsubstantiated info. @LiaGuelphOAC @DrFisman @maggieabout

It is what it is @LindaJSG3631 · 23h
Replying to @DrFisman and @LiaGuelphOAC
And Toronto is planning a youth var blitz? This is a degenerating reality.

Maggie @maggieabout · 23h

What's happening

NBA · Trending
Knicks at Hawks
Trading with [Kobe Bryant](#), [Hawks](#)

NBA · Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks. Trading with [Aubrey](#), [Derrick Rose](#)

NBA · Trending
Gasol
7,129 Tweets

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Type here to search

5:27 PM · Jun 28, 2024

Twitter interface showing a tweet from Maggie H. (@MaggieHoutabout) replying to @DrFisman and another tweet from Nolan Pine (@nolanpine) replying to @DrFisman. The interface includes navigation icons (Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, More) and a trending section on the right.

Trending

- Knicks at Hawks
Trending with [knicks-hawks](#)
- Julius Randle
Trending with [knicks-hawks](#)
- Kuzma
Sports · Trending
- Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school
Trending with [indigenous](#), [150th](#)
- Friends star Matt LeBlanc gets the meme treatment as a beloved Irish uncle 🍷🍷
Fun · Last night

Tweet

Maggie H. @MaggieHoutabout · 23h
Replying to @DrFisman and @DrGuepitoQAC
Wait, you're citing a website created by an Icelandic hacker who hijacked Bytium's name & put it as a web domain as your rebuttal that Dr. Brindle's claims are not supported by data?
Gosh, maybe too much Haeßlflur & Brennin being passed around the Ontario Science Table?

nolan pine @nolanpine · 22h
Replying to @DrFisman and @DrGuepitoQAC
The linked website doesn't provide any sources for its claims, so all we're doing is playing 'he said she said'!

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · 11h
Here is a source that was cited in the interview:
Circulating SARS-CoV-2 Nucleo Antigen Detected L...
Abstract: SARS-CoV-2 proteins were measured in longitudinal plasma samples collected from 15...
[academiccorp.com](#)

Covid Sense @sense_covid · 1h
Replying to @DrFisman and @DrGuepitoQAC
Dave, aren't you an epidemiologist? Isn't vaccine development a bit out of your area of expertise? Scientific debate would be welcome but a dummy scientist's bullshit hypothesis excludes a lot of what we are seeing in the

Bottom navigation bar: Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, More

Search bar: Type here to search

Twitter interface showing a tweet by Seraphina (@Seraphina16) with a table titled "Vaccine Safety VAERS Database - Passive Reporting - 4/2024". The table lists various vaccine types and their corresponding counts for unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals.

Vaccine Type	Unvaccinated	Vaccinated
Adjuvanted	1,271 days	21
Non-adjuvanted	1,271 days	21
Adjuvanted	1,271 days	10
Non-adjuvanted	1,271 days	3
Adjuvanted	1,271 days	3
Non-adjuvanted	1,271 days	3
Adjuvanted	1,271 days	3
Non-adjuvanted	1,271 days	3

Replying to @GCF remains and @JulioGuelpinGAC
How kind of you to purchase Dr. Brindie's .com domain name for that greasy "take-down".

Is this your come back after deleting your @RufusVahalla account?

Amy (@vkeepcalzabria - May 27)
So, I was gonna do this thread later, but so many people have picked up on this - I think it's time to have a look.

THREAD: @RufusVahalla What is this account?
To start, as many ppl have gathered, the profile is a stock photo. But that's only the beginning of the weirdness

1/ Show this thread

Jocelyne Brindie (@BrindieJocelyne)

What's happening

NBA - 1 hour ago
Knicks at Hawks
Trading with Knicks, Hawks

Sports - Trending
Anthony Davis
9,132 Tweets

NBA - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks
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David Farnac on Twitter: The H...
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What's happening

NBA - Trending
Knicks at Hawks
Trending with [Knicks](#), [Hawks](#)

NBA - Trending
Gasol
12:22 Tweets

NBA - Trending
Julius Randle
Knicks fans are reacting to Julius Randle's performance in Game 4 against the Hawks. Trending with [Tulook](#), [Demick](#), [Ibiza](#)

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Eva Migdal @WEDSCHOOL · 17h
Please tell more.

SovietRepublicOfOntario @PravdaEC · 23h
Replying to @DFarnac and @TheGuelphOAC
Are you a doctor?

Jocelyne Bridle
@BridleJocelyne

Type here to search

Browser address bar: twitter.com/glenpyle/status/1390807577593626527

Navigation: Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, More

Tweet

9:04 PM · May 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Replied to @DFisman and @UofGuelphOAC

I hate to do this because this is my college, but Dr Bridle is not in OAC. He is a faculty member at @OntVetCollege.

2 Quote Tweets · 14 Likes

J Scott Weese @weese_scott · 17h
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
It's tough but misinformation has to be challenged. More misinformation and confusion during a pandemic are dangerous and causing harm.

Thirty Six Edible Cups @ThirtySixCups · May 29
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
Wait he's a VET??

Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated @glenpyle · May 29
No. Many of us who work at the vet college are not vets just like many people who teach at med school are not physicians.

Crypto Arcadian @phantasty · 10h
Replying to @glenpyle @DFisman and 2 others
Regardless of who he is can you address what he says please.

David Fisman @DFisman
Professor, interested in plagues, pestilences and politics. I am, literally, a fish who needs a bicycle.

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What's happening

- Clippers at Mavericks** · 5 hours ago · Trending with Mavericks
- Kawhi** · Trending · 20.1K Tweets
- Snapchat** · Trending · 57.6K Tweets
- Indigenous community mourns and demands action following discovery of 215 children's remains at a former residential school** · Trending with #215children
- Just 17 Photos Of Evan Peters That Prove How Much He's Changed Over The Years**

Footer: Jockeyne Bridle @bradlejockeyne, Type here to search, 5:18 AM, ENG, 2024-05



David Fisman  @DFisman · 2h

The website debunking Dr. Bridle's covid-19 vaccine claims has been updated with lots of peer-reviewed science that attests to the safety of vaccines.

byrambridle.com

And for those who think I made or organized this website: nope. But grateful to the scientists who did.

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David Fisman  @DFisman · 2h

A friend indicates that Dr Bridle's interview caused his parents to cancel their vaccine appointments. This is not ok.

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D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: [Byram Bridle](#)
To: [Jeffrey Wichtel](#)
Cc: [Laurie Arnott](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting Request
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:57:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jeff,

4-4:30 would work for me this Wed.

Sincerely,
Byram

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From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Cc: Laurie Arnott <l.arnott@exec.uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Meeting Request

Good afternoon Byram –

I did not see a reply to the message below, so I'm resending to set a new meeting time that works for all of us.

Laurie and I are next available from 2:30-5pm on Wednesday-- if there is 30 minutes in that timeframe that works for you?

Thanks,

Jeff

Dear Byram,

I am in receipt of the workplace harassment complaint you submitted.

I have had an opportunity to review the complaint and the attached evidence submitted in support of it. As I understand it, the complaint involves comments attributed to the Drs. Scott Weese and Glen Pyle, faculty members at the University, that occurred on a third-party social media platform (Twitter). There is also reference to a website with your name as the domain name, the creator of which is unknown but is not alleged to be one of the Respondents, though you indicate that Dr. Pyle knows its creator.

I have also had an opportunity to consult with Faculty and Academic Staff Relations regarding the workplace harassment process and its definition, I have also had an opportunity to consult with Faculty and Academic Staff Relations regarding the workplace harassment process, its definition and the behaviour that constitutes harassment thereunder.

Can we schedule a meeting to discuss your complaint? I'm available between 2 and 4pm tomorrow (Monday) – so feel free to get back to me and choose a 30-minute timeslot between 2 and 4. Laurie Arnott will join me on the meeting. If that time does not work, please get back to me and we will find another. If it works, I'll send a Teams invitation for the elected time.

You mention impact on your mental and physical health as a result of the issue you bring forward in your complaint. We've spoken about EAP, but I want to remind you about this service as it can be very helpful. At our meeting we can also discuss the challenges that you indicate you are experiencing completing work.

Sincerely,

Jeff

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D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Date: June 24, 2021 at 6:42:35 AM EDT
To: OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY@listserv.uoguelph.ca
Subject: [OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY] Invitation to publicly discuss
COVID-19 vaccines for children
Reply-To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Hi Scott and Glen,

I am sick and tired of your immature behaviours in social media. The continual fanning of the flames of the smear campaign against me is hurtful, harmful, and childish. Graduate students of other faculty members have taken notice and are appalled by the ongoing behaviour. Glen, you were caught in an outright lie (see below). You know who set-up the libelous website and lied to our college administration about knowing this. Will you reveal the name of the person who set-up the site to facilitate its removal or do you continue to feel it is appropriate to cause major ongoing harm to the career of a colleague? It is notable that neither one of you has been willing to engage me in any discussions about the science. Talking to someone who can respond in real-time is very different than slamming them in one-sided Tweets. I do not have a social media presence and you provide great examples of why this was a wise decision. It is time to start acting your age. I invite you to discuss the science underpinning the use of COVID-19 vaccines in children in an on-line public forum. You are the local experts on COVID-19 vaccines and now have an opportunity to demonstrate to our colleagues, and the public at large that I do not know what I am talking about in a respectful discussion. We can find a moderator and we can either do this one-on-one, the two of you and then I will choose one colleague to attend with me, or you can even select one additional colleague and we will have teams of three. You have one week to respond to this invitation. The public discussion will take place within a week of me receiving a response. A negative response or non-response will be taken as a public acknowledgement that you have been wrong and will be implied as a public apology. To help you prepare, please see the attached open letter that was written by the inventor of the mRNA vaccine technology, read my guide for parents (the full version, not the two-pager), which can be found at this website: <https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/>, and view this video in which I rebut every argument made against me that I was aware of... <https://rumble.com/vilrsj-doctor-talks-10-dr-byram-bridle-returns-fire-to-critics.html>

The time starts now.

A few examples of the many Tweets sent to me by horrified graduate students and some colleagues from around the world can be found below

(Scott and Glen, do you really want the public and our trainees to believe that this is how we conduct our business at the U of G?; Are you willing to work towards re-building a respectful work environment at OVC?)...

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D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 11:54 AM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Byram,

In an earlier communication I advised you that email is a poor tool for discussing sensitive and contentious topics. There have been and continue to be multiple misunderstandings related to email exchanges on this topic that have added fuel to tensions within our College. In subsequent exchanges you have received specific requests from Glen Pyle and Scott Weese to not communicate with them via email on this topic, and to have them removed from any email distribution lists relating to this topic. I do expect you to address this request immediately by removing Scott and Glen from your email distribution list and to cease exchanging emails on this topic with these two individuals who have made this request.

As previously discussed, this in no way restricts your right to academic freedom and freedom of expression in public and other forums.

Thank you,

Jeff

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D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: [Byram Bridle](#)
To: [Jeffrey Wachtel](#)
Cc: [Mary DeCoste](#); [Susan Hubers](#)
Subject: Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:57:08 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

I am sorry Jeff, but in light of yesterday's meeting it is laughable that you would slap me over the wrist because of failing to remove Scott and Glen from e-mails at their request. Have I not requested that they remove me as a target from their communications? One can attack science without attacking (or even mentioning) the person. I get sent their Tweets from all over the world. I really do not see you providing fair treatment to all three faculty who are involved. Have you asked them to cease and desist in their communications? If Scott and Glen really feel that I have been the one harassing them, please let them know what the policy is for submitting a claim. I would be keen to see your ruling on such claims. A public invitation to end this communication once and for all would be useless without addressing it to them. E-mail represents one valid way to exercise academic freedom. You set a precedent yesterday and I am merely following that precedent as a way to safeguard my mental well-being.

Byram

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D. LYNN TURNBULL

From: [Glen Pyle](#)
To: [Larry O'Connell](#)
Cc: [J. Scott Weese](#); [Andrew Peregrine](#); [Dorothee Bienzle](#); [Jeffrey Wichtel](#)
Subject: Byram Bridle Incident -- July 21, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:47:57 PM
Attachments: [20210721_110244.mp4](#)

July 21, 2021, Approximately 11:00am. I left the south east side of the OVC building through a door across from the cafeteria. I was headed to the Central Animal Facility (CAF) to retrieve some mice for my lab. As I was crossing the parking lot across from the Pathobiology building, I heard someone calling my name. I looked up to locate who has calling me and I saw Dr. Byram Bridle standing near an entrance to the Pathobiology building. When I looked at him he gestured that I should come over to him (using both hands) and said, "Come over here and say it to my face, you fucking coward". He continued to gesture that I should come over to him while continuing to yell. When I pulled out my phone to record the incident, he stopped yelling, made one more gesture, and turned to enter the building. At the end of the incident a young woman (whose back was to my camera) was headed towards the same entrance that Dr. Bridle used. I don't know who she is or how much of the incident she witnessed, but she is seen in the video.

Background. In late May, 2021, Dr. Bridle was interviewed for a podcast by Alex Pierson on his concerns about some of the COVID19 vaccines. In the course of that interview Dr. Bridle provided his opinion on some scientific issues that I disagreed with. In response, I posted comments on Twitter in which I cited studies that contradicted Dr. Bridle's opinions. Dr. Bridle took issue with these comments and sent a series of emails expressing his opinions on the matter. I initially responded to point out that my comments were on the science of the issue and in the public domain, and that there was nothing wrong with that. The emails from Dr. Bridle escalated and I stopped engaging. Dr. Bridle continued to send several faculty unsolicited emails and we requested that they stop. He continued to send emails until the Dean of OVC (Dr. Jeff Wichtel) intervened. It is my understanding that Dr. Wichtel requested that all communication between the specific parties stop. I have not had any communication from Dr. Bridle since that time (end of June), until the incident on July 21.

It is my understanding that faculty in Pathobiology have experienced other concerning incidents, including receipt of a letter today from Dr. Bridle. I would suggest that you discuss this issue with Drs. Scott Weese, Dorothee Bienzle, and Andrew Peregrine (all faculty in Pathobiology, copied on this email) who can provide their insight (I did not receive the letter).

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both myself and the members of my lab, who I feel are at real risk, especially given the recent escalation.

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Glen.

W. Glen Pyle, PhD

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"By a divine paradox, wherever there is one slave there are two. So in the wonderful reciprocities of being, we can never reach the higher levels until all our fellows ascend with us."

-- Edwin Markham

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From: Dorothea Bende <dbende@rcpch.ac.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 9:03 AM
To: 'President' <president@rcpch.ac.uk>; Office of Vice President Academic <ovpa@rcpch.ac.uk>; Jeffrey Wickett <jwickett@rcpch.ac.uk>; Faculty Association <facass@rcpch.ac.uk>
Cc: Brandon Liles <bliles@rcpch.ac.uk>
Subject: Concern about safety at work

I am writing to express my concern about actions and threats from Dr. Byram Bode. As you will be aware, I am a co-author of a recent statement from a large number of University of Guelph scientists disagreeing with messages propagated by Byram about the lack of safety of vaccines against SARS-CoV-2. Our letter concerned his messages and were not of a personal nature.

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Sincerely,

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The image shows a photograph of a printed document, likely an email or a letter, held in someone's hand. The document is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a letter from Dorothea Bende to Byram. On the right, there is a screenshot of a webpage from RCPCH (Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health).

Letter from Dorothea Bende to Byram:

Are you sure that you are on the right side of history?

My door is always open if you would like to chat about the science instead of making false assumptions about my intentions and expertise. My foresight is based on following the science. I genuinely care about the health and well-being of children. Immature behaviour is unbecoming of a professional. I have been deeply hurt by your profound disrespect

Byram

RCPCH webpage content:

RCPCH response to JCVI advice regarding children and COVID-19 vaccination
16 July 2021

Media & Campaigns team

The RCPCH responds to the Government announcement that they have accepted the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations (JCVI) regarding children and young people and COVID-19 vaccination.

The Joint Committee on vaccines and immunisation (JCVI) has deliberated on an extremely complex issue and we are grateful for their expertise and the many hours members of the committee have given to these difficult questions.

We are very pleased that all four UK Governments have now accepted the advice of an expert group (which contains a number of paediatricians) - advice which was made available to Government some weeks ago.

The JCVI advice reiterates what the evidence tells us - that most children are at risk of being made seriously ill by COVID. Having looked at the available national and international data, the Committee has weighed in the balance the benefit to children of being vaccinated, against the very small but important risk of potential harm from the vaccine. They have decided that for children who are otherwise healthy, the benefits of vaccination are not outweighed by the benefit.

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From: Andrew Peregrine <aperegri@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 11:38 AM

To: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Larry O'Connell <larryo@uoguelph.ca>; J. Scott Weese <jsweese@uoguelph.ca>; Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>; Dorothee Bienzle <dbienzle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Dr Byram Bridle - safety in Pathobiology

Dear Drs. Wichtel and Lillie,

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Andrew Peregrine

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July 22, 2021

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Byram Bridle
Department Of Pathobiology
Ontario Veterinary College
University of Guelph

Dear Dr. Bridle:

I am writing to inform you that the University has commenced an investigation based on concerns raised regarding your interactions with Dr. Glen Pyle on July 21, 2021 and Drs. Peregrine and Bienzle on July 22, 2021. This investigation is in accordance with the Collective Agreement (Article 39) between the University and the University of Guelph Faculty Association.

Specifically, I will be investigating whether you have breached the University's expectations for maintenance of a workplace free from harassment as outlined in Article 42 of the Collective Agreement and applicable University policies. The complaints giving rise to this investigation are attached to this letter.

Please be assured that this investigation is not, in-and-of-itself, to be seen as a disciplinary action; however, the outcome of the investigation may lead to constructive and/or disciplinary actions being taken.

I will be assigning a third-party investigator for this investigation and will notify you as soon as this assignment occurs. If there are individuals that you wish to be interviewed as part of this process, please let the investigator know as soon as possible. I anticipate the investigator will be speaking with you, the complaints and individuals who witnessed the interactions. Anyone interviewed will be informed that this investigation and their participation therein must be kept confidential.

You will be provided with a full opportunity to provide input and response (both verbal and in writing) at each step of this process and you are also entitled to be advised and accompanied by a representative of the Faculty Association at any and all meetings and discussions. I invite you to respond to this allegation by meeting with the investigator or by submission of materials, or both if you prefer.

Until further written instruction from me, you are instructed not to discuss this investigation with others (excepting your representative(s) from UGFA). You are also instructed not to interfere with this

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investigation nor to engage in any form of reprisal action against any individual for their actual or perceived role in this investigation. Such conduct is prohibited and will result in the taking of disciplinary action by the University.

Further, as an interim measure during the investigation and as safety has been raised as a concern on the reporting forms, you will not be permitted to attend campus. You may still conduct work remotely and I will work with you to facilitate how this can happen. If you require access to campus, please request approval from me.

I have attached for your reference the relevant Collective Agreement article (Article 39) which will guide this investigation process. If you have any questions or concerns about process, I will be pleased to discuss with you.

Sincerely



Jeffrey J. Wichtel, BVSc, PhD, Dip. ACT
Professor and Dean

- c. M. DeCoste, President, UGFA
- S. Hubers, Executive Officer, UGFA
- L. Arnott, Assistant Vice President, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations

Attachments include:

1. Article 39 of the UGFA Collective Agreement; and,
2. Complaints

Article 39 - Investigation of Allegations and Discipline

Preamble

- 39.1 A Member may be disciplined only for just cause and only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 39.2 Disciplinary action shall be reasonable and consistent with the principle of progressive discipline, commensurate with the seriousness of the misconduct.
- 39.3 The investigation, in and of itself, is not considered to constitute discipline and is not grounds for grievance, although the Association may grieve if it believes that the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation violates the Collective Agreement.
- 39.3.1 All investigations will be conducted as expeditiously as possible.

Investigation

- 39.4 The University may investigate any allegation which, if proven, would warrant taking disciplinary action against a Member. Subject to 39.9, within ten (10) days, or as soon as practicable after an allegation has been made, the University shall inform the Member of the nature of the allegation that has been made and his/her right to seek assistance from the Association. If a complaint in writing has been received by the University, the Member and the Association will, at this time, be given a copy of it. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted to retain confidentiality.
- 39.5 Where the University will be investigating any allegation about a Member that, if proven, would warrant disciplinary action against the Member, subject to Article 39.9.1 below, the Member will be notified by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, as soon as is practicable of the reasons for, and the nature of, the planned investigation.
- 39.6 During an investigation the University may remove a Member with pay, if the circumstances warrant it. Such investigation will occur as expeditiously as possible. The mere fact of an investigation is not grounds for grievance although a Member may grieve whether the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation conforms to this Article.
- 39.6.1 Any breach of the investigatory process does not result in the discipline being void. Any breach is, rather, a factor to be considered by an arbitrator in fashioning a remedy.
- 39.7 Notwithstanding 39.24, if a Member poses a real and present danger to the safety of any member of the University community or to University property, the University may decide to remove the Member from the workplace during the investigation and the Member will continue to receive full salary and benefits.

- 39.8 A Member shall have the right to receive assistance and representation from the Association.
- 39.9 Subject to Article 39.9.2 below and as soon as is practicable, but no later than ten (10) days after commencing an investigation, the University shall advise the Member and the Association's Executive Officer or designate in writing:
- a) of the nature, substance, and scope of the investigation,
 - b) of the Member's right to seek assistance from the Association;
 - c) that the Member is invited to respond to the allegation(s) by meeting or submitting materials, or both;
 - d) that the Member is invited to submit a list of persons, along with a written explanation as to the reasons for each person listed, whom the Member believes should be interviewed as part of the investigation.
- 39.9.1 The University will provide a list of the persons identified as per 39.9 (d) whom it has not contacted, if any, and provide a written explanation.
- 39.9.2 The University may withhold information, decide not to notify the Member, or delay notifying the Member if there are grounds to believe there is a risk of significant harm to another person or to University property or that the investigation may otherwise be jeopardized. In such case, the University shall notify the President of the Association, or designate, immediately.
- 39.10 Members and the University shall maintain the confidentiality of the investigative process, its findings, and its outcome. Information will be disclosed only to those with a demonstrable need to know. Those in receipt of information pertaining to the investigative process are bound to hold such information in confidence. The University may disclose information where it has grounds to believe that confidentiality may put a person at risk of significant harm or if the University is legally required to disclose. In such a case, the University shall immediately inform the Association of its decision not to maintain confidentiality and the grounds for the decision.
- 39.10.1 All persons contacted by the University during the investigation shall be informed of the confidentiality requirement under Article 39.10 above.

Tentative Results of the Investigation

- 39.11 The University shall notify the Member of the tentative results of the investigation within ten (10) days of the results being known.
- 39.12 Pursuant to Article 39.11, the University shall either:
- a) advise the Member that discipline will not be imposed and that the investigation is closed, or

- b) inform the Member that the University believes that discipline is warranted. In this case, the University shall invite the Member to attend a meeting before the investigation is closed, and before any discipline is imposed, to allow the Member to respond.

39.13 The Member may respond in person or through an Association representative. Should the Member fail to respond to the invitation within ten (10) days or fail to attend a meeting on the matter, without reasonable excuse, the University may proceed under the terms of this Article.

Disciplinary Measures

39.15 Disciplinary measures that the University might take against a Member are limited to:

- a) written warning or reprimand;
- b) suspension with pay;
- c) suspension without pay; or
- d) dismissal for cause.

39.16 A written warning or reprimand shall be clearly identified as a disciplinary measure and shall contain a clear statement of the reasons for the discipline.

39.17 A suspension with pay is the act of the University's relieving, for cause, some or all of a Member's duties and/or entitlements without the Member's consent.

39.18 Dismissal means the termination of Appointment without the Member's consent before retirement/resignation or the end of the contract.

39.18.1 Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not, in and of itself, constitute dismissal. Not granting of a Continuing Appointment or Tenure to a Member does not constitute dismissal.

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- b) persistent failure to discharge Responsibilities through incompetence or neglect of duties; or
- c) abandonment of duties.

Disciplinary Process Distinct from Academic Assessments

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Assessment; however, the facts that resulted in, or may result in, the imposition of discipline may be considered, if relevant to an academic assessment.

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Disciplinary Process

- 39.20 Where the University believes disciplinary action is warranted, the Member shall be notified in writing of a meeting, stating the time and place and that the Member has the right to have an Association representative at the meeting. This meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the written notification of the meeting.
- 39.21 At the meeting, the University shall provide the Member with details of the disciplinary measures to be imposed and the reasons therefore.
- 39.22 Any Grievance related to a suspension or dismissal shall commence at the Formal Stage in accordance with Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.
- 39.23 Where disciplinary action has been taken, the University shall only notify those officials with a demonstrable need to know.
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- 39.26 Any record of discipline shall be removed from a Member’s Official File twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the discipline was imposed, unless the Member has been given further warnings or reprimands and the Association does not successfully grieve the matter.

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authority and not be in violation of this Agreement in order for a Member to be disciplined specifically for the violation of such a rule, regulation, or policy.

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Complaints received by the University

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Scott Weese

July 21, 2021

Given the repeated issues with Byram Bridle, his continued passive aggressive contacts with me despite being told to stop (again today) and the episode today where he yelled obscenities at a colleague on campus, I no longer consider the University of Guelph to be a safe workplace.

It is apparent that some people are fearful of coming to the Pathobiology building because of this. The University is not protecting its employees and creating a safe working environment. Should Byram cause any harm to someone on campus, I want to make it clear that the University was well informed and that multiple warning signs of his aggressive and unstable behaviour have been present for some time.

I understand the concerns about freedom of speech, but misrepresentation and lying cannot be protected. Through addressing this (with Byram and his supporters claiming the University is 'highly supportive of him',) I am subject to many online threats (including death threats) and abuses. I accept that as part of trying to reduce the substantial damage that he and others are doing, but believe that the University is bound to at least provide a safe working environment.

Glen Pyle

July 21, 2021

July 21, 2021, Approximately 11:00am. I left the south east side of the OVC building through a door across from the cafeteria. I was headed to the Central Animal Facility (CAF) to retrieve some mice for my lab. As I was crossing the parking lot across from the Pathobiology building, I heard someone calling my name. I looked up to locate who has calling me and I saw Dr. Byram Bridle standing near an entrance to the Pathobiology building. When I looked at him he gestured that I should come over to him (using both hands) and said, "Come over here and say it to my face, you fucking coward". He continued to gesture that I should come over to him while continuing to yell. When I pulled out my phone to record the incident, he stopped yelling, made one more gesture, and turned to enter the building. At the end of the incident a young woman (whose back was to my camera) was headed towards the same entrance that Dr. Bridle used. I don't know who she is or how much of the incident she witnessed, but she is seen in the video.

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From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 8:40 PM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Laurie Arnott <l.arnott@exec.uoguelph.ca>; Susan Hubers <shubers@uoguelph.ca>; William Cormack <wcormack@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Access to university property

Dear Byram,

I was hoping to meet with you today pursuant to my meeting request last evening. We will need to book a meeting on Monday either at 1:45 or 4:30 pm regarding your recent interactions with Glen Pyle, Andrew Peregrine and Dorothee Bienzle.

In the absence of the meeting today, it's unfortunate that I must communicate via email, but you will not be permitted on University property until further notice. You may still continue your work remotely and we can discuss the logistics of this on Monday. You must have no contact with Glen, Andrew, Dorothee or Scott Weese. This includes asking others to contact them.

Byram, I understand that this is unwelcome and stressful news. We can speak about this further on Monday. I want to remind you that the [Employee and Family Assistance Program](#) is available to you and can be helpful to our employees in stressful times particularly over the weekend.

The Faculty Association is available at the meeting times on Monday to support you in this discussion.

Thank you, Byram.

Jeff

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Wichtel sworn before me June 21, 2024.

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RE: Investigation of complaints against Dr. Byram Bridle

Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy

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1 BACKGROUND, INTRODUCTION AND MANDATE

On July 21, 2021, the Dean received an email from Witness 1 describing his concerns with Dr. Byram Bridle following an encounter outside the Pathobiology Building earlier that day. Witness 1 also reported the alleged incident to Campus Police.

On July 22, 2021, the Dean received emails from Witness 2 and Witness 4 outlining concerns related to their own interactions with Dr. Bridle earlier that day. After seeking advice on the situation, The Dean notified Dr. Bridle that the University had commenced an investigation based on these concerns and was provided with the emails from the faculty members. Dr. Bridle was informed that the investigation would determine whether his alleged behaviour had breached the University's expectations for maintenance of a workplace free from harassment as outlined in Article 42 of the Collective Agreement and applicable University policies.

On July 23, 2021, The Dean notified Dr. Bridle that, as an interim measure during the investigation, he was not permitted to attend campus. He was also informed that he was prohibited from contacting Witness 1, Witness 2, Witness 3, or Witness 4.

On July 29, 2021, I was appointed by the University to conduct this investigation.

2 INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS

The following individuals were interviewed in relation to this investigation:

- The Dean
- Witness 1
- Witness 2
- Witness 3
- Witness 4
- Witness 5
- Witness 6
- Witness 7
- Witness 8

- Witness 9
- Witness 10
- Witness 11

Note - The University made multiple attempts to contact Dr. Bridle and suggested various interview dates and times in order to provide him with an opportunity to respond to the allegations. On September 15, 2021, the University was notified that Dr. Bridle's legal counsel Rocco Galati had stated that Dr. Bridle would not be participating in the investigation process. The University sent a registered letter to Dr. Bridle on September 21, 2021, confirming that, should he not contact Laurie Arnott by 4 pm on October 1, 2021, I would be authorized to proceed in making determinations as to my findings of fact based upon the information that had been gathered up to that point. On September 22, 2021, the University received a communication from Mr. Galati demanding that the University cease attempts to communicate with Dr. Bridle.

3 POLICY APPLICATION

The standards applied in this investigation flow from the University's Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy, the relevant provisions of which are set out below:

Applicability:

This Policy applies to all workers as defined by the *OHSA* and includes all employees of the University, while acting in a capacity defined by their relationship to the University. This Policy addresses Workplace Harassment from all sources such as employees, customers, contractors, students and members of the public.

Definition:

Workplace Harassment means:

Engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a Worker, in a workplace, that is known or ought reasonably be known to be unwelcome or Workplace Sexual Harassment (see below)

Reasonable action taken by the employer or supervisor relating to the management and direction of workers or the workplace is not workplace harassment.

Workplace Sexual Harassment means:

Engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace because of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, where the course of comment or conduct is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome, or

Making a sexual solicitation or advance where the person making the solicitation or advance is in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the worker and the person knows or ought reasonably to know that the solicitation or advance is unwelcome.

Policy Statements:

1. Workplace Harassment is prohibited at the University of Guelph.
2. Workers are encouraged to report Workplace Harassment. Managers and supervisors are responsible for responding to allegations of Workplace Harassment in accordance with this Policy.
3. The University will investigate all complaints or incidents of Workplace Harassment as appropriate, in a fair, respectful and timely manner and in accordance with its policies and employee agreements.
4. Information provided about a complaint or incident will not be disclosed except to the extent necessary to protect workers, to investigate the complaint or incident, to take corrective action or as otherwise required by law.
5. Complaints or allegations of Workplace Harassment should immediately be reported to a supervisor or a person of authority.
6. It is a breach of this Policy for any person to take reprisal against any individual because they have participated in a process under this Policy. A written allegation of reprisal will be treated as a complaint under this Policy.

The Collective Agreement between the University of Guelph and the University of Guelph Faculty Association contains the following relevant information:

Article 42 - No Discrimination and No Harassment

- 42.1 The University is committed to fostering a working and learning environment that allows for full and free participation of all members of the University community. Discrimination against and harassment of individuals, whether as members of any recognizable group or otherwise, undermines these objectives and violates the fundamental rights, personal dignity, and integrity of individuals or groups of individuals.
- 42.2 The Parties agree to abide by the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.19 (for the purposes of this Article “the Code”) and the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*.
- 42.3 Harassment is a form of discrimination based on one or more of the prohibited grounds identified by the Code and/or the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*. The Code defines harassment as “engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.”
- 42.4 Personal conduct or behaviour also constitutes harassment, whether or not it is based on prohibited grounds set out in this Article or the Code, when it creates an intimidating, demeaning, or hostile working environment. Harassment is defined as noted in Article 42.3.
- 42.4.1 The exercise of administrative authority does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment. Communication of negative assessments arising from the exercise of academic or professional judgment does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment.
- 42.5 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised against or by any Member regarding any term or condition of employment, including but not limited to salary, rank, Continuing Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, reappointment, dismissal, termination of employment, layoff, Study/Research Leave, or other Leaves or Benefits, by reasons of the grounds listed below, nor shall any discrimination be exercised against or by Members in the course of carrying out their Responsibilities, by reason of:
- a) race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, citizenship (except for new Appointments as provided by law); or
 - b) creed, or political affiliation or belief or practice; or

- c) sex, sexual orientation, gender, physical attributes, marital status, or family status; or
- d) age; or
- e) physical or mental health disability (provided that such condition does not interfere with the ability to carry out the Member's Responsibilities; but this exception shall not relieve the University from its duty to accommodate in accordance with the Code, or other applicable legislation); or
- f) place of residence (see 42.7); or
- g) membership or participation in the Association.

- 42.6 Article 42.5 does not apply to any action or decision based on a bona fide occupational requirement or qualification.
- 42.7 Place of residence shall not be considered a reason or factor unless the place of residence interferes with a Member carrying out any of his/her responsibilities.
- 42.8 The University shall ensure, in accordance with the Code, that there shall be no systemic discrimination against Members through policies, procedures, or practices that may lead to adverse job-related consequences.
- 42.9 This Article shall not infringe upon the implementation of special measures designed to assist disadvantaged persons or groups to achieve equality, including any action that has as its objective the increased representation of the four designated groups identified by the Federal Contractors Program for employment equity, namely, aboriginal people, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and women.
- 42.10 The University, the Association, and all members of the University community share responsibility for ensuring that the work and learning environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The University bears the responsibility for offering appropriate training in the recognition of behaviours and institutional cultures that may constitute discrimination and/or harassment, and for creating suitable procedures to remove such behaviors and institutional cultures from the University's working and learning environment.

- 42.11 There shall be no reprisal or retaliation nor any threat of reprisal or retaliation against anyone for:
- a) pursuing rights under this Article; or
 - b) participation in proceedings or for assisting a person in pursuit of their rights, under this Article, or the *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* of the University, or pursuant to legislation protecting against harassment or discrimination, except as provided for in 42.10.
- 42.12 It is an offence for any person, in bad faith, to make an allegation of discrimination or harassment, or to initiate a procedure under the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* or this Agreement, or to influence an ongoing procedure under this Article. If substantiated, this could be subject to discipline.
- 42.13 The Human Rights Advisory Group, which advises the Assistant Vice-President (Diversity and Human Rights) on matters pertaining to the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*, as amended from time to time, shall include two (2) representatives appointed by the Association.
- 42.14 The minutes/notes of the Human Rights Advisory Group shall be forwarded simultaneously to the representatives and to the Association.
- 42.15 The Association shall be notified of all hate activities and crimes at the University, as identified by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights, and the nature of such acts.
- 42.16 Copies of all Formal Complaints made to the Office of Diversity and Human Rights involving a Member shall be sent to the Member and to the Association upon receipt. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights to retain confidentiality.

4 NOTES REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF EVIDENCE

In making findings of fact during this investigative process I have employed the standard of "balance of probabilities." This means that in order for an allegation to be substantiated, I must be satisfied based upon the information which has been provided to me and which I have gathered, that it is more likely than not that the particular event occurred.

5 EVIDENCE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION

Evidence provided by the Dean

The Dean of the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) was interviewed on August 4, 2021. He said that he was *“a bit surprised and concerned”* when Dr. Bridle became more active in the media, with appearances on talk shows, as well as television and radio interviews. Although he was not necessarily concerned about Dr. Bridle’s scientific position, he was concerned as a colleague that it appeared that he was *“mixing with the wrong people.”* He spoke with Witness 7, a friend and colleague of Dr. Bridle’s, who offered to speak with him about how he seemed to be *“getting in a little bit deep about some topics, and collaborations with media people that could end up making his life fairly unpleasant.”*

The Dean stated that he began to receive inquiries from researchers at other universities claiming that Dr. Bridle was undermining trust in public health recommendations, and that it was possible that some people were not getting vaccinated as a result. In response, it was necessary for the University to develop a formal statement which supported the principle of academic freedom while confirming that it was in favour of and following all public health recommendations including vaccination. The Dean recalled that, after some time, a *“crescendo”* was reached when an unidentified person set up a website in Dr. Bridle’s name to methodically refute each of his contentions regarding COVID-19.

This prompted Dr. Bridle, who was not active on social media, to examine some of the unflattering commentary against him on social media including Twitter. The Dean said that Dr. Bridle was *“shocked to the core”* about what was being said, and that Dr. Bridle felt that it was *“character assassination... a personal attack... slander, liable.”* The Dean remarked that in his opinion the level of such activity on social media did not seem unusual and was limited to a debate about the science, not a personal attack. While he did not condone the online treatment of Dr. Bridle, The Dean did not think that there was anything special or unique about what he was experiencing, as most of the activity on Twitter and elsewhere was limited to a debate about the science, and not a personal attack. Dr. Bridle alleged that Witness 1 knew who had set up the website in his name, saying that he was obligated to disclose their identity so that it could be taken down. Witness 1 denied this knowledge.

The Dean stated that there was additional “*back and forth*” happening over email between Dr. Bridle and other faculty at the time. He acknowledged that he had a responsibility to be “*actively protecting my workers when they were engaged in interpersonal interactions that used University mandated forms of communications.*” Specifically, he understood that he had the responsibility to ensure that these communications were “*not harming and conformed to our policies around harassment and human rights.*” Social media accounts, by contrast, were considered to be personal accounts in most cases.

On May 30, 2021, The Dean emailed Witness 1, Witness 3, and Dr. Bridle to inform them that the debate that they were having by email was not productive. The Dean suggested to each faculty member that they stop trying to debate the issues over email and Twitter (Appendix A and Appendix B). The faculty members responded to this direction “*quietly and respectfully*”. On another occasion The Dean emailed Dr. Bridle to recommend that he stop copying the president and other senior executives on his email exchanges. Dr. Bridle responded with an apology and agreed to do so.

The Dean noted that it appeared during one exchange that Dr. Bridle had been up all evening and into the early morning sending emails. He contacted Dr. Bridle directly, offering him a variety of supports and indicating that Witness 7 would be available to offer assistance in finding other strategies to address their disagreements (Appendix C). After this intervention it appeared to The Dean that all parties had stopped the discourse, but it resumed after a few weeks, eventually culminating in the July 21 and 22 incidents. The Dean stated that Dr. Bridle had also been “*complaining vehemently*” on television and online that he was being harassed at work. This allegation was considered by the University and found not to have met the threshold for harassment.

On June 22, 2021, Dr. Bridle sent more emails to Witness 1 and Witness 3 through the departmental listserv including links to new research or World Health Organization (WHO) statements on childhood vaccination. Witness 1 forwarded this email to The Dean and requested that he take action. (Appendix D). The Dean responded that he would be speaking with Dr. Bridle on June 23, 2021.

On June 24, 2021, The Dean received an email through the Pathobiology listserv from Dr. Bridle to Witness 1 and Witness 3 calling them out and inviting them to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children. The Dean emailed Witness 1 and Witness 3 to acknowledge that they had previously asked specifically not to receive emails from Dr. Bridle and to inform them that he was seeking advice on how to address the issue (Appendix E).

The Dean later emailed Dr. Bridle reiterating his previous communication that *“email is a poor tool for discussing sensitive and contentious topics”* (Appendix F). He reminded Dr. Bridle that:

“In subsequent exchanges you have received specific requests from [Witness 1] and [Witness 3] to not communicate with them via email on this topic, and to have them removed from any email distribution lists relating to this topic. I do expect you to address this request immediately by removing Witness 1 and Witness 3 from your email distribution list and to cease exchanging emails on this topic with these two individuals who have made this request.

As previously discussed, this in no way restricts your right to academic freedom and freedom of expression in public and other forums.”

The Dean remarked that *“it seems like [Dr. Bridle] couldn’t help himself, and he would send [such emails] to some of what you perceive as his arch enemies.”*

The Dean said that he did not agree with Witness 1 that Dr. Bridle represented a genuine physical threat. He acknowledged that other faculty had expressed concern for Dr. Bridle’s health and that agreed with them that this behaviour appeared to be out of character.

The Dean reflected on the allegations from Witness 2 and Witness 4, saying that he himself would have felt threatened if someone was speaking loudly on the other side of his closed door, in a public area, when it was *“very clear that none of these people wanted to engage with him.”* While he could not state with certainty that their perception of physical threat would have been justified, The Dean said that he certainly understood why they would have been nervous at the time.

The Dean recalled that when he had presented Dr. Bridle with the letter notifying him of the investigation, he had admitted to acting angrily in some of his exchanges with other faculty members. The Dean stated that he felt that Dr. Bridle was acting very naively in this matter, and that he was unaware of the *“Pandora’s box he was opening and then once it was open... he felt somehow obligated to keep going... even though... he was burning bridges with important collaborators.”* He recalled Dr. Bridle stating that he was willing to sacrifice his career to get the message out to the public.

Evidence provided by Witness 1

Background

Witness 1 was interviewed on August 5, 2021, accompanied by Andrew Hathaway of the University of Guelph Faculty Association.

Witness 1 stated that on May 28, 2021, Dr. Bridle was interviewed by Alex Pierson of AM640 in Toronto to discuss his opinions on COVID-19 vaccines. Witness 1 said that during the interview Dr. Bridle made misleading statements, some of which were factually incorrect. Witness 1 works outside the University with an independent group called **COVID-19 Resources Canada**, which focuses on education and research. He was surprised that Dr. Bridle had spread misinformation so freely and felt that he needed to comment on Twitter regarding Dr. Bridle's opinions and statements, drawing upon various scientific studies to bolster his response. A discussion ensued, with other individuals providing support for both his and Dr. Bridle's positions.

On May 30, 2021, Dr. Bridle forwarded two emails to Witness 1 that he had sent to The Dean, Witness 5, and Witness 7, as well as individuals in the OVC and Marketing Communications departments (Appendix G). These emails alleged that Dr. Bridle was being subject to a "*smear campaign*" in response to his appearance on the radio show with Alex Pierson. He accused Witness 1 of having a role in the smear campaign, and alleged that he knew the identity of the person who had published a website in Dr. Bridle's name accusing Dr. Bridle of spreading misinformation related to COVID-19. Dr. Bridle told Witness 1, "*If I do not receive a reply from you by noon on Monday, I will contact the police to see if they can get the information from you.*" Dr. Bridle's email to Witness 1 was copied to the Provost, the Associate Vice-President Academic, and the President of the University.

Witness 1 explained that, while he had some suspicions as to who was responsible for creating the website in Dr. Bridle's name, he was not confident enough to state their identity. Furthermore, he suspected that a junior scientist was involved and was concerned that if their identity was revealed Dr. Bridle would retaliate against them.

Witness 1 responded to Dr. Bridle's email denying that he had been "*slamming [Dr. Bridle] behind [his] back,*" stating rather that he had only been "*presenting data from studies.*" He denied his involvement with byrambridle.com to Dr. Bridle, explaining his desire to maintain the discourse within the realm of an academic argument, and stating that "*anyone who attacks you [Dr. Bridle] as a person is not supported by me.*" (Appendix H).

Witness 1 stated that The Dean had offered his assistance and had asked Witness 1 and Dr. Bridle to discontinue their conversation over email. Witness 1 said that while he complied, Dr. Bridle continued to send him unsolicited and unwelcome emails.

On May 31, 2021, Witness 1 received another unwelcome email from Dr. Bridle's University email account (Appendix I). The email said that "*hundreds of people have been blind copied on this email,*" claiming that Dr. Bridle had been the subject of a "*vicious smear campaign*" as a result of his interview on May 28, 2021. It also stated that a "*libelous website*" had been created using Dr. Bridle's own name. Dr. Bridle identified himself as being part of an independent group called the Canadian COVID Care Alliance (CCCA) and attached a brief report describing their perspective on issues related to COVID-19 vaccines and youth.

Witness 1 continued to receive unsolicited emails from Dr. Bridle. On June 12, 2021, Witness 1 received an email from Dr. Bridle with a link to a YouTube video from "*the inventor of mRNA vaccine technology.*" He sent a link to another YouTube video on June 14, 2021 (Appendix J).

On June 15, 2021, Witness 1 received yet another unsolicited email from Dr. Bridle with an attachment entitled "COVID-19 Vaccines and Children: A Scientist's Guide for Parents". In this email, Dr. Bridle stated, "*I am receptive to respectful discussions with those who believe that scientists, physicians, and other professionals should be able to openly discuss the science and medicine underpinning COVID-19 policies.*" (Appendix K).

On June 22, 2021, Witness 1 received yet another unsolicited email from Dr. Bridle's University email account. (Appendix D). In this communication Dr. Bridle expressed his appreciation for his "*steadfast supporters,*" and those who had remained neutral. Additionally, he alleged that "*others have tried to brutalize me via a cowardly smear campaign.*" He called on those who were "*intent upon trying to defame [him] and harm [his] career... to try to do so in a public forum where [the parties] can openly discuss the science in front of the public.*" He stated that, should such individuals be unwilling to do so, they should refrain from "*disrespectful, cowardly behaviours.*" Witness 1 responded to Dr. Bridle, denying his assertions, and telling him, "*I appreciate and respect the concerns you have raised, and respectfully ask that you remove me from all future correspondence related to this matter.*"

Dr. Bridle responded and continued to dispute Witness 1's statement. Witness 1 requested that The Dean intervene to stop Dr. Bridle's unsolicited emails. The Dean stated that he would be meeting with Dr. Bridle on June 23, 2021. Witness 1 received another email from Dr. Bridle on the evening of June 23, 2021, which he forwarded to The Dean (Appendix L).

Dr. Bridle sent another unsolicited email to Witness 1 and Witness 3 on June 24, 2021 (Appendix E). In this email Dr. Bridle told Witness 1 and Witness 3 he was *“sick and tired of your immature behaviours in social media.”* He accused Witness 1 of lying and being responsible for the *“libelous”* website in his name. He invited the two of them to a public debate, which he said would take place within one week of him receiving their response to his invitation. He further stated that *“A negative response or non-response will be taken as a public acknowledgement that you have been wrong and will be implied as a public apology. The time starts now.”* Witness 1 described this email as *“just a rant... these are not rational emails.”* Witness 1 stated that he had concerns about Dr. Bridle’s *“mental wellbeing... he’s under a lot of pressure... but he’s not dealing with it well.”*

Witness 1 said that he was made aware from other Pathobiology faculty that Dr. Bridle was becoming *“increasingly erratic in his behaviour and potentially physically aggressive towards other people.”* He emailed The Dean on June 24, 2021, to inform him that other Pathobiology faculty had expressed concerns to him about Dr. Byram harming himself or others (Appendix M). Witness 1 was surprised to see The Dean respond that he *“cannot guarantee safety, but we believe we are supporting [Dr. Bridle] in all the ways we have at our [sic] disposal.”*

On July 7, 2021, Witness 1 received an external email from Steve Kirsch, (a US-based entrepreneur¹), asking that he, and the other faculty who had signed the open letter on July 6 to a debate with *“Byram and the team”*, in an event moderated by Dr. Erin Stair of TrialSiteNews. Witness 1 stated that Mr. Kirsch was a *“relatively well-known anti-vaccine advocate in the United States.”* He did not respond to the email and noted that it appeared that Dr. Bridle was now using a proxy to email him and others.

Witness 1 contrasted his communications with Dr. Bridle to those that he had with Witness 10. Witness 1 said that Witness 10 was well known for having opinions on vaccines, and on wearing masks, which were different from his own. Witness 1 stated that, despite their differing opinions, Witness 10 has *“never acted in a hostile way personally towards [him]”*, which he contrasted to the hostile engagements that he had with Dr. Bridle.

¹ <https://www.skirsch.io/about-me/>

Incident on July 21, 2021

Witness 1 said that his harassment complaint was triggered by an encounter that he had with Dr. Bridle on July 21, 2021. On that day, he had left his office to go to the Central Animal Facility. As he walked across the parking lot opposite the Pathobiology building, he heard Dr. Bridle call his name. Dr. Bridle gestured to Witness 1, inviting him to come over to where he was standing near the Pathobiology loading dock, saying *“come over here and say it to my face, you fucking coward.”* Dr. Bridle continued to yell and make these gestures until Witness 1 took out his phone to record the incident. Dr. Bridle made one further gesture and entered the building.

Witness 1 stated that Dr. Bridle was taunting him, and that his gestures were *“clearly a threat.”* He expressed shock that Dr. Bridle had acted this way, given that other people were in the area. Witness 1 reported the incident to the University of Guelph Community Police and emailed a report of the incident to The Dean (Appendix N).

Witness 1 said that he was aware that Witness 2, Witness 3, and Witness 4 had also been subjected to similar harassment from Dr. Bridle, as that the four of them had discussed emails that they were receiving from him. He remarked that he felt personally at risk after his encounter with Dr. Bridle on July 21. He felt that Dr. Bridle’s behaviour was *“increasingly erratic”* and expressed concern that his encounter with Dr. Bridle represented an *“escalation”*. While he was not bothered by the swearing, he was alarmed by the level of hostility that Dr. Bridle seemed willing to display in a public environment. In particular, Witness 1 felt that by inviting him to come closer to him, Dr. Bridle had genuinely contemplating physically assaulting him.

He further expressed concern that Dr. Bridle may come to his lab *“trying to get to me”*, and that if he was not present, he might *“take it out”* on one of his staff members. Witness 1 again noted that he had previously reported concerns about Dr. Bridle’s *“erratic behaviour”* to The Dean on June 24, 2021. He stated that the campus police told him that he qualified for a safety plan, however he has yet to receive one. He also expressed dissatisfaction with attempts that The Dean had made to support his safety. Consequently, he made his own safety arrangements for his staff, locking the doors to his lab and telling the adjoining lab that they need to lock their doors.

Witness 1 noted that Witness 2 had copied him on an email to The Dean describing his interaction with Dr. Bridle on July 22, 2021. He commented that it appeared to him from Witness 2’s description of that event that Dr. Bridle had a premeditated plan to confront Witness 2 and Witness 4. He felt that this was another example of an escalation as, in his opinion it was a *“fairly small step”* to go from such *“very aggressive in-your-face confrontations, to physically assaulting people.”*

Witness 1 stated that he and Witness 2 had respectfully disagreed with each other from time to time on academic subjects, but their relationship was collegial. He had only spoken with Witness 4 on a few occasions and had played hockey against Witness 3 on occasion. He was not otherwise social with this group, however he and Witness 3 noted that they were each being named by Dr. Bridle. Once he had determined that Witness 2 and Witness 4 were also being targeted by Dr. Bridle, the four of them decided to inform The Dean.

Evidence provided by Witness 2

Witness 2 was interviewed on August 5, 2021. He was accompanied by Sue Hubers and Andrew Hathaway of the University of Guelph Faculty Association.

Witness 2 stated that he has tried to avoid conversations related to the science behind Dr. Bridle's claims. However, he felt that Dr. Bridle's actions may have influenced some people not to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and he wanted his own opinion known. Additionally, he was concerned with Dr. Bridle's actions, in particular the manner in which he had engaged with Witness 1 and Witness 3. Witness 2 therefore joined a number of his colleagues in signing a letter on June 28, 2021, which expressed disagreement with information that Dr. Bridle had shared in relation to COVID-19.

Witness 2 also received Dr. Bridle's email to Witness 1 and Witness 3 on June 24, 2021. He stated that this email was a *"highly inappropriate thing to have sent to an entire list serve. There were personal comments directed specifically at [Witness 3] and [Witness 1], but we all got it."* He later described it as being *"highly unprofessional."* Witness 2 responded to Dr. Bridle, telling him that it was inappropriate and referring to it as *"a classic bullying technique to silence others."* Dr. Bridle responded to him shortly thereafter, stating, *"If you condone the behavior of our colleagues as a form of respectful scientific discourse, then we are going to have quite a poisoned work environment post-COVID."* Witness 2 stated that he felt *"shocked"* by his response, and that it was *"passive aggressive, threaten[ing]."* (Appendix O)

Witness 2 spoke with Witness 3 and Witness 1 about Dr. Bridle's email to them, and they shared their individual experiences with Dr. Bridle and their concerns about his behaviour. Witness 2 was aware of Witness 1's encounter with Dr. Bridle on July 21, 2021 and understood that some of his colleagues were avoiding coming into the building out of fear of encountering Dr. Bridle.

Witness 2, along with others in the Pathobiology Faculty, received a paper letter from Dr. Bridle in his office on July 21, 2021 (Appendix P). He remarked that it was “*weird*” to receive such a communication in hard copy format. In particular, Witness 2 remarked that there was an “*underlying passive-aggressive message*” in Dr. Bridle’s communication, which he found “*concerning.*”

Incident on July 22, 2021

Witness 2 stated that he had arrived on campus at 10:25 am and had parked his car in lot P26. As he looked up to cross McGilvray street towards the Pathobiology building he noticed Dr. Bridle approximately 80 to 100 metres away on his left. Upon entering the building, he was surprised to see Dr. Bridle was already inside the building and had walked past the elevator to meet Witness 2 as he entered the building to walk up the stairs to his office. Witness 2 said that Dr. Bridle “*had to have run to have got there.*” Witness 2 said that he glanced at Dr. Bridle as he walked past where he was standing, and immediately turned to go up the stairs. Dr. Bridle began “*talking loudly and shouting*” at him as he walked away.

Witness 2 said that he was very upset when he reached his office on the third floor. After putting down his belongings, he went to speak with Witness 4. As they discussed what had happened, Dr. Bridle came towards Witness 4’s office. As he stood outside her office in the corridor, Dr. Bridle was talking loudly at them, saying “*the science will prove me right,*” and “*I am the one that is oppressed.*” Witness 4 told Dr. Bridle that they did not want to speak with him and asked him to leave multiple times, yet he did not. Witness 2 told him that his actions were “*highly unprofessional because of where he was in a public environment,*” pointing out that there were students in the area in the hope that this may encourage him to move along. Instead, Dr. Bridle responded that they were the ones who were being unprofessional.

Witness 2 recalled that, while the specific comments that Dr. Bridle was making may not have seemed individually to be unprofessional, he kept cycling through the issues and repeating himself “*at least three times.*” He described this as frightening, strange, and odd, asking “*Why would you have a number of talking points and then repeat them all again?*” He noted that Witness 1 had experienced conflict with Dr. Bridle the previous day, noting that things had “*suddenly deteriorated, seemed to get significantly worse*”, and remarking that Dr. Bridle may have “*significant psychological problems.*” Witness 2 stated that he felt “*very obviously targeted*” by Dr. Bridle, as he had continued to speak to him even as he walked away, and then followed him to the third floor to stand outside

the office. He reflected *“that’s not the Byram Bridle that I know”*, expressing that he was worried that Dr. Bridle may hurt himself or others.

Witness 2 said that he was *“shaken up”* by Dr. Bridle’s behaviour. He recalled trying to get as far away from Witness 4’s office door and Dr. Bridle as possible and referred to himself as *“the coward in this situation.”* At 10:33 am, Witness 2 called campus police for assistance, and called again at 10:37 am when they had not arrived. He said that it *“felt like an eternity”* between calls, and he asked to stay on the phone with the police the second time until officers arrived. He deliberately held the phone up so that the dispatcher could hear Dr. Bridle, and in the hope that he may leave, however he did not. This further alarmed Witness 2 as he knew from Witness 1 that, during his interaction with Dr. Bridle the previous day, Dr. Bridle had left once Witness 1 made it obvious that he was recording the incident with his cell phone.

Witness 2 reported this event to The Dean later that day and stated that he has been significantly psychologically impacted by this incident. He claimed that he has had difficulty sleeping following the incident and has experienced panic attacks. He has made an appointment with a mental health professional to discuss these issues.

Evidence provided by Witness 3

Witness 3 was interviewed on August 6, 2021, accompanied by Andrew Hathaway and Sue Hubers of the University of Guelph Faculty Association.

Witness 3 recalled that his first interaction with Dr. Bridle was during a departmental meeting in 2020, wherein Dr. Bridle engaged in *“an unsolicited rant against vaccination and control measures and the like.”* Witness 3, whose turn it was to speak afterwards, made a general statement that it was important to think carefully about what message was being communicated, as the public may get confused. Dr. Bridle responded by accusing Witness 3 of threatening him and has since made reference to this incident publicly as an example of how he has been harassed at the University.

In the summer of 2021 Dr. Bridle began sending unsolicited emails to a group of people, including Witness 3. Dr. Bridle emailed Witness 3 on May 31, 2021, about comments that he had made on social media (Appendix Q). Dr. Bridle sent unsolicited emails describing his opinions again to a listserv including Witness 3 on June 12 and June 14 (Appendix R), June 15 (Appendix K), June 22 (Appendix D), and June 23 (Appendix S) about his views. On June 24 he emailed Witness 3 and Witness 1 directly, again copying the listserv and accusing them of *“immature behaviours in social*

media" (Appendix E). Witness 3 made attempts to have Dr. Bridle stop sending the emails and asked The Dean to intercede, however they continued.

Witness 3 said that Dr. Bridle had been interviewed by Fox News and other media outlets and had made comments which he felt needed to be challenged. He used his Twitter account to do so, deliberately attempting to keep his comments on a "*content level, not a personal level.*" Dr. Bridle did not respond directly to him on social media, however Witness 3 has since received online threats, death threats, and abuse by Dr. Bridle's supporters including "*alt-right*" groups. Some of these individuals have said that Witness 3 is guilty of violating the Nuremburg Principles, and that he should be hung for his role in human medical experimentation. Witness 3 described Dr. Bridle as "*one step away from QAnon [and] white supremacist [groups].*"

Witness 3 was one of the faculty who received a letter from Dr. Bridle (Appendix P), although as he is in another building it was put in his mailbox. Witness 3 described it as "*a passive aggressive challenge and misinformation... typical whiny stuff.*" Witness 3 acknowledged that he was one of the "*ringleaders*" of a group of faculty who had prepared and signed an open letter addressing misinformation that Dr. Bridle had been providing in the media. Witness 1, Witness 4, and Witness 6 were the other authors.

Witness 3 identified Witness 10 and Dr. Niel Karrow as some of the few faculty members who supported Dr. Bridle's opinions. He contrasted their conduct to Dr. Bridle, stating that they had not been spreading misinformation in the same way, and that Dr. Bridle had been "*clearly lying about things... making up claims.*" In his opinion, Dr. Bridle "*keeps ramping it up... keeps repeating things that are proven wrong... twisting things.*"

Witness 3 said that Dr. Bridle continues to attempt to engage with him and other faculty in the workplace despite being asked not to. He believes that he would be at risk of being "*verbally attacked*" if he were to encounter Dr. Bridle in public.

Evidence provided by Witness 4

Witness 4 was interviewed on August 10, 2021. She has mentored junior faculty in the past 10 years including, to a lesser degree, Dr. Bridle. She recalled that she assisted him “*peripherally*”, with grant writing, publications, and graduate student supervision, although he was not interested in being mentored.

Witness 4 stated that she has a limited overlap of research activities and interests with Dr. Bridle, however she collaborated with him during a post-doctoral project in 2012 that he was doing with a group from McMaster University. Despite having a “*very serious fallout*,” the group was able to publish their work. Witness 4 said that she had done the majority of the work on the project but allowed Dr. Bridle to have first authorship as he was seeking tenure at the time. They have occasionally participated on advisory committees for each other’s graduate students over the past few years.

Witness 4 expressed concern about the safety implications of Dr. Bridle’s behaviour. She considered his position on COVID to be “*dangerous, extremely damaging and injurious to people.*” She noted that the government and public health have not been particularly clear in their messaging regarding vaccines, which has created confusion. In her opinion, Dr. Bridle has taken to various media and has affiliated himself with people whose opinions have been proven wrong as well as with right-wing, neo-Nazis, and criminals in order to perpetuate the message that vaccines are toxic and dangerous. His activity started over the previous year but accelerated in the past six months.

Witness 4 expressed some frustration that the University has not publicly disagreed with Dr. Bridle’s contentions but has instead extensively repeated its support for freedom of expression. Dr. Bridle seems to have been encouraged by this and has continued to perpetuate misleading misinformation. As a result, she and four other faculty members drafted a letter in late June and asked other science-based faculty and staff to sign indicating their support. The letter was published on Witness 3’s blog, which is subscribed to by half a million people. Witness 1 also posted it on Twitter. The letter seemed to make Dr. Bridle “*extremely angry*” toward the faculty that signed it, but particularly the four that led the process (Witness 6, Witness 4, Witness 1, and Witness 3).

Witness 4 said that Witness 1 told her about the interaction that he had with Dr. Bridle outside Pathobiology on July 21, 2021. Following this incident, Witness 4 concluded that Dr. Bridle was “*becoming unhinged and that he is possibly a danger to several people [and herself] as an author of that letter.*” The same day she received a letter in her office from Dr. Bridle (Appendix P) “*promoting his perspective and citing a study that has been refuted many times.*” That evening she emailed the

President, the Dean, the Faculty Association, and other senior administrators to express her concerns about the earlier events, threats and the safety of her and her colleagues. She alleged that Dr. Bridle was not respecting differing opinions and was *“trying to verbally and physically intimidate people with different views.”*

The following day, on July 22, Witness 4 was in her office and could hear Witness 2 walking quickly down the corridor to her office. She described him as *“very obviously distressed”*, saying that he appeared to be *“white and shaking.”* Witness 2 told her that Dr. Bridle was *“chasing”* him. She let Witness 2 in her office and noticed Dr. Bridle coming down the corridor quickly towards them. She said that Dr. Bridle appeared to have been running, and described him as being *“dishevelled”*, with bloodshot eyes and unkempt hair. He *“rushed up”* to her office and began yelling very loudly at Witness 2 and her.

Dr. Bridle expressed anger about the letter that the group of faculty members had signed disagreeing with his perspective. He asked why they would not talk to him, claiming that science would prove him right and saying that his door was always open for them to discuss the issues. She told him that she did not want to do so and asked him to leave three or four times, but he did not. Dr. Bridle began to repeat himself, in a *“monologue... it was actually hard to catch a moment when he was not talking and say something.”*

Witness 4 asked Dr. Bridle to calm down and go to his office, but he did not. Witness 2 contacted the Campus Police, but they did not arrive for approximately 10 minutes. She said that Witness 2 was *“extremely shaken up”* and afraid throughout the incident. Witness 4 attempted to record Dr. Bridle’s *“intimidating, threatening behaviour”* on her cell phone video. She submitted two brief video files in which Witness 2 can be heard speaking with Campus Police while Dr. Bridle is talking loudly outside. It is not possible from the audio to determine exactly what Dr. Bridle is saying.

Witness 4 stated her opinion that at the time of this encounter, Dr. Bridle was *“extremely agitated, extremely angry and unsafe to interact with people and maybe even unsafe to drive.”* She said that he has *“increasingly become unhinged, unable to distinguish opinion, different opinion from a personal attack.”* She believes Dr. Bridle is *“really in a mental health crisis”* that he has been suffering from for a while. Witness 4 noted that Dr. Bridle was approximately 250 pounds and that there was a *“big physical disparity”* between the two of them. Because of this incident she is now cautious about her surroundings and carefully watches where she goes, trying to avoid another encounter with him. She said that she would not be surprised if Dr. Bridle were to show up at her house and has alerted her husband to this possibility.

Evidence provided by Witness 5

Witness 5 was interviewed on August 12, 2021.

Witness 5 said that Dr. Bridle has had a “*disproportionate voice*” in the media, and in particular the right-wing media. Other faculty began expressing their disagreement with him on social media, voicing concerns to Witness 5 and other members of the administration that the University was not doing enough to differentiate itself from Dr. Bridle’s opinion. This culminated in many faculty signing an open letter voicing their disagreement with Dr. Bridle.

Witness 5 recalled a departmental meeting in April 2021, where Dr. Bridle had “*monopolized*” the conversation about COVID and dominated the conversation. He recalled Witness 3 stating that it was appropriate to be careful when discussing these issues in public due to the public health risk of inconsistent messaging, and Dr. Bridle responded by asking Witness 3 if he were threatening him. He noted that Dr. Bridle was very passionate about the issue and was “*more black and white than most people.*” In his opinion, Dr. Bridle tended to speak more passionately and emphatically about such issues, to the point that other people would view his passion as anger.

Witness 5 stated that Dr. Bridle had sent an email to the departmental listserv which some people found upsetting. He recalled that:

“... people felt that that was essentially calling out, like in a school yard, calling people out to meet us behind the gym for a fight in front of the entire class. Not just emailing those people but calling them out in front of the whole department, which people felt was sort of a bullying behavior, and I could see where people would think that, or it wasn't an appropriate use of a departmental listserv. He's fully entitled to use the departmental listserv, but the way he used it, I think people felt was inappropriate and perhaps threatening.”

Witness 5 stated that a public COVID debate as Dr. Bridle had wanted would not have been productive, as emotions were too high at the time. He does not believe that Dr. Bridle appreciated how his communication and engagement style could be viewed by others, even prior to the COVID situation. While he may not regard his behaviour as threatening, others including the complainants, viewed it as “*menacing or threatening.*” Witness 5 said that Dr. Bridle had focused his “*anger*” on the authors of this letter including Witness 1, Witness 3, Witness 4, and Witness 6. He felt that Dr. Bridle’s actions were in retribution for their criticisms of his opinions, saying “*many of his responses would be viewed as probably inappropriate.*”

In Witness 5's opinion, the tone of the email communications that Dr. Bridle had sent to Witness 1 and Witness 3 alleging that they had participated in a smear campaign were the most "*concerning*" and "*problematic.*" He stated that the use of the term "*immature*" in this email was "*seemingly inflammatory,*" and recognized that both Witness 1 and Witness 3 did not respond to the emails in a similar tone. Witness 3 had asked not to receive any more emails about the topic and had asked Dr. Bridle to stop sending them although Dr. Bridle had continued to do so.

Witness 5 was not on campus during the incident between Drs. Bridle, Witness 2, and Witness 4, but said that Witness 9 had contacted him after witnessing some of the exchange. Witness 9's text message to him had stated "*Bridle and Dorothy are having a screaming match in the hallway. Well, mostly Bridle... Do you need anything done?*" Witness 5 told Witness 9 not to intervene, but to observe and make a recording if it was safe to do so.

Dr. Bridle contacted Witness 5 about some other matters, and they discussed his interaction with Witness 2 and Witness 4. Dr. Bridle said that he had seen Witness 2 and wanted to speak with him. Once he went to Witness 4's office he began yelling because they had closed the office door, claiming that he stood with his back against the wall while he was speaking with them. He knew that they had contacted the police and saw them hold the phone up so that the police could hear him. Dr. Bridle told him that after this incident he wanted to "*make amends and move forward.*"

Witness 5 said that some faculty raised concerns with him about their personal safety, and about the possibility of retribution from Dr. Bridle. In particular, he acknowledged that Witness 2 may have genuinely felt unsafe with Dr. Bridle "*following [him] down the hallway.*" He acknowledged that Dr. Bridle was a physically large person, and that some of the other faculty members were intimidated when he spoke as loudly and intensely as he did.

Witness 5 emailed Dr. Bridle "*a couple of times*" in an attempt to keep communication open with him following his removal from campus. He noted that some of the complainants were genuinely concerned about his mental well being and Witness 5 expressed his own concern about how being removed from campus would affect Dr. Bridle.

Evidence provided by Witness 6

Witness 6 was interviewed on August 11, 2021, and was accompanied by Andy Hathaway and Sue Hubers of the University of Guelph Faculty Association.

Witness 6 stated that she has been involved in pandemic research and public health policy for some time and had raised concerns to senior leadership at OVC about the messaging that Dr. Bridle was sharing. She has received a number of emails from Dr. Bridle questioning her perspective and her role in the pandemic response in the process. While she responded to the first one, she deleted subsequent emails *“because it just didn’t seem worth getting all worked up about.”*

As Dr. Bridle continued to make media appearances, Witness 6, along with Witness 1 and Witness 3, were contacted by other media sources to discuss Dr. Bridle’s statements. She provided some comments to refute Dr. Bridle’s statements where appropriate, as did the others. Dr. Bridle started emailing the faculty and challenging them to debate him and others in a public forum. Witness 6 did not respond to this challenge. Witness 6 said that, while he has not done so with her, Dr. Bridle has engaged with other colleagues in an *“excessive”* manner, and that the language that Dr. Bridle uses in his emails is *“strongly worded”*, and *“aggressive.”*

Witness 6 said that she was one of the faculty members who had contributed to the open letter addressing the misinformation from Dr. Bridle. The authors initially sent the letter to University administration, then decided to release it publicly to address requests for comments from the media. Unlike Witness 1 and Witness 3, Witness 6 chose not to escalate her concerns about Dr. Bridle to The Dean because she had not been directly targeted by his emails. Initially, his emails to her were *“very polite,”* and he had offered to share his expertise because he thought that she was wrong in her assumptions. She declined, and he did not persist in contacting her as he had done with Witness 1 and Witness 3.

Witness 6 says that she is not bothered by some of the allegations that Dr. Bridle is making against her and other faculty. She is, however, bothered by reports that she has received from Pathobiology faculty that Dr. Bridle is now contacting them by putting hard copy documents under their office doors. While she has not been to campus to check her office, she feels that coming to an individual’s office to put *“nasty notes”* under their door is *“a different level”* from engaging in a debate over emails and social media.

Evidence provided by Witness 7

Witness 7 was interviewed on August 24, 2021.

Witness 7 estimated that he has known Witness 3 and Witness 4 for more than 20 years, and Dr. Bridle for more than 25 years. He estimated that he has had “*more intensive interactions*” with Dr. Bridle over the years compared to other faculty members, as he has collaborated with him on several publications. Around December of 2020, Witness 7 noticed that he and Dr. Bridle were “*going in different directions*” scientifically and felt that he was no longer able to contribute meaningfully to Dr. Bridle’s scientific endeavours. Regardless, he has still maintained a positive relationship with Dr. Bridle.

Witness 7 said that he had been copied on a number of emails which were originally initiated by Dr. Bridle, including a workplace harassment allegation that he had made against Witness 1 and Witness 3. The Dean was concerned about the toll that ongoing social media exchanges were taking on Dr. Bridle’s mental health and asked him to step in and provide some general support. While he was not been trained as a counsellor, or a mediator, The Dean suggested that it might benefit Dr. Bridle to know that he had a support network available to him.

Witness 7 spoke with Dr. Bridle and suggested that he look to resolve any differences of opinion in a collegial and scientific manner. He had a further conversation with him at the end of June to advise him that he needed to consider how this discourse was affecting his family and career. Witness 7 felt that Dr. Bridle had attempted to act collegially and had “*wave[d] his white flag*” by inviting a scientific conversation with his colleagues, although he noted that the tone of his email was not “*very inviting*” and that ultimately the offer to debate was not accepted.

Witness 7 was invited to sign the open letter prepared by Witness 6 and others but declined, thinking that by doing so his objectivity may be called into question. Additionally, he claimed to have noted some inaccuracies in the letter.

Evidence provided by Witness 8

Witness 8 was interviewed on August 12, 2021.

Witness 8 stated that Witness 1 came to the Campus Police station at approximately 11:30 am on July 21, 2021, to make a complaint of harassment against Dr. Bridle. Witness 1 described the incident to Witness 8, saying that Dr. Bridle had yelled "*come here you fucking coward*" to him from approximately 50 metres away.

The following day Witness 8 was the first member of the campus police who responded to an emergency call from Witness 2 stating that he and Witness 4 were in an office, and that Dr. Bridle was "*screaming and yelling*" outside. Upon arriving at the scene, Dr. Bridle told him, "*I guess you're here for me.*" Witness 8 noted that Dr. Bridle was cooperative, and they proceeded to his office to discuss the incident. Two other police officers spoke with Witness 2 and Witness 4.

Witness 8 noted that Dr. Bridle, although professional, was "*very passionate... very loud,*" saying, "*He's a big man, and he can be intimidating.*" He noted that his dispatcher said that she could hear Dr. Bridle yelling during the phone call, although he did not hear any yelling when he first arrived on the scene. He told Dr. Bridle that "*your loud voice and confronting people and coming across as angry is not going to get you into a conversation with your co-workers... I think you're scaring them.*" Dr. Bridle responded "*I can see that... I'm really upset that these people have gone behind my back.*"

During the interview, Witness 8 presented as being very sympathetic to Dr. Bridle and his motivations, acknowledging that Dr. Bridle had felt as if he was "*isolated on campus.*" He stated that, in his opinion, neither the July 21 or July 22 incidents amounted to criminal harassment, however in his opinion Dr. Bridle's conduct had crossed the threshold of harassment from a policy perspective.

Evidence provided by Witness 9

Witness 9 was interviewed on September 27, 2021. They have asked to remain anonymous for the purposes of this report out of fear that they may be subjected to reprisal should their identity be revealed.

Witness 9 worked in the Pathobiology building. On July 22, 2021, they stated that they had been walking down the lab hallway towards their locker when they encountered Witness 11. Witness 11 cautioned Witness 9 against going to their locker, as there was an argument happening nearby. The

witness and Witness 11 decided to proceed but planned to go straight past the area where the argument was happening and down the stairs.

As they approached the area, Witness 9 noted Dr. Bridle standing in the corridor approximately two metres outside Witness 4's office, *"yelling into [Witness 4's] office at her"* and saying *"You didn't even give me a chance to reply. You posted it. Where is your peer reviewed evidence? Where is it? None of your sources... None of your sources."* Witness 9 stated that the conversation seemed to be one-sided as they did not hear any response from Witness 4, who was standing in her office. The witness noted that because of where Dr. Bridle was standing, Witness 4 *"was stuck in her office... I don't really know where she was able to go."* Witness 9 reflected that Dr. Bridle was close enough to Witness 4's office that *"if it was me, I would've felt stuck in my office,"* and noted that Dr. Bridle was *"a tall man with a booming voice,"* while Witness 4 was *"a very little lady."*

Witness 9 said that Dr. Bridle should have recognized that he was at work at the time and that it would have been more appropriate to put his concerns in an email. They described Dr. Bridle's demeanour as *"hysterical... It sounded like a tantrum, like my little cousin would say... you're a grown-ass adult, be quiet, talk respectfully or don't talk."* They noted that there is a difference between yelling and speaking loudly, and that Dr. Bridle was yelling, saying that *"his arms were going... he was actively upset."*

Witness 9 estimated that they were less than two metres from Dr. Bridle, saying that they did not make eye contact as they and Witness 11 *"scurried"* past Dr. Bridle before going downstairs. The witness texted their chair, saying *"They're going at it in the hallway... Actually, it's more Byram than Witness 4."* The chair replied *"Don't get involved. Don't put yourself at risk. But if you can go upstairs and either record what's happening through the stairwell or watch what's happening and see how long it's gone on for, go ahead."* The witness did not do so as they had already left the area. Upon returning after lunch approximately 10 minutes later, the witness noticed Witness 2 with Witness 4 in her office, along with a campus police officer.

Evidence provided by Witness 10

Witness 10 was interviewed on September 28, 2021.

Witness 10 recalled a faculty meeting earlier in 2021 which the Dean of OVC had attended. During a discussion, Witness 3 told Witness 10 and Dr. Bridle that they should maintain the public health narrative during the current COVID-19 public health crisis. Witness 10 remarked that this was the

first time in 30 years that she had been at the University where one faculty member had told another faculty member not to have their own opinion. She and Dr. Bridle questioned Witness 3 and were eventually told by the Dean to leave the meeting. Witness 10 was “shocked” by this. In her opinion, Dr. Bridle was one of Canada’s top viral immunologists and he was highly qualified to speak on topics related to virology, and vaccine safety and efficacy. In contrast, Witness 3’s specialty was public health.

Witness 10 explained that Dr. Bridle had given a 10-minute interview on a radio program with Alex Pierson, wherein he discussed a document from the Japanese Regulatory Department that had originated with Pfizer. Shortly thereafter, students began sending Witness 10 information about what Witness 3 and Witness 1 were posting about Dr. Bridle on social media and on Witness 3’s blog. This included a post by Witness 3 likening Dr. Bridle’s perspective to “shovelling manure.” Additionally, she was informed by students that a website entitled DoctorByramBridle.com had been created and was making negative comments about Dr. Bridle and his opinions.

Witness 10 described Dr. Bridle as a “gentle giant.” She said that Dr. Bridle had disclosed in some public interviews that he has Tourette’s syndrome². In her opinion, some of his behaviour may have led to misunderstandings as he may have been animated or seemed aggressive to others at times when the behaviour was merely his condition manifesting itself.

Witness 10 acknowledged that she was aware that Dr. Bridle had distributed some information to colleagues via their offices. She explained that this was common practice for some academics, especially if an article was important to share, and expressed her own appreciation that he would do so although she noted that she had been working from home and had not checked for any mail recently.

Witness 10 said that Dr. Bridle told her about the incident with Witness 1. He said that he had seen Witness 1 across the parking lot and had waved at him, pointing for him to come upstairs to his office to talk. He said that he was hoping to put the controversy about the website in his name to rest, but Witness 1 had not heard what Dr. Bridle had said and had walked away.

Witness 10 stated that she had also heard of the police being called on Dr. Bridle in the Pathobiology building but did not recall how she had learned of the incident. She remarked that she found it “odd” that anyone would ever have to call the police on another colleague and reiterated that Dr. Bridle would never harm anyone. In discussing the issue later with Dr. Bridle, he had explained to

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ppzESjX5xl>

her that he had wanted to speak with Witness 2 and Witness 4, as he was focused on moving forward to reconciliation.

Witness 10 explained that, while Witness 1 and Witness 3 may think that she has been more reasonable, this is more a reflection of the fact that she does not speak with either of them often. In reality, although she still intends to continue to engage collegially with them, she has lost respect for these faculty members due to their “targeting” of Dr. Bridle. She says she is “alarmed” by their behaviour and will be more cautious in her future dealings with them as a result.

Evidence provided by Witness 11

Witness 11 stated that on the day in question, she had gone up the staircase beside room 2800. As she opened the door to the third floor, she could see Dr. Bridle was “pretty visibly upset.” She could not recall specifically what he was saying, only that he had a “very forward stature and he was exclaiming himself pretty loudly into... Witness 4’s office.” She described him as “very exclamatory with his movements of his hand and his voice had increased as if he was... yelling.” Dr. Bridle was approximately six feet away from Witness 4’s office. Witness 11 encountered Witness 9, and notified them that Dr. Bridle was “visibly upset”, and telling them that they would need to go past where Dr. Bridle was yelling and down the stairs together “for safety reasons”.

Additional Evidence

Video from Witness 1’s mobile phone camera

Witness 1’s video is only seven seconds long. In it, Dr. Bridle seems to quietly makes a type of “rock on” gesture above his head with his right hand in Witness 1’s direction, then turns and enters the building.

Pathobiology security camera video

The University provided video from two cameras on the exterior of the Pathobiology Building, which were identified as “Loading Dock Exterior – Parking Lot” and “Loading Dock Exterior – Morgue and Rm 1825 Entrance”

At 11:02:32 am, Witness 1 is seen in the Parking Lot camera crossing the road towards the parking area at approximately the same time as Dr. Bridle exits his vehicle and walks across the road towards

Pathobiology. As Witness 1 walks through the parking lot, a waste removal truck obscures him from the camera while he is walking across the parking lot, as Dr. Bridle first gestures towards him.

At 11:02:35 am, Dr. Bridle is seen on the Morgue and Rm 1825 Entrance camera walking across the street towards the building from the parking lot.

At 11:02:47 am, Dr. Bridle appears to be pointing off screen to his left. As he is talking to someone out of range of the camera in the direction where Witness 1 would be, he appears to make a gesture pointing to the ground in front of where he is standing. He walks backwards towards the entrance of the loading dock. As he does so, Dr. Bridle's attention seems to be focused in the direction of where Witness 1 would be and he is seen to point in that direction three times.

At 11:03:07 am, Dr. Bridle is clearly observed making a gesture that involves a very direct pointing motion towards someone in Witness 1's direction, and then he immediately points straight down in front of him, in a gesture which would reasonably be construed to be an invitation for someone to come to him.

At 11:03:10 am, he points to the door of Pathobiology as he leans toward the road area. He holds this position with his right arm elevated for 14 seconds.

At 11:03:19 am, a woman who is walking toward the Pathobiology building appears to enter Dr. Bridle's field of vision. She seems to notice Dr. Bridle and then looks over her left shoulder in the same direction that Dr. Bridle is focusing his attention. She enters the building with Dr. Bridle at 11:03:40 am. The woman does not appear to be alarmed by Dr. Bridle and walks past him, pausing as he unlocks the door and holds it for her to enter. They appear to acknowledge each other as if they are familiar with one another.

Witness 1's own phone camera video appears to coincide with the University video starting at 11:03:26 am. As previously noted, the video footage that he provided only seems to provide information on the end of the incident before Dr. Bridle enters the building.

At 11:03:32 Witness 1 is once again visible in the Parking Lot camera field of vision, and he walks through the parking lot away from the area.

6 FINDINGS OF FACT

i. Whether Dr. Bridle's alleged behaviour towards Witness 1 on July 21, 2021, constituted workplace harassment

Witness 1 alleged that on July 21, 2021, Dr. Bridle called to him across the parking lot, yelling “*come over here and say it to my face, you fucking coward.*” Dr. Bridle is seen in security video making pronounced and repeated gestures in the direction of Witness 1, and one such gesture appears to be an invitation for Witness 1 to come over to where he is standing. Dr. Bridle's full attention appears to be focused towards Witness 1. Dr. Bridle repeatedly points in his direction, and he can be seen holding a pointing gesture for 14 seconds. While there is no audio in the file, it appears from his physical gestures that Dr. Bridle is acting in an emotionally charged manner.

Witness 1 said that Dr. Bridle was taunting him, and that he felt threatened by his behaviour as he assumed that Dr. Bridle was inviting him to a physical altercation. In his opinion, this behaviour represented an escalation from previous disagreements, and he immediately reported the incident to Campus Police and to The Dean.

Dr. Bridle was provided with ample opportunities to offer evidence which may have provided an alternate explanation for the behaviour that was alleged, or which was demonstrated in the video footage. Despite these attempts to provide him with an opportunity to respond, Dr. Bridle has refused to participate in the investigation. Therefore, given the preponderance of evidence, I accept Witness 1's account of these events and find that Dr. Bridle's conduct toward him on July 21, 2021, was intimidating and hostile towards him.

It is completely unreasonable and unprofessional for any faculty member to engage with a fellow faculty member in the openly hostile, intimidating and aggressive manner that Dr. Bridle engaged with Witness 1 on July 21, 2021. Additionally, based upon previous requests from Witness 1 and from The Dean for him to refrain from engaging with Witness 1, Dr. Bridle ought reasonably to have known that his behaviour and communications would be unwelcome, and that they were vexatious. I therefore find, based upon the preponderance of evidence, that Dr. Bridle's behaviour was harassing to Witness 1, and that it has breached both the Workplace Harassment Prevention Policy and Article 42 of the Collective Agreement.

ii. Whether Dr. Bridle's alleged behaviour towards Witness 2 and Witness 4 on July 22, 2021, was workplace harassment

Witness 2 alleged that on July 22, 2021, Dr. Bridle deliberately engaged him in a hostile manner after purposely following him into the building and then to Witness 4's office. As he yelled loudly at Witness 2 and Witness 4, they were concerned enough that they felt it necessary to contact Campus Police and request that they intervene and remove Dr. Bridle.

Witnesses described seeing Dr. Bridle yelling into Witness 4's office. This yelling was described as being one-sided and his behaviour was compared to a tantrum that a child may have. Witnesses also noted how his physical movements and demeanour were intimidating, and how they had deliberately factored his heightened emotionality into their decision to walk past him during the incident.

I find Witness 2 and Witness 4's accounts of the incident on July 22, 2021, to be compelling. I accept that Dr. Bridle was in an aggravated state, and that he had deliberately pursued Witness 2 even as he actively tried to avoid an engagement with him. Once he located Witness 2 in Witness 4's office, Dr. Bridle engaged in a hostile verbal onslaught against them which left them both feeling intimidated and threatened.


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7 SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

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Signed,

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Nick Duley CHRL

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APPENDIX A

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Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 12:41 PM

To: Glen Pyle

Cc: Shayan Sharif

Subject: Re: smear campaign

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Date: Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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To: Byram Bridle

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Do you have any more information that you can provide to me?

What is the immediate next step?

Sincerely,
Byram

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APPENDIX D

Provided by Dean Wichtel

From: Jeffrey Wichtel

Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 8:18 PM

To: Glen Pyle

Subject: Re: COVID-19 vaccines for children; the tide is changing

Understood. I'm meeting with Byram tomorrow. Let me know if he continues to send you unsolicited messages.

Sent from Jeff's iPhone

On Jun 22, 2021, at 7:54 PM, Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca> wrote:

Hi Jeff.

As requested, I have not criticized Byram publically and confined my comments to the science. I've respectfully asked to be removed from his mailing list and in response received the email below.

I would appreciate someone dealing with this or I will pursue the matter formally.

Glen.

W. Glen Pyle, PhD

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From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Date: 2021-06-22 7:46 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: COVID-19 vaccines for children; the tide is changing

Hi Glen,

You certainly have not appreciated and respected the concerns I have raised. This was made abundantly clear in your Tweets. You are one of the people that need to consider the four sources of information that I provided.

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From: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 7:31 PM
To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 vaccines for children; the tide is changing

Hi Byram.

For the record I was not interviewed for the mentioned story, nor have I provided any comments without my name attached.

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To:
Subject: COVID-19 vaccines for children; the tide is changing

Some people on this e-mail have been steadfast supporters, others have remained neutral (which I also respect), others have tried to brutalize me via a cowardly smear campaign. Particularly for the latter, before you judge me further, I would ask that you first do four things: 1. Read my attached report if you have not done so already (to get a full understanding of why I have concerns about children receiving experimental COVID-19 vaccines). 2. Listen to this podcast, in which Dr. Robert Malone, the inventor of the mRNA vaccine technology clearly states that my interpretation of the science is 100% correct: <https://podcasts.apple.com/ng/podcast/mrna-inventor-robert-malone-backs-up-byram-bridle-on/id1513237951?i=1000526212312>. 3. See the latest posting on the website of the World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice>), which has just added the following in bolded letters: "**Children should not be vaccinated for the moment.**" ...because "Children and adolescents tend to have milder disease compared to adults, so unless they are part of a group at higher risk of severe COVID-19, it is less urgent to vaccinate them than older people, those with chronic health conditions and health workers. More evidence is needed on the use of the different COVID-19 vaccines in children to be able to make general recommendations on vaccinating children against COVID-19." 4. View this interview in which I provide rebuttals to all opposing statements that I was aware of, including addressing the libelous website that was made in my domain name: <https://www.facebook.com/WhatsUpCanadians/videos/206400258023039>

The need for this e-mail came to my attention when a local article in the Guelph MercuryTribune was released yesterday (<https://www.thestar.com/local-guelph/news/2021/06/21/immunologists-raise-concerns-on-u-of-guelph-prof-s-views-on-covid-19-vaccine-safety.html>). It is a very poorly researched, imbalanced, and highly biased article that seems to do nothing other than contribute to the smear campaign against me. Among many things, the reporter failed to mention the reason why I did not

agree to go on record after a ~1 hr discussion (that was ignored); which was because the reporter refused to allow me to see a draft to ensure they would not misquote me (the end-product justifies why I made this request). They also failed to interview anyone representing the side opposite the narrow public health narrative. Of those they interviewed, all but one remained cowardly and refused to be named, making the statements of the reporter no more than hearsay. Of note, a federal MP invested time to write a lengthy e-mail to this local reporter to give them a slap on the wrist for such poor reporting and to highlight their numerous omissions that would have made the story somewhat balanced. The fact that this disrespectful behaviour is ongoing indicates to me that people still have not placed my views into an appropriate context. The above four sources of information should help to do this.

Note that I previously contributed to an open letter expressing concerns about the safety of the AstraZeneca vaccine just after Health Canada authorized its use. That vaccination program has now largely ended after being declared too dangerous for Canadians. This, and the fact that the WHO and the inventor of mRNA vaccine technology agree with me about concerns regarding vaccinating youth, should alleviate concerns raised by so-called 'fact-checkers' and others that I have no clue what I am talking about.

If anyone remains intent upon trying to defame me and harm my career, I kindly ask, out of respect, that you try to do so in a public forum where you and I can openly discuss the science in front of the public. We can get a moderator to facilitate the discussion. If not willing to do this, please refrain from disrespectful, cowardly behaviours. Definitely don't attempt to slander me if you are unwilling to invest the time into investigating the four sources of information that I listed above. Better yet, consider trying to argue that the inventor of mRNA vaccines and the WHO have no clue what they are talking about. As for me, I remain committed to the tenet of academic freedom and standing behind it to advance the truth.

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From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:28 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Vaccines: A Guide for Parents

Please see the attached [full] guide for parents. Please circulate it as widely as you feel comfortable. I am receptive to respectful discussions with those who believe that scientists, physicians, and other professionals should be able to openly discuss the science and medicine underpinning COVID-19 policies.

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APPENDIX E

Provide by Dr. Pyle and Dean Wichtel

From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: 24 June 2021 7:17 AM

To: J. Scott Weese <jsweese@uoguelph.ca>; Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Tarek Saleh <tsaleh@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Glen and Scott. I know that you have specifically asked Byram to no longer send you emails on this topic. I know that he continues to do so, and you have brought this to my attention. I am seeking advice this morning on how best to address this issue, which appears to be escalating. In the meantime, I'd advise that you to not respond to this, but of course you are free to do as you wish.

I will be in touch soon.

Jeff

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:39 AM

To: "J. Scott Weese" <jsweese@uoguelph.ca>, Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: "OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY (ovc-pathobio-faculty@listserv.uoguelph.ca)" <ovc-pathobio-faculty@listserv.uoguelph.ca>, Tarek Saleh <tsaleh@uoguelph.ca>, JJW <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>, Laurie Arnott <l.arnott@exec.uoguelph.ca>

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Sun 5/30/2021 1:00 PM

To: Ryan Brille <rbrille@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Jeffrey Wechtel <jwechtel@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Ghaffari <shayan@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Latta <blatta@uoguelph.ca>

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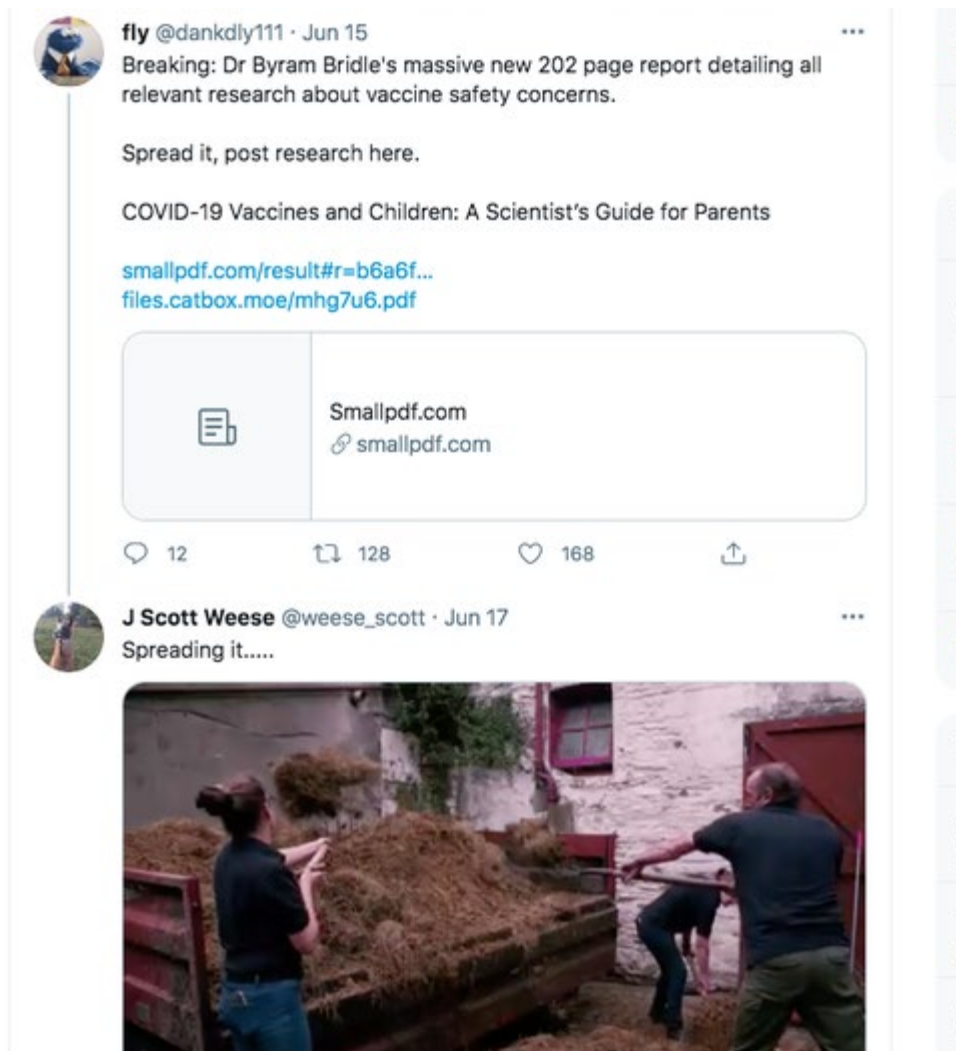
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APPENDIX F

Received from Dean Wichtel

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Date: June 24, 2021 at 5:57:08 PM EDT

To: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Mary DeCoste <mdecoste@uoguelph.ca>, Susan Hubers <shubers@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

I am sorry Jeff, but in light of yesterday's meeting it is laughable that you would slap me over the wrist because of failing to remove Scott and Glen from e-mails at their request. Have I not requested that they remove me as a target from their communications? One can attack science without attacking (or even mentioning) the person. I get sent their Tweets from all over the world. I really do not see you providing fair treatment to all three faculty who are involved. Have you asked them to cease and desist in their communications? If Scott and Glen really feel that I have been the one harassing them, please let them know what the policy is for submitting a claim. I would be keen to see your ruling on such claims. A public invitation to end this communication once and for all would be useless without addressing it to them. E-mail represents one valid way to exercise academic freedom. You set a precedent yesterday and I am merely following that precedent as a way to safeguard my mental well-being.

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Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Byram,

In an earlier communication I advised you that email is a poor tool for discussing sensitive and contentious topics. There have been and continue to be multiple misunderstandings related to email exchanges on this topic that have added fuel to tensions within our College. In subsequent exchanges you have received specific requests from Glen Pyle and Scott Weese to not communicate with them via email on this topic, and to have them removed from any email distribution lists relating to this topic. I do expect you to address this request immediately by removing Scott and Glen from your email distribution list and to cease exchanging emails on this topic with these two individuals who have made this request.

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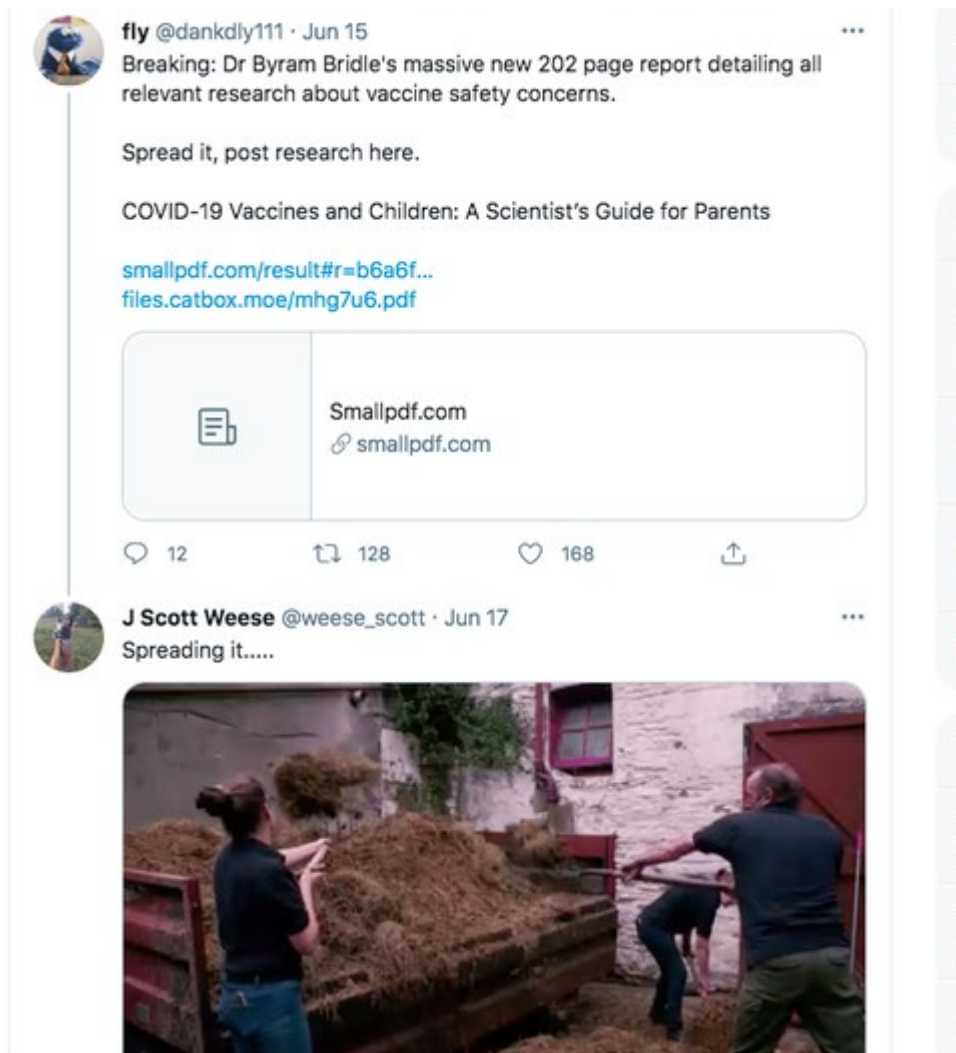
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Sent: 30 May 2021 12:15 PM

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Subject: Re: smear campaign

Glen,

I do not use social media. So, yes, it has been happening without my knowledge. If I ever have a problem with someone's science on campus, I take it up with them. This would have been the respectful thing to do. The major problem here was the fact that you did not condemn an egregious act against a colleague when you had the opportunity.

Sincerely,
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Subject: RE: smear campaign

Hi Byram.

I am not slamming you behind your back. As you note, it is a public forum and I am presenting data from studies.

Glen.

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----- Original message -----

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Date: 2021-05-30 4:24 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
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Subject: Re: smear campaign

Glen,

I was just sent even more tweets from you that slam my interview. This is absolutely disgusting. You do realize don't you that I could not possibly show the scientific basis for my statements on a radio show, right? Since you are 'just down the hall from me' why don't you drop by sometime for a real scientific debate. You are obviously the local expert on COVID-19 vaccines, not me. If you have issues, why not talk to me directly? Why, instead, are you staming me behind my back and in public forums?

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Subject: Re: smear campaign

Glen,

Can you please explain your role in the smear campaign against me? Who is the scientist that made the website to slander me? I need this information now! ...or are you going to continue to revel in the harm being caused to a colleague that you are embarrassed about? If I do not receive a reply from you by noon on Monday, I will contact the police to see if they can get the information from you.

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From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 3:58 AM

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Cc: Karen Mantel <kmantel@uoguelph.ca>; Jane Dawkins <jdawkins@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: smear campaign

I just received this...

<https://twitter.com/DFisman/status/1398756044004802565>

David Fisman on Twitter

“I’ve had questions over the past 48 h about vaccine safety concerns aired Dr Byram Bridle at @UofGuelphOAC in some recent interviews. I don’t know Dr Bridle but he’s a legit immunologist. Some claims, however, are not data based, and are answered here: <https://t.co/GOrR5vQVvb>”
twitter.com

Glen Pyle is all over this. He seems to be loving the bashing I am taking. He even states embarrassment when correcting someone to note that I am from OVC, not OAC. Is David Fisman the one who made the website?

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From: Byram Bridle

Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 2:07 AM

To: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Karen Mantel <kmantel@uoguelph.ca>; Jane Dawkins <jdawkins@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: smear campaign

Dear Jeff and Shayan,

It has been brought to my attention that a smear campaign has been launched against me because I answered a question about COVID-19 vaccines that was posed to me by a radio show host. Everything I said is backed up by peer-reviewed scientific articles. Of course, however, I had no way to show these references in the context of a radio interview. FYI, this libelous website was set-up...

<http://byrambridle.com/>

Because of this I have found myself the victim of vicious attacks. This has forced me to cancel my commitment to a grant review panel for CIHR (reviews were due tomorrow [Mon.], the panel was to meet the week after). I have had to leave them and applicants short of eight reviews. This is a very embarrassing thing to do and reflects very poorly on me as a professional. I have also had to contact two editors to plead for extensions to submission deadlines for two manuscripts from my group that were due tomorrow (Monday). This is taking a toll on my mental and physical health. I should not have to be up at 2 in the morning on a Sunday having to deal with this. Thankfully, I have had numerous colleagues, both locally and from around the world jump to my defence. I have already been in contact with a legal team that has offered to investigate should I wish to follow through. There is a second lawyer who may be willing to help. Of incredible concern was this tweet that was forwarded to me....

<https://twitter.com/glenpyle/status/1398810510234206210>

[Glen Pyle | #GetVaccinated !\[\]\(2bdfe261b986065ee0ac76460d6528c9_img.jpg\) on Twitter](#)

“@maggieoutabout @DFisman @UofGuelphOAC It's not a hacker. The person who made it has contacted me. They are a scientist.”

twitter.com

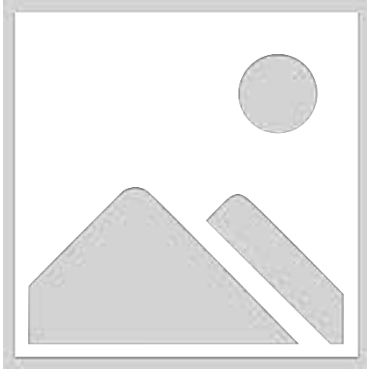
...I demand to know what Glen's role is in this. Did he condone this? Was he part of this? He certainly knows who made the website and did not speak out against it. The website also uses an article that Glen wrote to try to slam me. I will wait to see if this can be handled internally. However, I am ready to pull the trigger on a police investigation and getting a lawyer involved. Since I have had to, with enormous embarrassment, cancel my work obligations, I am now free most of Monday. I would like to deal with this ASAP. None of this adheres to the principle of academic freedom. To protect myself, I now feel obligated to disseminate the scientific sources of my comments. I am currently writing a comprehensive document to prove that the science underpinning my comments is legitimate. I should not be having to waste so much time and energy on something like this. I am disgusted. Especially if a colleague within OVC is involved in some way. I have never had anything but the most collegial interactions with Glen in the past. We served together on the Pet Trust grant review panel. Why didn't he use this public forum to condemn a vicious attack on a colleague???!!!??? Instead, he is implying that the slander is legitimate by assuring the public that it was written by a scientist that he can back-up. This has got very ugly very quickly.

Do you have any more information that you can provide to me?

What is the immediate next step?

Sincerely,
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APPENDIX H

Provided by Dr. Lillie

From: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Shayan Sharif <shayan@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: RE: smear campaign

Hi Byram.

I'm removing some of the cc on this in the hope that a more focused discussion will help. Jeff conveyed to me the suggestion that we try a more focused approach and I understand he did the same for you. Hopefully this helps

First, I appreciate the clarification about the article. Stress or not, I can see how a small language error (inadvertent) can cause a misunderstanding. Happy to move past that.

Second, I don't know who made the website. You've mentioned you are not on social media so you may not be aware that some people chose to remain anonymous. The website was flagged to me and that was the info I was given. Others tried to tag it to Dr Fisman and someone mentioned a hacker. I simply clarified that my understanding was this was not the case. I think you can appreciate that had someone been mistakenly linked to material they didn't create, that could create stress for them.

Finally, I would like to point out that anything I posted was based on publically available information and that I have stuck to the evidence. I have not attacked you as a person and have no intention of doing so. I think we can have profound disagreements about the science and stay away from character attacks. If others have made it personal I don't condone that. In all honesty, I have not seen personal attacks like that, but these things do happen on social media and I don't think they help any side of the debate. I myself have been on the receiving end, including threats of violence, so I can speak from experience.

We have deep disagreements over the science. I have no issue with you presenting your arguments based on studies and data, and have never called for your academic freedom to be curtailed. You don't need my permission, so hopefully that last statement doesn't come across like that. I hope that you will afford me the same opportunity to discuss the scientific literature, and we can disagree (or perhaps be swayed by each other's arguments).

I am sorry you feel you have been personally attacked and that this has created stress. If I have inadvertently posted something that appears to be personal, I apologize without reservation. I can't be responsible for the words of others, but let me clearly state that anyone who attacks you as a person is not supported by me.

Glen.

W. Glen Pyle, PhD

APPENDIX I

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: 31 May 2021 2:42 AM

Subject: Why Parents, Teens, and Children Should Question the COVID-19 Vaccine

Dear recipient,

You are one of hundreds of people that have been blind carbon copied on this e-mail. Last Thursday evening I was interviewed on radio about COVID-19 vaccines for children and adolescents (<https://omny.fm/shows/on-point-with-alex-pierson/new-peer-reviewed-study-on-covid-19-vaccines-sugge>). This interview went viral around the world. Although I received hundreds of supportive e-mails and phone calls from around the globe, a vicious smear campaign has been initiated against me. This included the creation of a libelous website using my domain name. Such are the times that an academic public servant can no longer answer people's legitimate questions with honesty and based on science without fear of being harassed and intimidated.

However, it is not in my nature to allow scientific facts to be hidden from the public. I have attached a brief report that outlines the key science in support of what I said. This was written with my colleagues in the Canadian COVID Care Alliance (CCCA). We are a group of independent Canadian doctors, scientists, and professionals aiming to provide top quality, evidence-based information about COVID-19, intent on reducing hospitalizations and saving more lives. Our goal is to provide you with unbiased, peer-reviewed science that is relevant for you so that you can stay on the leading edge of the ever-evolving data, while at the same time focussing all of your efforts on your wellbeing, or, if you are a medical practitioner, the wellbeing of your patients.

Please feel free to send the attached brief report to as many people as possible. It is a very important message to get out to all Canadians.

The Canadian COVID Care Alliance is drafting a more extensive document that will dive into broader and deeper details about issues related to COVID-19 vaccines and youth. If you are interested in receiving this full article when it is ready, please sign-up to our e-mail distribution list at <https://mailchi.mp/5666d252288c/canadian-covid-care-alliance>. Please do not e-mail me directly for this request since my inbox is currently unmanageable.

Because I care about our children,
Byram

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APPENDIX J

Provided by Dr. Pyle

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: 14 June 2021 6:06 PM

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: inventor of mRNA vaccine technology

Here is another video that might be of interest...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du2wm5nhTXY>

Sincerely,

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From: Byram Bridle

Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 11:39 PM

Subject: inventor of mRNA vaccine technology

I thought you might be interested in what the inventor of mRNA vaccine technology had to say...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1pEtrEr2_s&t=326s

Respectfully,
Byram

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APPENDIX K

Provided by Drs. Pyle and Weese

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: 15 June 2021 1:28 PM

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccines: A Guide for Parents

Please see the attached [full] guide for parents. Please circulate it as widely as you feel comfortable. I am receptive to respectful discussions with those who believe that scientists, physicians, and other professionals should be able to openly discuss the science and medicine underpinning COVID-19 policies.

Sincerely,
Byram

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APPENDIX L

Provided by Dr. Pyle and Dean Wichtel

From: Glen Pyle

Sent: 23 June 2021 8:14 PM

To: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 vaccines for children; what does the inventor say

Hi Jeff.

What ever your chat was about didn't work.

Glen.

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----- Original message -----

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Date: 2021-06-23 7:17 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: COVID-19 vaccines for children; what does the inventor say

You might be interested in the attached open letter that was written by the inventor of the mRNA vaccine technology. Feel free to distribute widely.

Sincerely,

Byram

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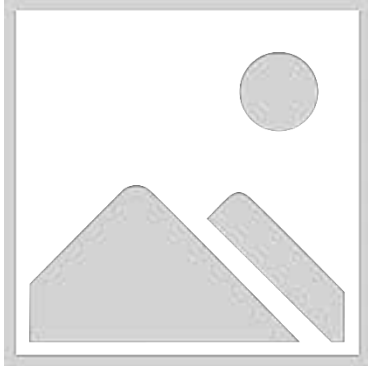
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APPENDIX M

From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: 24 June 2021 2:00 PM
To: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Re: Side note

Yes, we share your concern, as does all the university Exec. Whenever we are in a situation like this, we do reach out to offer help, and to provide guidance to services available. Further, I thank Shayan who has personalized that through making himself available to Byram as a friend and colleague. I cannot guarantee safety, but we believe we are supporting him in all the ways we have at our disposal. Thank you for your compassionate approach, I really appreciate it.

Jeff

From: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
Date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 12:51 PM
To: JJW <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Side note

Hi Jeff.

I want to address this separately from the other discussion. Is anything being actively done to address safety? Other faculty from Pathobiology (and no, it wasn't Scott) have been commenting on Byram's erratic behaviour. They are expressing concerns about the real possibility of physical harm, whether that is Byram lashing out, or self-harm.

I disagree vehemently with Byram's ideas and actions, but I don't wish any harm against him or anyone else. Perhaps someone could look into this?

Glen.

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APPENDIX N

Provided by Dean Wichtel

From: [Jeffrey Wichtel](#)
To: [Glen Pyle](#)
Subject: Re: Byram

Thanks Glen, you are approaching this correctly, it is better to have the campus police engaged earlier than later, in case quick action is needed at any point. Thanks and please continue to keep me in the loop as you have done.

Jeff

From: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca> **Date:**
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM **To:** JJW
<jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: Byram

Hi Jeff.

Just so you don't get caught off guard, I spoke to campus police about this and they may reach out. There are others in Pathobiology who have experienced similarly concerning interactions, and they have asked to be included on any report. I'm just letting you know so that it doesn't seem like I am going behind your back (which I don't think you would) and that any contact with campus police doesn't catch you by surprise. I have tried to be above board and transparent throughout this process, and will continue to do so.

Glen.

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From: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: 21 July 2021 11:48 AM

To: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Re: Byram

This is unfortunate and disappointing, and I am glad that you have reported this to me, Glen. The right to free speech and academic freedom does not cover aggressive or harassing behaviours in the workplace.

As I have shared with you, complaints are taken seriously, and you are free to make one. Perhaps you are recording this incident to document in case it becomes a pattern, and I support that course of action, but that does not limit your options now.

I have already spoken to Byram to let him know that there is no expectation or obligation for you or any faculty member to personally engage with him on this topic.

Please keep me apprised of any behaviours from Byram directed towards you or anyone else that could fall under the umbrella of harassment.

Thanks,

Jeff

From: Glen Pyle <gpyle@uoguelph.ca>
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 11:29 AM
To: JJW <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Byram

Hi Jeff.

This morning on my way to the CAF I was crossing a parking lot and heard someone call my name. When I looked up, it was Byram who was entering the Patho building. He screamed at me that I was a "fucking coward" and that I should come over and see him (among other things). When I pulled out my phone to record him, he stopped, made a gesture, and entered the building. Attached is that video which also shows a young woman entering at the same time.

As has been pointed out numerous times, Byram has the right to free speech, so there is nothing that will be done here. I am simply documenting this because it is escalating and when something does happen, I don't want the university to claim ignorance.

Glen.

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APPENDIX O

Provided by Dr. Peregrine

Re: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>

Thu 6/24/2021 5:49 PM

To: Andrew Peregrine <aperegri@uoguelph.ca>

Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie blillie@uoguelph.ca

I am sorry everyone, but Dean Wichtel implied permission in a meeting yesterday in front of UGFA members for these kinds of open discussions and the only way left for me to prevent Glen and Scott to prevent their bullying of me is to call them out publicly. I will send one final notice to everyone in one week's time either indicating that they did or did not accept the invitation to an open discussion. At that point, the rationale for their ongoing bullying behaviour will be over.

Andrew, if you saw any of the Tweets, you will realize that you have interpreted the bullying in a reverse order. I was perfectly happy to conduct respectful scientific discussions with these two individuals. However, they have refused to do this and continue to propagate misinformation about me and cause me harm. I must look after my own mental health and wellbeing and our two colleagues, and our college administration have left me with no other viable option. I am saddened that you have failed to see the obvious, which is that many attempts are being made to silence me. If you were being beat upon publicly and repeatedly and everyone else in your workplace just sat back and watched, I am sure you wouldn't be a particularly happy camper either. If you condone the behaviour of our colleagues as a form of respectful scientific discourse, then we are going to have quite the poisoned work environment post-COVID.

Sincerely,
Byram

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From: Andrew Peregrine <aperegri@uoguelph.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:24 PM

Cc: Jeffrey Wichtel <jwichtel@uoguelph.ca>; Brandon Lillie <blillie@uoguelph.ca>

Subject: Fw: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Dear Byram,

This morning you sent the following email to "Scott and Glen", but copied the email to all faculty in Pathobiology. In my opinion, it was highly inappropriate to send the email to everyone - sending such an email to everyone is a classic bullying technique to silence others. Furthermore, it is particularly disturbing to early career faculty. In future, please give careful consideration to the implications of sending out an email, especially a personal email, to everyone on a listserve. Thanks. Best regards,

Andrew

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From: (OVC-PATHOBIO) - Faculty <OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY@LISTSERV.UOGUELPH.CA> on behalf of Byram Bridle <bbridle@UOGUELPH.CA>

To: OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY@LISTSERV.UOGUELPH.CA <OVC-PATHOBIO-FACULTY@LISTSERV.UOGUELPH.CA>

Subject: Invitation to publicly discuss COVID-19 vaccines for children

Hi Scott and Glen,

I am sick and tired of your immature behaviours in social media. The continual fanning of the flames of the smear campaign against me is hurtful, harmful, and childish. Graduate students of other faculty members have taken notice and are appalled by the ongoing behaviour. Glen, you were caught in an outright lie (see below). You know who set-up the libelous website and lied to our college administration about knowing this. Will you reveal the name of the person who setup the site to facilitate its removal or do you continue to feel it is appropriate to cause major ongoing harm to the career of a colleague? It is notable that neither one of you has been willing to engage me in any discussions about the science. Talking to someone who can respond in real-time is very different than slamming them in one-sided Tweets. I do not have a social media presence and you provide great examples of why this was a wise decision. It is time to start acting your age. I invite you to discuss the science underpinning the use of COVID-19 vaccines in children in an on-line public forum. You are the local experts on COVID-19 vaccines and now have an opportunity to demonstrate to our colleagues, and the public at large that I do not know what I am talking about in a respectful discussion. We can find a moderator and we can either do this one-on-one, the two of you and then I will choose one colleague to attend with me, or you can even select one additional colleague and we will have teams of three. You have one week to respond to this invitation. The public discussion will take place within a week of me receiving a response. A negative response or non-response will be taken as a public acknowledgement that you have been wrong and will be implied as a public apology. To help you prepare, please see the attached open letter that was written by the inventor of the mRNA vaccine technology, read my guide for parents (the full version, not the two-pager), which can be found at this website: <https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/>, and view this video in which I rebut every argument made against me that I was aware of... <https://rumble.com/vilrsjdoctor-talks-10-dr-byram-bridle-returns-fire-to-critics.html>

The time starts now.

A few examples of the many Tweets sent to me by horrified graduate students and some colleagues from around the world can be found below (Scott and Glen, do you really want the public and our trainees to believe that this is how we conduct our business at the U of G?; Are you willing to work towards re-building a respectful work environment at OVC?)...

Sincerely,
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APPENDIX P

Provided by Dr. Peregrine

Letter received in hard copy format under Pathobiology faculty office doors July 21, 2021

The image shows two screenshots of a website. The top screenshot is the RCPCH website page titled "RCPCH response to JCVI advice regarding children and COVID-19 vaccination" dated 19 July 2021. It features a quote from Byram: "Are you sure that you are on the right side of history? My door is always open if you would like to chat about the science instead of making false assumptions about my intentions and expertise. My foresight is based on following the science. I genuinely care about the health and well-being of children. Immature behaviour is unbecoming of a professional. I have been deeply hurt by your profound disrespect." A red box highlights a paragraph of text from the JCVI advice release: "The JCVI advice releases what the evidence tells us - that most children are at minimal risk of being made seriously ill by COVID. Having looked at the available national and international data, the Committee has weighed in the balance the benefit to children over 12 of being vaccinated, against the very small but important risk of potential side effects from the vaccine. They have decided that for children who are otherwise healthy, the risk is not outweighed by the benefit."

The bottom screenshot is a press release from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) titled "JCVI issues advice on COVID-19 vaccination of children and young people". It states: "The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is today advising that children at increased risk of serious coronavirus (COVID-19) disease are offered a vaccine." A red box highlights a paragraph: "Its evidence shows that COVID-19 rarely causes serious disease in children without underlying health conditions, at this time the JCVI view is that the minimal health benefits of offering universal COVID-19 vaccination to children do not outweigh the potential risks."

APPENDIX Q

Provided by Dr. Weese

From: Byram Bridle bbridle@uoguelph.ca

Subject: misinformation

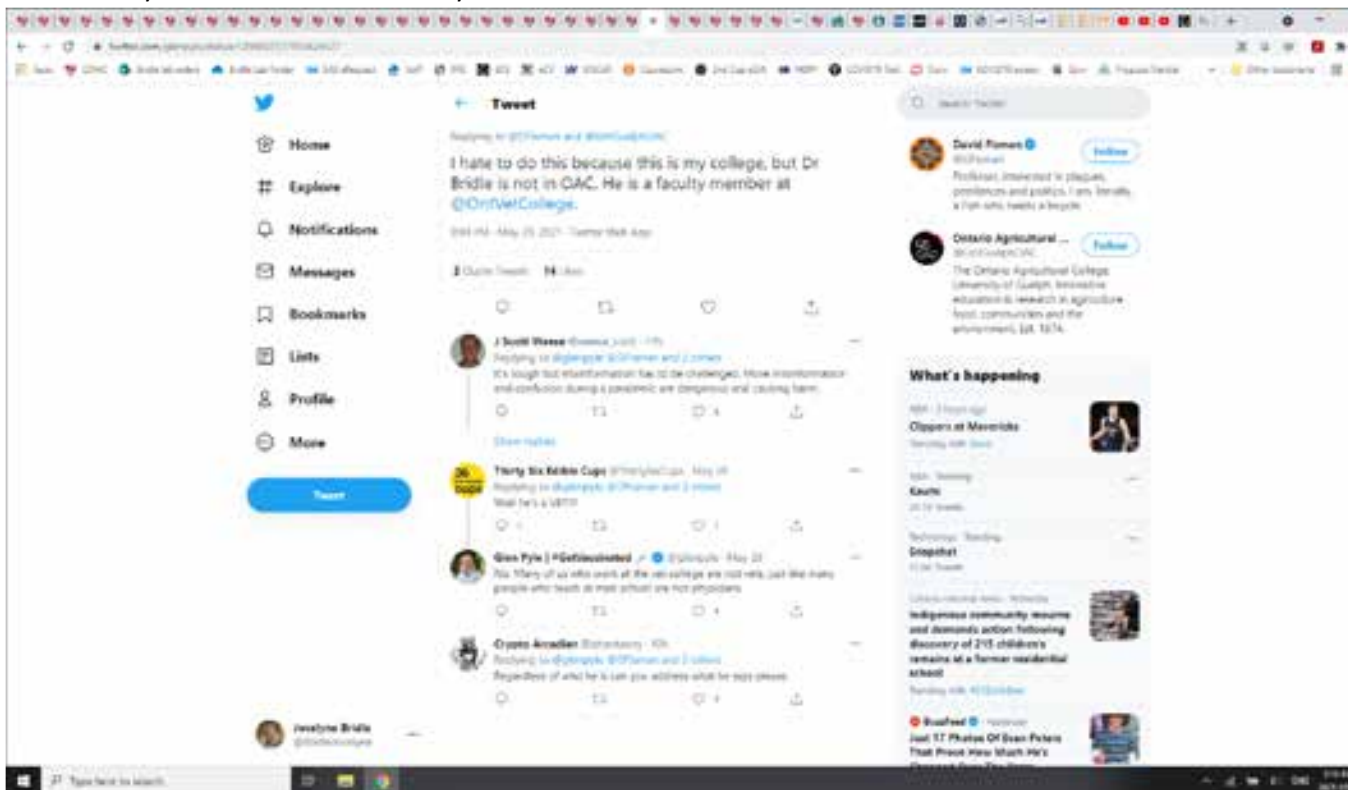
Date: May 31, 2021 at 5:51 AM

To: J. Scott Weese jsweese@uoguelph.ca

Cc: Shayan Sharif shayan@uoguelph.c, Jeffrey Wichtel jwichtel@uoguelph.ca, Brandon Lillie blillie@uoguelph.ca

Scott,

I see you have entered the foray...



...what information are you referring to Scott? And what misinformation did I give? Interestingly, since your communication was in text, you had ample opportunity to describe: (a) what exactly you were rebutting in terms of the science I was interviewed about; and (b) citations to back-up your claim of misinformation. This is akin to saying "my colleague is giving misinformation and I can prove it with my lack of information to back up my claim". I gave a five-minute interview over the radio. You do realize that I can't show papers via the air waves, right? So what information are you criticizing? Did you have any idea what papers I was referring to? FYI, I have attached a brief report to back-up my very legitimate concerns for the health and safety of all Canadian children. I would be happy to debate with you anytime about COVID-19 vaccines if you like to do so. In the report that I have attached, please go to the link to Pfizer's own biodistribution data showing that their vaccine platform travels far and wide throughout the body and accumulates in many tissues. Also, see their report to the European Medicines

Agency in which they admit that they have no pharmacokinetic/biodistribution data with the actual vaccine that is going into our children. These are basic studies that should always be done prior to any vaccine being used. Using this vaccine in children without proper biodistribution any vaccine being used. Using this vaccine in children without proper biodistribution and additional safety data that looks at the effect of depositing the vaccine into a plethora of tissues is scientific blasphemy. Do you really think, on this basis, that there are no legitimate safety issues that should be addressed? ...because I can tell you from years of experience that is not how one goes about developing a novel treatment with integrity. Next time, before you go ahead and fuel a fire that is roasting a colleague, please consider talking to me to determine what my rationale is. What you did here was immature and disrespectful. Do you realize the harm this smear campaign is doing to me?

I must say, it's great to have colleagues like you and Glen around. It is creating a great collegial work environment.

Jeff and Shayan: is this behaviour from Glen and Scott going to be condoned? Jeff, you will recall that Scott already implied that I didn't have the right to hold an opposing view in a recent department meeting. In the current situation, it is ridiculous that I have to present a report to show my colleagues that I actually know what I'm talking about just so I can get them to leave me alone in the world of social media. I think that this harassment in the workplace needs to stop.

Sincerely, Byram

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APPENDIX R

Provided by Dr. Weese

From: Byram Bridle <bbridle@uoguelph.ca>
Subject: Re: inventor of mRNA vaccine technology
Date: June 14, 2021 at 6:07 PM
To:

Here is another video that might be of interest... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du2wm5nhTXY>

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From: Byram Bridle
Sent: Saturday, June 12, 2021 11:39 PM

I thought you might be interested in what the inventor of mRNA vaccine technology had to say...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1pEtrEr2_s&t=326s

Respectfully, Byram

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APPENDIX S

Provided by Dr. Weese

From: Byram Bridle bbridle@uoguelph.ca

Subject: COVID-19 vaccines for children; what does the inventor say

Date: June 23, 2021 at 7:17 PM

To: Byram Bridle bbridle@uoguelph.ca

You might be interested in the attached open letter that was written by the inventor of the mRNA vaccine technology. Feel free to distribute widely.

Sincerely, Byram

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This is Exhibit "U" referred to in the Affidavit of Jeffrey
Wichtel sworn before me June 21, 2024.

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Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

D. LYNN TURNBULL



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

November 24, 2021

Dr. Byram Bridle
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Dear Dr. Bridle:

I am writing following on my letter of July 22, 2021 regarding the disciplinary investigation under Article 39 of the Collective Agreement between the University and the University of Guelph Faculty Association. The University has completed its investigation and, pursuant to Article 39.11, this letter outlines the tentative results of the investigation.

As you know, the investigation focused on your interactions with Dr. Glen Pyle on July 21, 2021 and Drs. Peregrine and Bienzle on July 22, 2021. The investigation was to determine whether these interactions, if proven, breached the University's expectations for professional behaviour and the maintenance of a workplace free from harassment as outlined in Article 42 of the [Collective Agreement](#) and applicable University policies.

The external investigator, Nick Duley, completed his report determining that your behaviour did constitute a violation of the University's expectations for professional behaviour and the maintenance of a workplace free from harassment as outlined in Article 42 of the [Collective Agreement](#) and applicable University policies.

Considering this finding, the University feels that discipline is warranted.

Pursuant to Article 39.12 of the Collective Agreement, you are invited to a meeting before the investigation is closed to respond to the findings of this investigation and prior to the imposition of discipline. You can respond in person, through the Association or your personally selected representative as we've been informed by the Association that, in relation to this investigation, the

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Association is not representing you at this time. The deadline to respond to this invitation is ten (10) days following receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Wichtel, BVSc, Ph.D., Dip.ACT
Professor and Dean

- c. Rocco Gelati
Mary DeCoste, President, UGFA
Bill Cormack, Grievance Information Officer, UGFA
S. Hubers, Executive Officer, UGFA
L. Arnott, Assistant Vice President, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations

This is Exhibit "V" referred to in the Affidavit of Jeffrey Wichtel sworn before me June 21, 2024.

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Cc: **Mr. Rocco Galati, B.A., LL.B., LL.M, Rocco Galati Law Firm Professional Corporation**
Ms. Carol Ann Higgins, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Dean, Ontario Veterinary College
Dr. Brandon Lillie, Chair, Department of Pathobiology, Ontario Veterinary College
Mr. Andrew Boaden, Senior Consultant, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations, University of Guelph

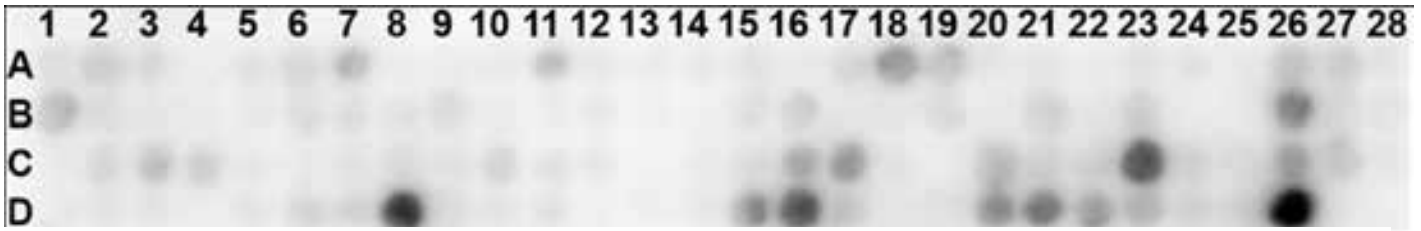
Thursday December 15, 2021

Dear Dr. Jeffrey Wichtel, Dean, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph,

On November 11, 2021, I honoured the wartime sacrifices of my grandfather, great uncles, and the many other Canadian heroes who were willing to sacrifice their lives to ensure that our country could remain a great and free democracy, free from segregation and tyrannical governmental control. As such I found it ironic that on this same day you sent a letter threatening me with being placed on an unpaid leave should I fail to meet the University of Guelph's 'vaccine' mandate. In the letter, you indicated that your office would be in contact with me prior to the end of this semester to discuss the specifics. You did not indicate that a response from me was required, nor was a deadline for such a response suggested. Instead, the message stated that the onus was on your office to initiate communication. However, without any forewarning from you or your office staff, I learned from colleagues that my teaching for the Winter 2022 semester was being advertised as a job for others to apply to. This seems rather inappropriate and unprofessional. After the Chair of my department relayed to you my dismay about this breach of process, you sent me an email on December 7, 2021. In this communication you stated that I must indicate by the end of today, December 15, 2021 whether I had or would become compliant with the 'vaccine' mandate. If I did not respond or failed to become compliant with the vaccine mandate you again threatened to place me on a partial unpaid leave and hire a sessional lecturer to take over my immunology teaching in our doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) program. It should be noted that I am replying prior to the end of December 15, 2021. Further, I have fabulous news: **I have exceeded the goal of the University of Guelph's COVID-19 'vaccine' mandate!** Of course, the goal of the mandate is to get as many people immune to SARS-CoV-2 as possible. Immunization represents one, but not the only, way to help facilitate this. As such, I am excited to inform you that I have proof of robust and broadly reactive naturally acquired immunity to SARS-CoV-2, which the exploding scientific literature demonstrates is superior in every way to the, at best, partial immunity conferred by 'vaccination' only. Here is my proof...

Those with Naturally Acquired Immunity Don't Need to be Vaccinated and are at Greater Risk of Harm if Vaccinated

I participated in a clinical trial that has been running for approximately 1.5 years. The purpose is to develop a very sensitive and comprehensive test of immunity against SARS-CoV-2; in large part to inform the development of better COVID-19 vaccines (<https://insight.jci.org/articles/view/146316>). My personal results prove that I have naturally acquired immunity against SARS-CoV-2. With this test, spots indicate a positive result for antibodies against a particular parts of the virus. Darker spots correlate with higher antibody titers. In turn, antibody responses correlate with the induction of memory B cells. Antibodies will wane over time, but naturally induced B cells typically survive for many years and rapidly produce massive quantities of antibodies upon re-exposure to a pathogen. On the following page are my results, along with a map of which part of the virus each spot represents...



Peptide Identification on CCJ SARS-CoV-2 SPOT peptide arrays

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
A	Spike S1				Spike S1 RBD				Spike S1				Spike S2															
B	Spike S2								Nucleocapsid								Memb.											
C	Nsp2		Nsp3				Nsp4		Nsp2		Nsp3		Nsp4		Nsp6		Nsp8+9											
D	Nsp10+11		Nsp12		Nsp13		Nsp14		Nsp15				Nsp18		Orf3		Orf8		IgG									

The dark spot at position D26 is the positive control and indicates that the assay worked. My results demonstrate that I have broad immunity against multiple components of SARS-CoV-2, including the spike protein. Importantly, spot B26 shows that I have antibodies against the membrane protein. This protein is not highly conserved across coronaviruses. As such, it provides evidence that I was infected with SARS-CoV-2. There is a plethora of scientific literature demonstrating that naturally acquired immunity against SARS-CoV-2 is likely superior to that conferred by vaccination only. Indeed, it is much broader, which means that emerging variants of SARS-CoV-2 will have more difficulty evading it as compared to the very narrow immunity conferred by the ‘vaccines’. Indeed, ‘vaccine’-induced immunity has proven to be a failure in controlling both the delta and omicron variants. Importantly, the duration of immunity (*i.e.* how long a person is protected) has proven to be far longer than that generated by the current vaccines. The duration of immunity for the mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines appears to be a horrifically short ~4.5-8 months. I actually wrote a lay article back in February 2021 to explain why a vaccine of this nature would fail to be able to achieve global herd immunity on its own (<https://theconversation.com/5-factors-that-could-dictate-the-success-or-failure-of-the-covid-19-vaccine-rollout-152856>). This is why places like Canada, the USA, Israel and many others have found it necessary to roll out third doses and are now discussing fourth and possibly more doses. The World Health Organization and many others have recognized the value of natural immunity. Here are some references to support this: https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Sci_Brief-Natural_immunity-2021.1; <https://academic.oup.com/jid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/infdis/jiab295/6293992>; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7803150/>. As someone who develops vaccines, I can tell you that it is difficult to make a vaccine that will perform as poorly as the current COVID-19 ‘vaccines’. Indeed, most vaccines given in childhood never require a booster shot later in life. The take-home message here is that people like me, who have naturally acquired immunity, do not need to be vaccinated. Nor is it needed to protect those around the person who already has immunity. Worse, research from three independent groups has now demonstrated that those with naturally acquired immunity experience more severe side-effects from COVID-19 ‘vaccines’ than those who were immunologically naïve prior to vaccination ([https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370\(21\)00194-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(21)00194-2/fulltext); <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.04.15.21252192v1>; <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.26.21252096v1>). In other words, **for those with natural immunity, the current COVID-19 inoculations are not only unnecessary, but they would put them at enhanced risk of harm.** Since the administration of the University of Guelph is continually publicizing their concern for the health and wellbeing of their faculty, it should be obvious that **forcing me to take jabs that will be of no net benefit to me or those around me but that are accompanied by risk, would be contraindicated.**

A Precedent for Mandated Vaccines at the University of Guelph

The University of Guelph has an excellent precedent for vaccine mandates that makes sense. For example, the rabies vaccine is a requirement for anybody working in the post-mortem room that is in the building where my office and lab are located. This is, of course, because there is the possibility of carcasses in that location being contaminated with the rabies virus. As such, I was happily vaccinated against rabies. That is because it fits the traditional definition of a vaccine. Specifically, it induces potent immunity that protects me from the rabies disease, and it prevents me from transmitting the virus to others. In fact, having taken this vaccine, you, Dean Wichtel, and the rest of the administration encourage me to enter the 'danger zone' (*i.e.*, the post-mortem room) whenever needed to conduct my research. After being in the post-mortem room you also allow me to mingle with other people (prior to the current declared pandemic). This is because the rabies inoculations meet the proper definition of a vaccine. In contrast, this definition had to be revised to allow the term to be applied to the current COVID-19 inoculations that, at best, only dampen the severity of disease. They do not prevent infection. They do not prevent disease. They do not prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. And it appears that all these sub-optimal features will need to be maintained by repeated rapid re-dosing. In stark contrast, due to the high cost of the rabies vaccine series (*i.e.*, ~\$1,000), the administration of our university will not pay for me to receive this immunization whenever I want. It is also argued that I am not allowed to blindly receive boosters because they are looking out for my best interests by ensuring that I am not being put at risk by receiving an unnecessary vaccine. Instead, I am asked to attend an annual clinic to have my antibody titers quantified. Interestingly, evidence of reasonable immunity against the rabies virus is routinely accepted as proof that I am protected against rabies and this allows me to continue to access our post-mortem room. I can only receive a booster dose if my immunity against rabies wanes. To date, I have never had to receive a booster dose. Indeed, durable immunity is another feature of what used to be defined as vaccines. As such, **I have diligently adhered the university's historical precedent for a mandated vaccine in which proof of immunity is required and sufficient.** I have demonstrated in this letter that I have immunity against SARS-CoV-2. By doing so, **I have exceeded the standard set by the current COVID-19 vaccination policy** that merely requires certification of someone having had two needles inserted into their shoulder. Although this should imply some degree of immunity has been conferred, it does nothing to prove this goal was achieved. **Unlike me, most members of our campus community, including those in administrative roles dictating policies, lack proof of immunity against SARS-CoV-2.**

Getting Jabbed Does Not Guarantee Immunity

In an outbred population like people, responses to vaccines follow a bell-shaped curve. Most people will mount moderately robust immune responses. A minority will respond very robustly; these are the high responders. A minority will mount sub-optimal responses; these are the low responders. Some in the low responder group will be non-responders. These individuals would have no or non-protective immunity against SARS-CoV-2 despite having been jabbed twice. Dean Wichtel, you and I have a colleague in our college who is a senior immunologist and has built an internationally recognized research program based on this principle. Her highly touted high immune response technology has garnered many awards. To the best of my knowledge, she is the first Canadian to have received two very prestigious awards; the Governor General's Award, and the Synergy Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. As such, we know better than most that the physical process of vaccination does not necessarily equate with robust immunity. **The only way to be sure that a jab has conferred immunity is to directly test for immunity**, like we do each year for our mandated rabies vaccine program. Again, **based on this sound scientific principle, I have exceeded our university's expectations by providing direct evidence of immunity against SARS-CoV-2; something that carries far more weight in trying to achieve herd immunity than mere certification of receipt of two needle sticks.**

The University Back-Track on Advice from its Own Legal Counsel

I, along with two colleagues, attended a meeting with one of our vice-presidents, Dr. Cate Dewey, in May 2021. In that meeting the **legal advice that was provided to the University of Guelph was disclosed**. We were told **this included making COVID-19 vaccines voluntary, that nobody on campus should be made to feel coerced into being vaccinated, and that nobody should feel pressured to disclose their vaccination status**. Regardless, I have proven that I am immune to SARS-CoV-2. You may be interested to know that in the world of oncolytic virotherapy there is a **concept that we call 'in situ vaccination'**. This is to recognize that natural infection with a virus can lead to induction of immune responses against cancer cells and the virus itself. In essence, **natural infection with a virus is a form of vaccination**. I have published extensively on this, including using the term 'in situ vaccination'. In fact, contrary to what virologists originally thought, this has proven to be the dominant mechanism of action for this kind of cancer therapy. You may also be interested in knowing that some virologists have been working on the concept of naturally spreading or contagious vaccines, which would involve using a non-pathogenic virus that can naturally spread from person to person and confer immunity against a pathogenic virus. This would be similar in concept to the historical practice of intentionally infecting someone with the cowpox virus to confer cross-reactive protective immunity against smallpox. Although the intentional release of a contagion among a population to create the effect of a naturally spreading vaccine carries serious ethical issues, I simply raise this to point out that **this again highlights the acceptance of immunity conferred by natural infection being defined as a form of vaccination**. **Based on these two documented scientific concepts, I am very pleased to let you know that my naturally acquired immunity against SARS-CoV-2 can legitimately be defined as a form of vaccination**. This should alleviate any concerns should the university's policy be strictly read in a way that would imply that the definition of 'vaccination' needs to be met.

Students Can Safely Learn from an Award-Winning Teacher Who is Immune to SARS-CoV-2

Unlike most faculty members who cannot demonstrate proof of immunity to SARS-CoV-2, I can and have. As such, I represent one of the safest faculty members on campus for in-person teaching of students. My track record in teaching speaks for itself. Within the context of our DVM program I teach students about immunology. To the best of my knowledge, the immunology program that I designed from scratch for our DVM students is among the most comprehensive in North America and likely the world; including 24 lectures, two three-hour laboratories, two independent learning sessions, three interactive learning sessions, and a two-hour review session. I follow this up with a one-hour review in the second year of their training. This far exceeds the immunology teaching that the vast majority of DVM and medical doctorate (MD) students receive. In Canada, some MD students receive as little as five one-hour lectures on immunology. I am proud that our DVM students are among the best trained medical professionals in the field of immunology. I have twice been elected as an honorary class president (*i.e.*, voted top professor for the year); this can only be held a maximum of once per four years. I was also voted by the DVM students to receive the top teaching award that can be given to an instructor in a North American veterinary school (this can be conferred a maximum of once per four years). Over all the years that I have been teaching the DVM students, my average overall rating from their end-of-course teaching evaluations spanning all years has been 4.75/5.0 (or, the equivalent of 95/100). I am passionate about training our students to become competent in the field of immunology. Teaching them is one of my greatest joys and I am the faculty member at the University of Guelph with, by far, the most relevant qualifications and experience to ensure that our DVM students continue to obtain training in immunology that far exceeds the average standard across North America. **As someone with proof of superior immunity to SARS-CoV-2 I am also in a unique position to teach our DVM students in-person while providing them with maximum assurance of their safety**. A sessional teacher with a certificate of being jabbed but lacking proof of immunity would represent a higher risk to students, especially in the context of the Omicron variant with its substantially mutated spike protein that can likely bypass much of the narrowly conferred 'vaccine'-induced spike-specific immunity.

The Threat of Damages is Disproportionate in the Context of My Distribution of Effort (DOE) for Teaching

Dean Wichtel, as a follow-on to your letter, I received a letter on December 14, 2021 from Mr. Andrew Boaden, Senior Consultant, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations, University of Guelph. He indicated that should I be found to be in non-compliance with the vaccine mandate I would have \$8,000 of my salary taken away next semester. Accordingly, this would reduce my benefits and payments into my pension plan. Based on my annual salary, this dollar figure works out to ~18% of my DOE. According to my contract, my DOE for teaching is 0.25 FTE. I would like to point out that I advise 4.5 graduate students (one is co-advised). It is my understanding that each graduate student counts as 0.05 FTE for my teaching. This means that my graduate advising alone amounts to 0.225 FTE. Plus, I am advising an undergraduate student in the research course BIOM*4522 and have been doing so with several students spanning every semester for the past 1.5 years. Therefore, prior to accounting for my teaching in the DVM program, my workload for teaching already exceeds 0.25 FTE. To take away approximately 18% of my salary to account for removal of teaching that would bring my FTE down to something that still exceeds 0.25 FTE would be a disproportionate penalty. What the administration has failed to account for here is that the standard full-time work week for the university is 35 hours, but the average faculty member, myself included, works approximately 2.0 FTE (*i.e.*, the equivalent of two full-time jobs or ~70 hours per week). Another way to look at this is that you would be asking me to conduct my remaining teaching assignments next semester for free. However, as I have already pointed out, this should be a moot point because I have exceeded the goal set by the vaccine mandate.

Concluding Remarks: Scientists Should Make Evidence-Based Decisions

Dean Wichtel, we are scientists working at a **publicly funded academic institution that values evidence-based decision-making. I have proven to you that I am immune to SARS-CoV-2 by way of naturally acquired immunity/infection-conferred vaccination. Therefore, I have exceeded the goals of the University of Guelph's COVID-19 'vaccine' mandate.** On this basis, **I am thrilled to continue to invest my expertise into teaching immunology to the students in our DVM program.** With immunity superior to that conferred by 'vaccination' only, and with your permission to return to campus, I would be happy to conduct this teaching in person. Alternatively, should you prefer, I can offer to teach remotely as was required and deemed acceptable in the past two years. Personally, I would prefer to teach in-person since I treasure real-time face-to-face interactions with students. Should you disagree with the concept of naturally acquired immunity/infection-conferred vaccination or question whether it is at least as protective as that conferred by the current COVID-19 'vaccines' I would request that you provide me with your own overview of the peer-reviewed scientific literature to back-up your perspective. References to websites, so-called 'fact' checkers, other organizations, committees, or individuals would not constitute appropriate scientific evidence. That would be akin to saying 'because [insert name] says so, it must be so'. Evidence-based decisions must be founded on data that have, ideally, been published following the peer-review process. In turn, I would be happy to provide you with a scientific report that I have prepared. It consists of 127 pages describing the scientific principles that form the foundation for this letter. This does not include the hundreds of associated references nor the 181 pages of appendices. Also, to avoid hypocrisy, I would ask you to provide me with proof that you have immunity to SARS-CoV-2 that is superior to mine. In the tradition of robust scholarly activities, perhaps we could let the weight of the scientific evidence that we each put forward decide the outcome of this decision.

I eagerly await your acknowledgement of my infection-conferred vaccination status and affirmation that I may proceed with my planned teaching next semester. I also request that the search that was initiated for a sessional lecturer be cancelled immediately considering my proof of immunity/vaccination. Since my immunology teaching is scheduled to begin at the end of January, the favour of a reply by the end of the day on January 6th, 2022 is requested.

Sincerely and in the mutual interest of optimal teaching of immunology to the students in our DVM program,



Dr. Byram W. Bridle, PhD
Associate Professor of Viral Immunology
Department of Pathobiology, University of Guelph

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January 4, 2022

Dr. Byram Bridle
Associate Professor
Department of Pathobiology
Ontario Veterinary College
University of Guelph

Dear Byram:

I am writing in follow up to my letter of November 23, 2021 regarding the disciplinary investigation under Article 39 of the Collective Agreement between the University and the University of Guelph Faculty Association. You have not responded to that letter and invitation to discuss the investigation findings.

I accept the results of the investigation report namely that you were found to have harassed the Complainants. As a result, discipline will be imposed in the form of five (5) days of paid suspension beginning today. This behaviour cannot be repeated. Specifically, you cannot force people to engage with you on topics in which they do not wish to participate, especially doing so by yelling or talking loudly at them.

Other non-disciplinary measures will be implemented after discussions with the parties to help members feel safe in the workspace following this outcome. These will follow in a separate letter.

The temporary restrictions to your attendance on campus that were implemented during the course of this investigation are lifted. You will be permitted to attend campus as of January 11, 2021. I must note that, currently attendance on campus for everyone requires compliance with our vaccination policy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey J. Wichtel".

Jeffrey J. Wichtel, BVSc, Ph.D., Dip.ACT
Professor and Dean

cc. Rocco Gallati
Mary DeCoste, President, UGFA
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February 25, 2021

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Dr. Byram Bridle
Department of Pathobiology
Ontario Veterinary College
University of Guelph

Dear Dr. Bridle:

I am writing in follow up to my letter of January 4, 2022. Specifically, I indicated that I may be implementing some non-disciplinary measures after I've had an opportunity to discuss concerns about safety in the workplace following the outcome of the investigation. There do remain outstanding safety concerns, so the University has retained a third-party company to perform a workplace safety and risk assessment to determine if measures in addition to those below should be implemented to address safety. You will be contacted soon by Protect International, the company retained, to discuss these concerns and understand your perspective. You would be welcome to bring support including representation from UGFA or your lawyer.

I am implementing a no-contact requirement between you and the complainants for 2 years. This involves refraining from speaking with one another or using University communication systems, such as telephone and email, to contact one another. This also extends to proxy contact. Any contact or proxy contact initiated by either you or the complainants should be identified to the Dean to be addressed rather than responded to by you or the complainants directly. Everyone may attend Department meetings; if you have comments about what any of the complainants says in a department meeting, please address your comments to the Chair and not to each other.

Sincerely

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Jeffrey J. Wichtel, BVSc, PhD, Dip. ACT
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March 22, 2022

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Dr. Byram Bridle
Department of Pathobiology
Ontario Veterinary College
University of Guelph

Dear Dr. Bridle:

I'm writing in follow up to my February 25, 2022, letter regarding concerns about the safety in the workplace. The University has retained Protect International to undertake a workplace violence risk assessment. As part of this assessment, we are directing you to participate in an interview to be conducted later this week via telephone or videoconferencing. The interview will be conducted by Drs. Brianne Layden and Stephen Hart. The interview will focus on your past and current adjustment, both at and outside the University of Guelph.

While the assessment is active and unless or until you receive other instructions, any questions or communications about this assessment should be directed to me. I ask that you, and your counsel, maintain confidentiality. If you are unable to reach me, you should call Laurie Arnott, AVP Faculty and Academic Staff Relations via email at larnott@uoguelph.ca.

I want to emphasize that the purpose of the investigation is to address safety of University of Guelph employees. Your participation is required. Failure to do so may result in consequences pursuant to the Collective Agreement between the University and the Faculty Association.

We appreciate that participation in the assessment may be stressful. We encourage you to seek support from family, friends, or health care providers. You also have access to support from the University of Guelph [Employee and Family Assistance Program](#). We've copied both your counsel and the Faculty Association whom you may invite to accompany you during your upcoming interview.

At your earliest convenience, please reply acknowledging that you have received this message and what times on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that you and your representatives can meet with Drs. Layden

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April 29, 2022

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Dr. Byram Bridle
Department Of Pathobiology
Ontario Veterinary College
University of Guelph

Dear Dr. Bridle:

You will recall that the University undertook a workplace safety and risk assessment based on safety concerns raised by university employees as a result of interactions with you. By letter from your independent counsel, you refused to participate in that process as required.

We have received the results of the assessment which indicates that the work environment poses a safety risk for those employees. The University will be implementing a series of measures to remedy the risk including moving your office and lab from the building where you share space or have high probability of interacting with these employees and prohibiting your access to the Pathobiology building. These measures are not disciplinary but are implemented to address the safety risk identified in the assessment. Should the risk change, we will revise these measures.

There are details to be addressed in the coming weeks including how committee and meeting participation will function and the relocation details, which will occur as expeditiously as possible. In the interim, while we identify new lab and office space, we require you to continue your lab and office work from home and not enter the Pathobiology building. I would like to meet with you to discuss these measures including new space.

The previously instated two-year no-contact order remains in place.

I must also meet with you regarding your refusal to participate in the assessment as directed. I propose meeting tomorrow, Friday April 29th at 1 pm. If tomorrow is not possible, please identify some dates next week. We will invite UGFA to the meeting.

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If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely



Jeffrey J. Wichtel, BVSc, PhD, Dip. ACT
Professor and Dean

- c. M. DeCoste, President, UGFA
- S. Hubers, Executive Officer, UGFA
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Representing Faculty, Librarians,
Veterinarians & College Professors

January 4, 2024

Dr. Gwen Chapman,
Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
University of Guelph

Re: Grievance 24-01-1

Dear Dr. Chapman:

The University of Guelph Faculty Association (“the UGFA”) hereby brings a grievance on UGFA’s behalf and on behalf of Dr. Byram Bridle, because the University of Guelph (“the Administration”) has breached Articles 1, 5, 39, and 42 of the Collective Agreement, the Labour Relations Act, Human Rights Policy, and any other relevant Article or legislative requirements in its treatment of Dr. Bridle.

On July 22, 2021, the Administration initiated an investigation under Article 39 of the collective agreement into “concerns raised regarding [Dr. Bridle’s] interactions with Dr. Glen Pyle on July 21, 2021 and Drs. Peregrine and Bienzle on July 22, 2021.”

On November 9, 2021, the report prepared by North Shore HR Consulting Inc. concluded that “Dr. Bridle’s conduct towards Witness 1 on July 21, 2021, and also towards Witness 2 and Witness 4 on July 22, 2021, was harassing [...].”

On November 24, 2021, Dean Wichtel wrote to Dr. Bridle informing him of the results of the investigation and inviting him to discuss them.

On January 4, 2022, Dean Wichtel wrote to Dr. Bridle to inform him that the Administration accepted the findings of North Shore HR Consulting Inc. He informed Dr. Bridle that disciplinary action would be taken, specifically, five (5) days of paid suspension beginning on January 4, 2022. Dean Wichtel wrote further, “The temporary restrictions to your attendance on campus that were implemented during the course of this investigation are lifted. You will be permitted to attend campus as of January 11, 2021.” [sic — surely Dean Wichtel meant to write 2022]

In a letter dated February 25, 2021 [sic — surely Dean Wichtel meant to write 2022], Dean Wichtel wrote to Dr. Bridle, “I am writing in follow up to my letter of January 4, 2022. Specifically, I indicated that I may be implementing some non-disciplinary measures after I’ve had an opportunity to discuss concerns about safety in the workplace following the outcome of the investigation. There do remain outstanding safety concerns, so the University has retained a third-party company to perform a workplace safety and risk assessment to determine if measures in addition to those below should be implemented to address safety. [...] I am implementing a no-contact requirement between you and the complainants for 2 years.”

and risk assessment, Dr. Bridle was prohibited from entering the Pathobiology Building. Dr. Wichtel indicated that this prohibition was “not disciplinary.”

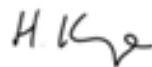
In a letter dated September 9, 2022, Dean Wichtel reiterated that Dr. Bridle was prohibited from entering the Pathobiology Building.

The UGFA maintains that the continued prohibition (approximately 20 months to date) of Dr. Bridle from the Pathobiology Building is unreasonable and, despite the Administration’s claims to the contrary, de facto disciplinary. Furthermore, the UGFA reminds the Administration that you have known of Dr. Bridle’s diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome for at least two years, as a witness in the report prepared by North Shore HR Consulting Inc. refers to this in her testimony, even suggesting Tourette Syndrome as a factor in the complaint made against Dr. Bridle: “Witness 10 described Dr. Bridle as a ‘gentle giant.’ She said that Dr. Bridle had disclosed in some public interviews that he has Tourette’s Syndrome. In her opinion, some of his behaviour may have led to misunderstandings as he may have been animated or seemed aggressive to others at times when the behaviour was merely his condition manifesting itself (page 28).” Despite the Administration being aware of Dr. Bridle’s Tourette Syndrome at least since November 9, 2021, you took no steps to follow up on this matter with Dr. Bridle, nor did you explore the possibility that Tourette Syndrome may have played a role in the events of July 2021, as Witness 10 suggests. Additionally, given that the complainants would have seen a draft copy of the report, which would have included Witness 10’s remarks about Tourette Syndrome, including that Dr. Bridle has made his diagnosis “public,” the Administration, to the best of our knowledge, failed in your obligation to ensure the Member was not discriminated against on the basis of his Tourette Syndrome and the known behaviours, which can appear aggressive, nor did you take steps to explore with the complainants the possibility that Tourette Syndrome was at least partly behind Dr. Bridle’s behaviour of July 21 and 22, 2021. This failure, together with the ongoing prohibition of Dr. Bridle from the Pathobiology Building, constitutes discriminatory behaviour towards Dr. Bridle with respect to his disability, a breach of his human rights, and a breach of the Collective Agreement.

As a remedy, the UGFA seeks the following:

1. A declaration that the Administration has breached the Collective Agreement;
2. A declaration that the Administration will take the steps necessary to ensure compliance with the Collective Agreement;
3. An immediate lifting of Dr. Bridle’s prohibition from the Pathobiology Building;
4. An apology to Dr. Bridle for the harm caused by both the Administration’s actions and inaction;
5. An assurance that Dr. Bridle will be treated appropriately and not penalized for the past 20 months of absence from the Pathobiology Building;
6. Funds to ensure that Dr. Bridle can resume his research;
7. Any other remedy as may be deemed appropriate by an arbitrator.

Sincerely,



Herb Kunze,
UGFA President

c: S. Hubers, UGFA
A. Hathaway, UGFA
L. Arnott, FASR

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FACULTY AND ACADEMIC STAFF RELATIONS

February 6, 2024

Herb Kunze
President
University of Guelph Faculty Association

Re: Grievance 24-01-I

Dear Herb,

Please thank Mary DeCoste and Dr. Bridle, (the "Grievor") for meeting with me and Dean Jeff Wichtel on January 18, 2024 in regards the above noted grievance filed by the University of Guelph Faculty Association ("UGFA"), dated January 4, 2023 (the "Grievance").

In response to the Grievance, the University denies having violated articles 1, 5, 39 and 42 of the collective agreement as alleged.

The continued prohibition from the Pathobiology Building as reasonable and non-disciplinary

The University hired a third-party investigator to conduct the noted workplace harassment complaint investigation which involved 3 complainants. The Grievor was found to have harassed the complainants by yelling across the parking lot at one complainant and following another through the Pathobiology Building to force discussion. The Grievor was found to have yelled outside of an office where two additional complainants had hidden to escape confrontation with him. The Grievor refused to leave his position outside this office. The Grievor only agreed to leave and cease in his confrontation of the complainants when the campus safety officer arrived. As a result of the findings of the investigation, he was suspended without pay for 5 days. This was the conclusion of any discipline from the matter.

There was a non-disciplinary, 2-year no-contact protocol implemented between him and the complainants, like many other instances where an investigation concludes that harassment had occurred. This protocol expires on February 24, 2024.

Separate and apart from the above, the University received unsafe workplace complaints from four (4) faculty members (three (3) of which were complainants in the above) who indicated the Grievor's impending return to campus created a safety risk to them due to, among other things the Grievor's refusal to participate in the harassment investigation, not acknowledging the process, findings or impact and fear of repeat behaviour given this. The report provided to the Union on December 19, 2022, outlined the ongoing impact on the complainants from the Grievor's actions and refusals.

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In response to this further complaint, the University retained an expert third-party to undertake a safety and risk threat assessment to determine the existence of any safety risks. This assessment was to examine the totality of the situation from all relevant individuals, including the Grievor. Despite being required to engage in the process, the Grievor refused to participate. The report received by the University following this further assessment identified a probability of repeat behaviour and that a risk of psychological harm. This risk increased with more frequent passing-interaction. This carried the greatest risk for the complainants whose offices and labs are in the Pathobiology building where the Grievor had office and lab space. As such, the University took a balanced approach, considering the risk mitigation recommendations provided by the third-party assessor and restricted access to the Pathobiology building, but not restricting access to campus altogether. This approach is not unreasonable or disciplinary but addressed identified risk of harm. Multiple times the University offered to provide the Grievor a physical office and lab space where he could attend campus in compliance with this requirement. Other members of the department have office and lab space outside of the building. The Grievor refused.

Notwithstanding the University's position that it met its obligations to the Grievor and others in engaging in the further risk assessment, the University would be willing to reconsider granting access to the Grievor, but would require the Grievor's participation in an updated safety and risk threat assessment associated with such potential access. The University would also require an outcome from the assessment which satisfies the University that there is no safety threat or the risks of any existing safety threat can appropriately be mitigated. The University will initiate this imminently.

Failure to ensure the Grievor was not discriminated against on the basis of his Tourette Syndrome and the known behaviours, which can appear aggressive. Failure to take steps to explore with the complainants the possibility that Tourette Syndrome was at least partly behind the Grievor's behaviours

The University notes that the Grievor's restriction from the building did not result from the workplace harassment investigation and report. Upon receipt of that report, only a 2-year no-contact protocol was implemented for the Grievor and the complainants. The Grievor was not restricted from the building. In addressing the subsequent unsafe workplace complaint it received, the University did undertake significant steps to fully examine the situation prior to implementing the Grievor's restriction from the building. It retained an expert third-party to conduct a safety and risk threat assessment who examined the totality of the circumstances. This included the opportunity for the Grievor to provide any information he considered relevant to the situation including any contributing factors. The University met its obligation to complete a fulsome assessment of the situation and invited the Grievor to provide any information that might be relevant to the assessment. The Grievor refused to participate in that process.

While the University maintains that it met its responsibilities within the risk assessment, the University remains committed to appropriate accommodation of employees. The Employer is not aware that the behaviours exhibited by the Grievor, and found to have been harassing to the complainants, are known

behaviours for him associated Tourette Syndrome. Moving forward, as the Grievor through the Union is requesting that the University accommodate the behaviours identified in the report, he must follow our accommodation procedures and provide appropriate documentation to the Occupational Health and Wellness department for review so that potential restrictions or accommodation requirements can be assessed.

Further, noting the competing regimes of disability accommodation (OHRC) and providing a psychological safe workplace (OHS), the Employer will conduct an updated safety and risk threat assessment (to be part of above mentioned updated assessment) and require the Grievor to participate. This will help inform the Employer about any existing conflict and, should this exist, help it balance such.

Sincerely,

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Laurie Arnott
Assistant Vice President, Faculty and Academic Staff Relations

- c. H. Kunze, President, UGFA
- J. Wichtel, Dean, Ontario Veterinary College
- M. DeCoste, Past President, UGFA
- J. Ferris, Membership Officer, UGFA

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Collective Agreement
between
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and

The University of Guelph Faculty Association



Effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021

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Article 1 - Preamble

- 1.1 The University of Guelph is a community of scholars, dedicated to the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge, the attainment of academic excellence, and the theoretical and practical extension of human capability. Members of our community are engaged in the individual and collective search for truth, for understanding, and for creative solutions to serious problems, through free, open, and critical enquiry in an environment that supports their intellectual, cultural, and physical development.
- 1.2 The relationship between the University and its various employee groups is intended to be one of respect, integrity, and fairness, characterized by transparent decision-and policy-making, regard for principles of due process and natural justice, and a recognition that both parties share the same goal: to contribute to the continuing success of the University.
- 1.3 It is the purpose of this Agreement to:
 - a) set out terms and conditions of employment for Members;
 - b) foster a working environment that enables Members to achieve the objectives and goals of the university;
 - c) foster and maintain collegial relations within the University of Guelph community;
 - d) ensure the fair and equitable treatment of Members through open and transparent procedures and practices;
 - e) provide a means for settling differences that may arise from time to time between the University and the Association.
- 1.4 The Parties agree to co-operate in encouraging a climate of freedom, collegiality, responsibility, and mutual respect in the pursuit of these objectives.
- 1.5 Nothing in this Agreement detracts from the continued right of Members to participate in the collegial governance of the University.

Article 2 - Definitions

- 2.1 **Academic Year** shall mean the period from September 1 to August 31.
- 2.2 **Administrative Stipend** shall mean compensation paid to a Member for assigned administrative responsibilities as Chair of a Department, Director of a School, or, in the case of the Library, an administrative appointment such as Manager.
- 2.3 **AHL** shall mean the Animal Health Laboratory.
- 2.4 **Association** shall mean the University of Guelph Faculty Association (UGFA).
- 2.5 **Bargaining Unit** shall mean all persons represented by the Association, as defined by the Certificate of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, dated August 18, 2006, as may be amended by the Ontario Labour Relations Board or by the Agreement of the Parties.
- 2.6 **Board of Governors** or **Board** shall mean the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph as established by the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.7 **CAP Committee** shall mean the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee for Librarians and Veterinarians respectively.
- 2.8 **Chair** shall mean the duly appointed Chair of a Department or Director of a School.
- 2.9 **College** shall mean an Academic College as constituted by the Senate and the Board of Governors.
- 2.10 **College Committee** shall mean, for Faculty Members, the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 2.11 **Continuing Appointment** shall mean an appointment of a Librarian or Veterinarian, without term.
- 2.12 **Contractually Limited** shall mean an appointment of a Member for a fixed term.
- 2.13 **Day(s)** or **day(s)** shall mean Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays and any other day the University is not open, unless otherwise specified in particular Articles of this Collective Agreement.
- 2.14 **Department/School** shall mean an Academic Department as constituted by the Senate and the Board of Governors.
- 2.15 **Department Committee** shall mean, for Faculty Members, the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 2.16 **DOE** shall mean Distribution of Effort.
- 2.17 **E-Learning** shall be understood to mean only University of Guelph courses with a suffix "DE".
- 2.18 **Faculty Member** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit who holds the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor.
- 2.19 **Library** shall mean all administrative units that report through to the University Librarian.
- 2.20 **Librarian** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit employed as a Librarian and who holds the rank of Assistant Librarian, Associate Librarian, or Librarian.
- 2.21 **Library Committee** shall mean the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee.
- 2.22 **Member** shall mean any member of the Bargaining Unit.
- 2.23 **OVC-HSC** shall mean Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre.

- 2.24 **Parties** shall mean the Parties to this Collective Agreement, namely, the University of Guelph and the Association.
- 2.25 **Provost** shall mean the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the chief academic officer of the University.
- 2.26 **Senate** shall mean the Senate of the University of Guelph, as established in the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.27 **Tenured** shall mean an appointment of a Faculty Member, without term.
- 2.28 **Tenure-track / Continuing Appointment-track** shall mean a Member appointment leading to consideration for the granting of Tenure or Continuing Appointment.
- 2.29 **University** shall mean the University of Guelph, as established by the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.30 **Veterinarian** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit principally employed as a veterinarian at the University of Guelph.

Article 3 - Recognition

- 3.1 The University recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for Members of the Bargaining Unit. The Bargaining Unit includes all persons employed by the University of Guelph in the City of Guelph, at the Kemptville campus in the Municipality of North Grenville, at the Ridgetown campus in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at the Vineland Research Station in the Town of Lincoln, at the Simcoe Research Station in the Town of Simcoe, and at the University of Guelph-Humber campus in the City of Toronto as Faculty Members (including Librarians), holding tenure-track or tenured appointments on either a full-time or a part-time basis, together with those holding contractually limited appointments, and all persons employed as Veterinarians in the AHL and the OVC-HSC, save and except:
- a) President, Provost, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Provost (Guelph-Humber), Associate Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents, Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans;
 - b) University Librarian, Associate University Librarians;
 - c) Chief Information Officer;
 - d) Director of Teaching Support Services and the Director of the Arboretum;
 - e) Directors in all Administrative Units including, but not limited to, Real Estate, Hospitality Services, Office of Research, Student Affairs, Finance, and Administrative Services;
 - f) Directors in Laboratory Services Division (Analytical Services, AHL, Regulatory Services);
 - g) Director of the OVC-HSC;
 - h) Research Associates, Research Assistants, Post-doctoral Fellows;
 - i) Visiting Professors and persons, including Visiting Fellows, holding visiting appointments of one year or less, while on leave from another university, institution, firm or government agency, unless they:
 - 1) hold a faculty appointment at the University of Guelph;
 - 2) carry a full range of academic responsibility at the University of Guelph; and
 - 3) are on leave without salary from their home university, institution, firm or government agency.
 - j) Emeritus Professors who do not otherwise hold an appointment in the Bargaining Unit;
 - k) Retired faculty who do not otherwise hold an appointment in the Bargaining Unit;
 - l) Adjunct Professors;
 - m) Persons who hold internships in the OVC-HSC; and,
 - n) Persons for whom a trade union held bargaining rights at the University of Guelph as of the date of the application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Article 4 - Administrative Appointments

- 4.1 Members who are excluded from the Bargaining Unit because they hold an administrative position shall enter or re-enter the Bargaining Unit upon leaving the position excluding them, and shall then be entitled to the rights under this Agreement.
- 4.2 No Member shall be displaced from the Bargaining Unit by the entry or re-entry of an academic administrator into the Bargaining Unit.
- 4.3 When an academic administrator enters or re-enters the Bargaining Unit, his/her terms of appointment (including salary and rank) shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 5 - Management Rights

- 5.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Association acknowledges the right of the University to operate and to manage the University in accordance with its commitments, responsibilities, and obligations as established in the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 5.2 In the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the University shall exercise these rights fairly and equitably.

Article 6 - Association Rights and Privileges

Association Membership and Service

- 6.1 Every Member shall have the right to join the Association and, as a Member of the Association, participate in its activities. The University shall not interfere with Members of the Association attending Association meetings or attending to Association business, providing that such participation or attendance does not interfere with the performance of the Member's responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 6.2 No person shall be required to be a Member of the Association as a condition of employment.

Space and Services

- 6.3 The University shall continue to provide the Association with accessible services and maintained space under the current lease arrangements, as amended from time to time.
- 6.4 The Association may use all internal services, to be charged at the internal user rate. The Association shall continue to be provided with an internal billing code.
- 6.5 The Association shall have use of the internal campus mail service for Association business, without charge.
- 6.6 The Association shall have access to meeting rooms (including audio-visual equipment) on campus, for Association business, according to normal booking procedures and regulations.

Release Funds

- 6.7 Current practice will continue for provision of release funds.
- 6.8 Work in any year by Members on the Association's Executive Committee, Council, or other committees or sub-committees, shall be recognized as Service. The UGFA President, or designate, will provide written confirmation of the Member's specific participation in the work of the Union (i.e., the names of the committee(s)) to the Chair by August 15th of each year.

Article 7 - Academic Freedom

- 7.1 The Parties acknowledge that the common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge and its free exposition. Academic Freedom in universities is essential to both of these purposes in the scholarly pursuit of teaching and research.
- 7.2 The Parties agree to abide by the principles of Academic Freedom as expressed in this Article. Furthermore, the Parties recognize that universities are communities in which the right to criticize all aspects of society is valued and respected.
- 7.3 Academic Freedom is the right to examine, pursue, develop, and transmit knowledge and ideas through research, teaching, study, discussion, documentation, production, creation or writing. Academic Freedom specifically provides protection of:
- a) the pursuit of research, creative and scholarly activities, and publishing or making public the results thereof;
 - b) the ability to teach and discuss;
 - c) the creation or performance of works of art;
 - d) freedom in service to the University, discipline, or community through the application of professional or academic skills; and
 - e) freedom from institutional censorship; all without deference to prescribed doctrine.
- 7.4 Academic Freedom does not require neutrality on the part of the individual nor does it preclude commitment on the part of the individual. Rather, Academic Freedom makes such commitment possible.
- 7.5 Academic Freedom does not confer legal immunity in respect of opinions that may be expressed or activities that may be undertaken, nor does it diminish the obligations of Members to meet their duties and responsibilities to the University.
- 7.6 The Parties agree to uphold and protect the principles of Academic Freedom as specified herein and take necessary steps to protect Members from harassment, threats, or abuse intended to limit or inhibit the exercise of Academic Freedom.
- 7.7 The exercise of Academic Freedom as per this Article shall not be grounds for disciplinary proceedings.

Article 8 - Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment

Conflict of Interest

- 8.1 In this Article, relationship means any relationship of the Member to persons of his or her immediate family, whether related by blood, adoption, marriage, or common-law relationship, and any relationship (including with a student) of an intimate and/or financial nature during the preceding five years, any student-supervisor relationship, or any other past or present relationship that may give rise to a reasonable apprehension of bias.
- 8.2 An actual or apparent conflict of interest arises where a Member is in a situation where his/her financial or other personal interest, whether direct or indirect, or that of any person with whom the Member has or has had a relationship, conflicts or appears to conflict with the Member's responsibility to the University, or with the Member's participation in any recommendation or decision within the University.
- 8.2.1 An actual or apparent conflict of interest arises when a Member becomes involved in a sexual or otherwise intimate relationship with a student.
- 8.3 A Member has a responsibility to ensure that conflict situations, wherever and whenever they arise, are identified and disclosed in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 8.4 The existence of an actual or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily preclude involvement in the matter which has given rise to the actual or apparent conflict; however, the Member shall disclose, in writing, such conflict to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, as soon as possible after becoming aware of it.
- 8.5 Following receipt of a notice of conflict, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall determine in a timely fashion whether a conflict, actual or apparent, exists and, if so, decide whether the Member may continue involvement in the matter giving rise to the conflict.
- 8.6 Where a conflict of interest has been asserted by a third party, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall immediately inform the Member concerned of the assertion, in writing, and give the Member an opportunity to respond before making a decision in the matter. Following this, the decision shall be communicated immediately, in writing, giving reasons to the Member and, where appropriate, to any third parties.
- 8.7 No Member shall knowingly participate in any decision, including academic decisions, that directly and preferentially benefits himself/herself or any individual with whom the Member stands to derive a financial benefit, or affects or benefits a person with whom the Member has or has had a relationship, as defined in 8.1.
- 8.8 Notwithstanding the conflict obligations as set out in this Article, an individual will not be denied an appointment solely on the grounds of family relationship.

Conflict of Commitment

- 8.9 With the acceptance of a full-time appointment at the University, a Member makes a professional commitment to the University. Members are expected to direct the primacy of their professional commitment to the University. Recognizing that external professional activities can bring benefits to, and enhance the reputation of, the University, and the capacity of Members, the University agrees that Members may engage in part-time professional activities, provided that such activities are not undertaken in conflict with this Agreement and do not conflict or interfere with the Member's responsibilities to the University as defined in this Agreement.
- 8.10 Members must refrain from any external activity which interferes with a Member's responsibilities to the University. A Member will not use his/her University position to promote and/or advance his/her private interests.
- 8.10.1 With the exception of 8.10.1.1, unless prior written approval has been provided by the Dean/AVPR, no Member shall engage in external employment within a 150 kilometer radius of OVC, in his/her area of specialty that is in direct competition with OVC or with analytical services provided by the AHL.
- 8.10.1.1 Continuing Appointment and Tenure-track Members employed in the OVC-HSC as of August 5, 2011 with a current appointment of less than 80% are exempted from the restrictions of 8.10.1.
- 8.11 If a Member plans to undertake an external activity that may interfere with some of the aspects of the Member's University responsibilities, the Member must disclose and seek, in writing, prior approval from the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director. The disclosure shall be in writing and shall include:
- a) a full description of the nature of the work or activity;
 - b) an estimate of the time required to perform the work or the time period during which the work will be performed;
 - c) the extent, if any, of the use of University facilities, supplies, support staff or students;
 - d) any other external activities that have already been approved in that year or that are continuing from an earlier year; and
 - e) the impact the activity will have on Teaching, Scholarship, and Service responsibilities.
- 8.12 The request for approval will be considered as soon as possible and a decision will be rendered in writing within ten (10) days. If approval is denied, or offered only on conditions, the Member shall be provided with reasons, in writing, for the decision.
- 8.13 Whenever the significant external activities of a Member change materially, the Member is obligated to inform the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, in writing. Members should disclose expected changes at least thirty (30) days before the activity is to commence and prior to the Member making a firm commitment to undertake the activities.
- 8.14 All information or reports disclosed in accordance with this Article will be confidential.

Article 9 - Employment in External Remunerative Activities

- 9.1 Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members are permitted to earn additional income from external activities, providing that all such activities are arranged so as not to conflict or interfere with their overriding commitment and primary professional loyalty to the University.
 - 9.1.1 The teaching of courses on Overload (as per Article 23) shall not be considered external remunerative activity.
- 9.2 A Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty Member will be alert to the possible effects of his/her outside activities on their obligations to the University and is responsible for consulting with his/her Dean before becoming involved in any outside activity that could lead to a conflict or the appearance of a conflict in accordance with Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment.
- 9.3 Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members may engage for up to twenty-five (25) days per year in appropriate external remunerative activities such as consulting, private contract work, entrepreneurship, or teaching at another institution, provided that timing of these activities does not conflict with their assigned academic responsibilities.
- 9.4 The scheduling of external remunerative activities will be arranged with the Dean and, where a major commitment of time is anticipated, recorded in a written agreement. If this is an ongoing commitment, the agreement and arrangements will be reviewed annually.
- 9.5 In all cases, the Faculty Member will undertake to ensure that the external remunerative activities will not conflict with his/her primary commitments to Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 9.6 In special cases, external remunerative activities in excess of twenty-five (25) days per year may be requested of and considered by the Dean. If there is an ongoing need for more than twenty-five (25) days, a part-time appointment or leave without pay will normally be appropriate.
- 9.7 By April 1 of each year, the Dean shall remind Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members of the requirement to complete a standard University form as per 9.8 below.
- 9.8 Before May 1 of each year, each Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Member will inform his/her Chair whether or not he/she has been engaged in external remunerative activities by completing a standard University form. For Faculty Members who have engaged in external remunerative activities, such form will indicate the nature and time devoted to these activities conducted within the previous calendar year.
- 9.9 The Faculty Member agrees that there will be no unapproved use of University facilities and/or resources associated with external remunerative activities. Such activities shall not use institutional facilities except for the library and/or a private office unless written approval of the Dean has been obtained. The Faculty Member agrees to pay for any University resources used in his/her external remunerative activities, such as computer time, laboratory equipment and supplies, telephone calls, secretarial services, reproduction services and outside mail services.
- 9.10 The Faculty Member may identify her/himself as an employee of the University of Guelph. The Member may not, however, state that he/she is a representative of the University of Guelph in such activities without prior written permission of the Provost or designate.
- 9.11 The provisions of this Article shall apply mutatis mutandis to Librarians.

Article 10 – Duration and Copies of the Agreement

Duration

10.1 The terms of this agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

Copies

- 10.2 The University and the Association will jointly prepare the master copy of the draft form of the Agreement needed for ratification, including those Appendices which the University and the Association agree should be distributed.
- 10.3 Subsequent to ratification, the University and the Association shall cooperate in preparing four (4) original signed copies of the Agreement. The process shall not delay the implementation or signing of the Agreement.
- 10.4 Within sixty (60) days of the preparation of the four (4) original signed copies of the Agreement by the Parties, the University shall make the Collective Agreement available on the Provost's website. The electronic version of the Agreement shall be fully searchable and have a Table of Contents with listed articles linked to the relevant text. Management shall provide the Association with a web-ready electronic version of the Collective Agreement. Management shall ensure there are sufficient hard copies of the Agreement available to provide a copy to those Members with accessibility issues, at no cost to the Member or the Association.
- 10.5 The University shall provide the Association with one hundred and twenty-five (125) additional copies of the Agreement at no cost to the Association.
- 10.6 The letter of appointment of a Member hired subsequent to the signing of this Agreement shall provide the address to access the electronic version of the Collective Agreement.

Article 11 - Dues Check-Off

- 11.1 The University shall deduct from the pay of every Member of the Bargaining Unit such fees, dues, or assessments as may be authorized from time to time, in writing, by the Association.
- 11.2 The Association shall advise the University in writing of any proposed change in the level of these dues at least one full month in advance of the month in which the proposed change would be effective. The Association shall limit the number of changes to no more than three (3) per calendar year.
- 11.3 The University shall remit the amounts deducted pursuant to Article 11.1 to the Association on or before the second pay of the month in which deductions have been made. When the amounts are remitted, the University shall inform the Association of the names, ranks and department numbers of Members from whose salaries deductions have been made, the amount so deducted from the Members' salaries, and the year-to-date totals.
- 11.4 The Association agrees to indemnify and save the University harmless from any claims or any liability arising out of deductions of money for dues made in accordance with the Association's instructions.

Article 12 - Joint Committee

- 12.1 A Joint Committee shall be established within one month of the ratification of this Agreement by the Parties.
- 12.2 The Joint Committee shall be composed of four (4) representatives of the Association (named by the Association) and four (4) representatives of the University (named by the University). At least two (2) representatives of the University and two (2) Members of the Association must be present at any meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 12.3 The Joint Committee shall review matters of concern arising from the application of this Agreement, excluding any dispute which is at that time being resolved under the Grievance and Arbitration procedures set out in Article 40. The Joint Committee shall attempt to foster effective communications and working relationships between the Parties and shall attempt to maintain a spirit of mutual co-operation and respect. In light of this objective, this Article does not preclude the occurrence of informal meetings between representatives of the Association and the University to attempt to resolve differences that may arise from time to time.
- 12.4 The Joint Committee shall meet once a month from September to June inclusive, and at other times as it decides. Regular meetings may be waived by agreement of both Parties. In addition, the Joint Committee shall convene a meeting within fifteen (15) days following receipt of written notice from either the Association or the University. Each member of the Joint Committee shall receive notice no less than five (5) days before the scheduled date of any meeting, and shall receive the agenda of each meeting at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting.
- 12.5 The Joint Committee shall not have the power to add to, or to modify, the terms of this Agreement.

Article 13 - Correspondence and Information

- 13.1 Except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, correspondence between the Association and the University arising out of this Agreement, or incidental thereto, shall pass between the Provost and the President of the Association, or their designates. Such correspondence may either be delivered directly in paper or electronic form, or forwarded through the University's internal mail service. Correspondence to the Association shall be copied to the Executive Officer or designate.
- 13.2 The University shall provide the Association with the following information in a mutually agreed-upon paper or electronic format:
- a) by the end of the calendar year, an annual list of all Members containing their names, date of hire, categories of appointment, ranks, years of appointment to current rank, birth dates, University addresses, genders, salaries, stipends, Departments, highest degrees obtained, and years of highest degree;
 - b) by the end of each semester, a list of the names of all Members whose employment has been terminated, the dates of such terminations and the categories of terminations, such as, but not limited to dismissal, expiration of contract, death, resignation, or retirement;
 - c) no later than thirty (30) days following the appointment of a new Member, a list containing the name, category of appointment, rank, salary, birthdate, gender, Department, DOE, and University address of such Member;
 - d) by July 1st of each year, an annual list of the names and new ranks of Members who have received Tenure and/or Promotion and the effective dates of such Tenures/Promotions;
 - e) by the end of the calendar year, an annual list of all Members who are on Leave during the present Academic Year and the type of Leave they are on;
 - f) by February 1st, an annual list of all credit courses taught by Members and non-Members for the preceding Academic Year, with the following information identified: course number, semester of the class, name of the instructor(s), number of students in the class; and
 - g) within ten (10) days of posting, copies of advertisements for external searches.
 - h) Copies of position descriptions shall be provided to the Association upon written request.
 - i) Copies of all health benefit contracts shall be provided to the Association upon written request.
 - j) Benefit usage rates shall be provided to the Association no more than once per year upon written request.
 - k) No later than February 15 of each year the University shall provide the Association with a list of Departments/Schools that have confirmed distribution of final teaching schedules (per Article 18.20) to Members.
- 13.3 The University shall provide to the Association the following information within one month of the information becoming available to the body or agent that normally receives the information, unless a different time is specified below. This requirement may be satisfied by publication of the following information on a University website to which the Association has access:

- a) when they have been approved by the Board, the University's annual audited financial statement and semesterly reports of the University, including all appendices, supplements and ancillary documents;
- b) a copy of the approved University budget;
- c) when they are distributed to Board members, notice, agenda, and accompanying exhibits for public sessions of the meeting of the Board of Governors, and after approval by the Board, minutes of the previous meeting;
- d) at the time of distribution, notice of meeting, agenda, and a copy of the public minutes of the Senate;
- e) at the time of election or appointment, the names and University addresses, if any, of all persons appointed or elected to positions on the Board of Governors and the Senate, together with the names of all persons appointed or elected to the Board of Governors or Senate committees, with any terms of reference for those committees; and
- f) such other information as may be set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

13.4 The Association agrees to provide the University with the following information:

- a) a list of all persons authorized to represent the Association to the University, updated within one week of any change;
- b) a list of the officers and other members of the Executive Committee of the Association, within one month of such membership being established;
- c) a copy of each Association newsletter or bulletin, at the time of issuance to Members;
- d) a copy of the current Constitution and By-laws of the Association, as amended from time to time; and
- e) such other information as may be set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

This information may be provided in whole or in part by publication on the Association's public website.

13.5 It is agreed that there may be additional information needs identified between the Parties. Such additional needs will be discussed through Joint Committee, and the Parties will attempt to mutually agree on what information is required and the dates on which such information might be provided.

13.6 Unless otherwise provided for by this Agreement, the University's internal mail shall be deemed adequate for correspondence between the Association and the University.

Article 14 - Member's Official File

General

- 14.1 The University shall maintain an Official File for each Member.
- 14.2 Maintenance of the Official File shall be the responsibility of the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 14.3 It is recognized that copies of some or all of these materials may be used for normal University administrative purposes. Copies of these documents may be filed elsewhere for such purposes. Official Files and any copies of documents shall be clearly marked as "confidential" and maintained in a secure manner. All restrictions specified in this Article that apply to the Official File apply equally to all copies of part, or all, of the File.

Contents

- 14.4 The Official File of each Member shall contain only materials pertaining to the employment of the Member.
- 14.5 The documents and materials retained may include, but are not limited to, materials such as:
- a) Member's curriculum vitae, supplied by the Member, as updated from time to time;
 - b) university transcripts;
 - c) Member's Letter(s) of Appointment;
 - d) salary and work history;
 - e) documentation arising from the application of the provisions of Article 39: Discipline;
 - f) assessments of the Member;
 - g) signed letters of commendation or complaint;
 - h) decisions and recommendations together with reasons arising from human resource decisions;
 - i) DOE and/or position description, if applicable;
 - j) correspondence; and
 - k) copies of materials reflecting professional development and achievement.
- 14.6 With the exception of aggregated student surveys/evaluations, including but not limited to course evaluations, and subject to Article 14.14, no anonymous material shall be kept in the Official File or submitted as evidence in any formal decision or action involving a Member.
- 14.7 A Member shall be notified in writing of any addition to, or removal from, his/her Official File, excluding routine financial information and material added pursuant to routine file maintenance carried out in the office where the File is maintained. Such notification shall occur within twenty (20) days of such addition or removal.
- 14.8 Any material removed from Official Files must be retained by the University for forty (40) days from the date that written notification is sent pursuant to Article 14.7. The University shall consider requests of Members for such material.

Access and Rights

- 14.9 Members have the right to examine, after giving two days' notice, the entire contents of their Official File during normal business hours. The examination shall be carried out in the presence of a person designated by the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director. Members may be accompanied by a colleague or an Association representative. Members shall not remove their Official File, or parts thereof, from the office where it is held, nor shall Members annotate, or in any way alter, the Official File during this examination.
- 14.10 A Member shall have the right to have included in his/her Official File his/her written comments on the accuracy, relevance, meaning, or completeness of any of the contents of his/her Official File. These comments may include supplementary documents considered relevant by the Member.
- 14.11 A Member may request in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, the removal from his/her Official File of any material that the Member contends is false, inaccurate or irrelevant to the purposes for which the Official File is kept.
- 14.12 The Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall decide within twenty (20) days whether or not to remove the impugned material. For any impugned material not removed, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall render a decision in writing, stating the reasons for the decision.
- 14.13 A Member may, through written request, obtain a copy of any document in his/her Official File. Electronic copies, if available and requested, shall be provided free of charge. Other charges to Members for copies shall not exceed the per-page charge routinely levied for photocopying at the University.

Release of Information

- 14.14 None of the contents of the Official File shall be released or made available to any person without the express written consent of the Member concerned, except when required:
- a) for official University administrative purposes;
 - b) for Grievance and Arbitration purposes;
 - c) by this Agreement; or
 - d) by law.
- 14.15 Access to the contents of an Official File for official University administrative purposes, for Grievance and Arbitration purposes, or as allowed by this Agreement shall be accompanied by a formal statement informing those concerned of the confidential restrictions on the use of the File. Access to the contents of an Official File in the case of Article 14.14 (d) shall be granted only to individuals who show proof that such access is required by law. Such access shall be granted by the Provost or designate. The University shall notify the Member concerned, stating the person or persons granted access to the File and the legal reason for granting this access, unless such notification is prohibited by legal statute.

Assessment Files

- 14.16 Any files and associated materials created for assessment purposes as part of the Tenure and Promotion and Review deliberations shall be deemed to be the Assessment File and shall be part of the Official file.
- 14.17 Until documents are placed in the Official File, they shall not be used for assessment or evaluation of a Member.
- 14.18 Copies of all solicited letters of reference or assessments for Promotion or Tenure/Continuing Appointment considerations shall be placed upon receipt in the Official File of the Member without letterhead and with signature(s) blocked. Only the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, may retain the complete originals of such letters, in a file separate from the Official File.
- 14.19 All assessments concerning the evaluation of a Member shall be in writing, be signed, and be included in the Official File.

Article 15 - Maintenance of the Scholarly and Professional Environment

Faculty

- 15.1 The University acknowledges that a critical mass of full-time Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members engaged in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service, is essential to enable the University to achieve its academic mission. The Parties agree that work performed by Contractually Limited Faculty, while of value to the institution, does not satisfy this need.
- 15.2 While portions of the work of Faculty Members may be carried out by others, the complete scope of responsibilities as outlined in Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities shall only be assigned to Faculty Members. This clause does not apply to Faculty on the Board of Governors, Assistant and Associate Deans, Deans, Assistant Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice-Presidents, Vice- Presidents, and the President.

Librarians

- 15.3 The University agrees that the work performed by Librarians is essential to the success of the Library in meeting its academic mission. Librarian Members play a critical role in developing and delivering Library information services; assessing, selecting, and ensuring the preservation of information resources; managing staff and financial resources; planning technological infrastructure; information literacy instruction; fostering consortia and partnership initiatives; and strategic planning and goal setting within the Library and affiliated Units.

Veterinarians

- 15.4 The University agrees that the work performed by Veterinarian Members is of central importance to the success of the units in which they work. Veterinarian Members provide a range of clinical and professional services to the unit in which they work, the University, and external clients. Veterinarian Members make important contributions to the professional, scholarly and pedagogical environment of the University and the discipline of veterinary medicine.

Article 16 - General Liability Insurance

- 16.1 The University shall provide insurance coverage in respect of the liability of Members acting within the course of their employment, to the extent provided by the Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (CURIE) policies now in force.
- 16.2 A copy of the policies of insurance, as amended or substituted from time to time, shall be provided to the Association.
- 16.3 Members who determine that the insurance coverage provided by the University is not adequate to meet their individual needs may purchase additional insurance at their own expense.
- 16.4 Responsibility for the management of any claim covered by the University's insurance policies rests solely with the insurer.
- 16.5 Timely notice will be given to the University of any action or claim of which a Member has knowledge, or of any occurrence or situation that a Member ought reasonably to know might give rise to any action or claim.
- 16.6 Members will be informed by the University in a timely manner of a circumstance, investigation, inquiry, or complaint that will lead to legal action against the Member.
- 16.7 A Member who is a defendant in a civil action for damages because of acts done in the attempted performance in good faith of the Member's employment responsibilities shall be indemnified for any damages awarded against the Member and for the necessary and reasonable costs incurred in the defence of such action except where recklessness or willful neglect is established on the part of the Member.
- 16.8 This Article and any insurance obtained pursuant to it does not apply to legal action initiated by a Member nor to any civil or criminal proceedings that might be initiated by the University against a Member.
- 16.9 A Member who is charged with a criminal offence because of acts done in an attempted performance in good faith of the Member's employment responsibilities, and finally acquitted, or if the charge is dismissed, he/she shall be indemnified for the necessary and reasonable costs incurred in the defense of such charges.

Article 17 - Working Conditions

- 17.1 The University acknowledges a continuing responsibility to maintain an environment in which the academic and professional functions of Members may be effectively carried out.

Security

- 17.2 The University shall consider and respond in a timely manner to personal security concerns that a Member or the Association brings to the University's attention.
- 17.3 The Joint Committee shall discuss measures to deal with issues surrounding personal security brought to it by either Party.

Facilities

- 17.4 Consistent with a Member's responsibilities, the University undertakes to provide a reasonable level of facilities and support services, which include, but are not limited to: suitable office space and furnishings, a telephone, mail, and access to photocopying services and basic office supplies.
- 17.5 The University shall not be responsible for telephone charges other than those associated with assigned responsibilities.
- 17.6 Any reassignment or alteration of work space shall be discussed with the Member directly affected as soon as the need for reassignment or alteration has been determined.

Privacy and Data Protection

- 17.7 The Parties agree that Members have a reasonable right to privacy in their personal and professional communications and files, whether on paper or in an electronic form. The University of Guelph shall maintain a system of internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information systems established, supported, or used by the University are secured against loss and unauthorized use, access, destruction, or modification.

Software and System Changes

- 17.8 Where the University proposes or intends to implement the use of a software or a significant change to the systems environment that has the potential to significantly affect the terms and conditions of employment of a number of Members, it shall first hold meaningful consultations with the Association through Joint Committee prior to adoption.

Article 18 - Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities

General Duties

- 18.1 The duties of Members shall be an appropriate combination of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 18.2 A Faculty Member shall have Academic Responsibilities in each of the three areas as described in 18.5 to 18.9 of this Article, unless there is a written agreement between the Dean and the Faculty Member to the contrary. Any such agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- 18.3 In fulfilling their Academic Responsibilities, Faculty Members are expected to adhere to regulations of Senate.
- 18.4 When a significant change in circumstances has occurred, the assigned responsibilities and/or DOE may be altered, on a short-term basis, at the request of either the Faculty Member or his/her Chair. In cases of disagreement between the Faculty Member and his/her Chair, the Dean or designate will decide, communicating his/her decision to the Faculty Member in writing. Such alterations to a Member's responsibilities and/or DOE shall continue on a short-term basis, not to exceed one (1) year.
- 18.5 A Faculty Member's responsibilities in the area of Teaching include some or all of the following:
- a) making available to students knowledge of the current state of the discipline;
 - b) participating in the design of the courses and programs of the University;
 - c) performing assigned teaching responsibilities;
 - d) assessing the academic work of students;
 - e) being available to students for consultations and academic advising;
 - f) being available as a supervisor and/or academic advisor and/or as a member of a graduate committee to students who are engaged in research and in the preparation and defense of theses or project reports; and
 - g) if applicable, supervising teaching assistants.
- 18.5.1 Where a Faculty Member is a Regular Member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, normally that Faculty Member is expected to play an active role in graduate education.
- 18.6 A Faculty Member's Responsibilities in the Area of Scholarship include some or all of the following:
- a) the creation of new knowledge, understandings, or concepts;
 - b) the creative application of existing knowledge;
 - c) the organization and synthesis of existing knowledge;
 - d) creative expression; and,
 - e) if applicable, mentoring graduate students to do some or all of a) through d).
- 18.7 These responsibilities require adherence to the ethical standards of the Member's academic discipline(s) and the recognized ethical standards of the national granting councils.

- 18.8 Each Member shall be entitled to, and expected to, engage in, and have time available for, research and creative and scholarly activities. Subject to Article 52: Intellectual Property, it is the right of the Member to make the results of such work accessible to the scholarly and general public through publication, conference presentations, lectures, public concerts or performances, and other appropriate means.
- 18.9 A Faculty Member's Responsibilities in the Area of Service:
- a) Members have the right and responsibility to undertake a fair and reasonable share of administrative responsibilities, including participation in the work of the University through membership on appropriate bodies (for example, Department, College, and Senate committees). Where participation in such bodies is by election or appointment, a Member shall be elected or appointed only with his/her consent. The Dean shall make every effort to ensure that Service commitments are equitably shared.
 - b) Members have the right to participate in the work of learned societies, relevant community service organizations, and professional organizations. A Member's service to such societies and associations shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service Responsibilities, and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University.
 - c) Members have the right to participate in the work of community organizations related to their discipline, including but not limited to, community based teaching (i.e., extension activities), community service where the Member has made an essentially non-remunerative contribution by virtue of special academic competence, and contributing to community projects related to the role of the University. Participation in such activities must not conflict with the fulfilment of the Member's responsibilities within the University.
- 18.10 The University shall make available transportation, at no charge, to any Member who is assigned duties at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Distribution of Effort (DOE)

- 18.11 A DOE for each Member shall be defined in his/her Letter of Appointment and as mutually negotiated in any subsequent agreements documented in the Member's Official File. The DOE defines the relative effort with respect to activities undertaken in fulfillment of his/her academic responsibilities in the areas of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 18.12 The DOE shall be the basis for the assignment of duties. The translation of DOE percentages into Teaching and Service assignments, while it may vary from Department to Department, must be clearly delineated for the Members of each Department. The DOE may only be modified through negotiation and agreement of the Dean and the Member.
- 18.13 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Dean and the Faculty Member, the default DOE shall be forty percent (40%) teaching, forty percent (40%) Scholarship, and twenty percent (20%) Service.

Amendments to the DOE

- 18.14 The DOE of a Faculty Member who is a Chair of a Department shall be adjusted at the time of the administrative appointment to recognize the adjusted proportion of Service.

- 18.15 A discussion regarding a change to a Faculty Member's percentage of effort in Teaching, Scholarship, and/or Service may be requested by one or more of the Faculty Member, the Chair, and his/her Dean. Every Faculty Member may request a meeting with his/her Chair to review his/her DOE. The meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request, or at a mutually agreed upon time.
- 18.16 Any arrangements that alter a Faculty Member's agreed upon DOE must be by mutual agreement, in accordance with the Faculty Member's career development within the context of Department operational requirements, and consistent with the provisions of this Agreement. It is understood that any such alternative arrangements shall only alter the allocation of responsibilities between Teaching, Scholarship, and Service and shall not alter the percentage workload of a Faculty Member. Requests for Reduced Workload are made in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload Appointment.
- 18.17 Following the meeting in 18.15, the Chair shall provide the written request for amendment to the Dean. The Dean, in consultation with the Chair, will decide whether to approve the request for amendment to the Faculty Member's DOE. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request, the Dean will notify the Faculty Member in writing of the decision and in the event of a negative decision will include reasons. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the Dean, a Faculty Member may appeal the decision of the Dean to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Faculty Member and Dean in writing, with reasons, of his/her decision.
- 18.18 A change to a Member's DOE will only be made with the consent of the Member.
- 18.18.1 The provisions of 18.18 may be modified by Letter of Understanding #9 within this Collective Agreement.

Workload

- 18.19 In recommending/determining a Member's teaching workload, the Chair and Dean shall use a fair, equitable, and transparent method. A Faculty Member's teaching assignments may vary from year to year in recognition of the needs of the University and when possible to reflect the interest and teaching strengths of the Faculty Member. These variations will be taken into account by the Dean when approving teaching assignments. The Dean will ensure that the teaching assignments of Faculty Members are as fair and equitable as is reasonably possible, both within the academic unit and across the College.
- 18.19.1 The Chair shall circulate a memo to all Members in his/her Academic Unit that seeks input (within the Member's allocated teaching effort (DOE)) with respect to required/core courses and elective courses the Member would like to teach. Members cannot claim ownership of a particular course.
- 18.19.1.1 The Member shall provide the Chair with a signed completed teaching request form outlining courses the Member wishes to teach. The teaching request form shall include an area where the Member may comment on past requests and assignments.
- 18.19.1.2 Through consultations (e.g., circulation of draft teaching assignments) with Members of the Academic Unit (e.g., through the Curriculum Committee and/or Chair's Council), the Chair makes a recommendation to the Dean on teaching assignment.

- 18.19.1.3 The Chair shall note, where applicable, issues that the Dean needs to resolve.
- 18.19.1.4 A copy of the signed Teaching Request Form shall be placed in the official file.
- 18.19.2 Each Department shall have a promulgated process for assigning teaching assistants (TAs) that is fair, equitable, and transparent. A Member's request for TA support may be made known to the Chair in response to the memo circulated as per 18.19.1 above.
- 18.19.3 Teaching workload norms in Departments/Schools shall be no more than those in effect as of the date of the Agreement. Where new academic units are created (including through amalgamation of existing unit(s)), the newly established teaching workload norms shall be established in the context of the operational requirements of the new unit. The norms shall come into effect only following a ratification in which 2/3 of affected Members vote in favour.
- 18.20 The Dean, or designate, on the recommendation of the Chair, shall finalize the Member's assigned teaching, including E-Learning courses, in writing at eight (8) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching. A copy of the finalized teaching schedule shall be provided to all Members in the Academic Unit by the Dean at least six (6) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching. This schedule shall include, for each course, the instructor, estimated enrollment, teaching assistant support, and the current DOE of each Member. Any change in a Member's assigned teaching made less than eight (8) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching shall take place only when a significant change in circumstances has occurred and in consultation with the Member. Appeals regarding TA support shall be submitted to the Dean.
- 18.21 The University recognizes that the development of an E-Learning course may be more complex than that of a classroom-based course. No Member shall be assigned the development of an E-Learning course without his/her consent. When the development of an E-Learning course is part of the assigned workload of a Member, a written statement of the equivalency will be provided in advance, and the credit given shall be at least equivalent to the credit value of the course.
- 18.21.1 In assigning the teaching of an E-Learning course, the Dean shall take into consideration the complexity and the potentially greater level of preparation required for an E-Learning course as well as the Member's overall teaching workload. The Dean will also take into consideration the amount of technical support required. In all instances, a written statement of the equivalency of the E-Learning course to a classroom-based course will be provided in advance by the Dean. The teaching of a E-Learning course shall be considered equivalent to the teaching of a classroom-based course of the same credit weighting.
- 18.21.2 The Dean will ensure that the appropriate technical support and training are provided.
- 18.21.3 The weighting of an E-Learning Course for the purposes of Promotion and Tenure and Performance Assessment considerations shall be the same as that of a classroom-based course.
- 18.22 Unless indicated in the Letter of Appointment or through mutual agreement of the Faculty Member and the Dean, no Member shall be assigned teaching responsibilities at the Regional Campuses and/or Guelph-Humber.

- 18.23 Assigned Service shall take into account a Faculty Member's total Service commitments (Department, College, University, and External). A Member serving on an external agency or with extraordinary scholarly or contractual commitments may request an adjustment to his/her DOE.
- 18.24 When the University requests, and the Member consents, that a Member perform significant administrative duties or services, there shall be an adjustment in the Member's DOE commensurate with the additional administrative responsibilities.
- 18.25 The Dean is responsible for ensuring that every Department has a fair and transparent process for the equitable assignment of teaching assistants.

Procedures for Assigning Workload

- 18.26 Newly-appointed Members shall have at least 0.5 credit teaching release, at least once, in the first three (3) years of appointment.
- 18.27 Classes assigned to a Member shall be scheduled to permit twelve (12) hours to pass between the completion of teaching one day and the commencement of same on the next day, unless the Member agrees otherwise. No Member shall be assigned, on any day, a class schedule that requires more than three (3) consecutive hours of classroom contact, excluding labs. Exceptions for special circumstances (e.g., six week courses) may be made with the agreement of the Member.
- 18.28 Where a Member is assigned clinical service in the OVC-HSC, he/she will be required to provide no more than a proportionate share of duties. Assignment of clinical service shall be made with due regard to a Member's DOE and shall be fair, equitable, and transparent.
- 18.29 A Faculty Member's clinical service assignment will be scheduled by the Dean or designate in consultation with the Member and his/her Chair.
- 18.30 The Dean or designate will consult with a Member prior to making significant changes to his/her work schedule. This consultation will occur at least thirty (30) days in advance, except in cases of emergencies. Changes made under emergency circumstances shall be deemed to be temporary in nature until such time as the University has met its obligations to consult with the Member. The University shall implement such changes fairly and equitably.

Research and Development Semester

- 18.31 A Faculty Member holding a Full-time Tenured, Tenure-track or Contractually Limited appointment of one or more years and who has assigned teaching responsibilities for two semesters in an Academic Year will devote a third semester to research and scholarly activities, except as modified in 18.31.1, 18.31.2, or 18.32, where the R/D semester will be deemed to have been taken (i.e., there is no 'banking' of time for a R/D semester to be taken at a later date).
- 18.31.1 A Faculty Member may request to have assigned teaching responsibilities for three semesters in an Academic Year. Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Dean.
- 18.31.2 A Faculty Member with an agreed-upon effort of greater than or equal to 70% in the area of teaching may be assigned teaching responsibilities for three semesters in an Academic Year. In such cases, the assigned teaching for the third semester shall not

exceed a one-course assignment. In addition, teaching in the third semester may only occur on a biennial basis.

- 18.32 By mutual agreement, the Faculty Member and the Dean may choose to reschedule the timing of a Research and Development Semester so that teaching occurs in three (3) semesters.
- 18.33 With the exception of 18.31.1, 18.31.2, and 18.32, a Faculty Member may not be assigned teaching responsibilities for more than four (4) consecutive semesters or have more than two (2) consecutive semesters entirely as Research and Development Semesters.
- 18.34 In the case of a Faculty Member who plans to be absent during a Research and Development Semester, it will be the joint responsibility of the Chair and the Faculty Member to ensure that arrangements have been made for the execution of all normal responsibilities, including the supervision of any student or students for whom the Faculty Member is responsible. If the arrangements cannot be made to the satisfaction of the Chair and Faculty Member, the matter will be referred to the Dean for resolution.
- 18.35 The Dean, upon recommendation of the Chair, will approve the scheduling of the Faculty Member's Research and Development Semester.
- 18.36 Approved Leaves of Absence (e.g. Parental Leave, Study/Research Leave) will not result in any change to the normal scheduling of the Faculty Member's responsibilities. The normal pattern of the Faculty Member's Research and Development semesters will continue in the Faculty Member's absence.

Article 19 - Faculty Appointments

Definitions

- 19.1 All Faculty Members shall have an Appointment corresponding to one of the following types:
- 19.1.1 Tenure-track Appointment is an appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor leading to consideration for the simultaneous granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, or an Appointment at the rank of Associate Professor leading to consideration for the granting of Tenure.
- 19.1.2 Contractually Limited Appointment is an appointment for a specified period not to exceed five (5) years. See article 19.5 below. An appointee in such a position is eligible for consideration for promotion in rank, but is not eligible for consideration for the granting of Tenure. Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not constitute dismissal under the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.
- 19.1.3 Tenured Appointment is an appointment with rank and DOE involving Academic Responsibilities according to the provisions of Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities. Tenure may be conferred:
- following successful completion of a probationary period according to Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty; or
 - at the time of initial appointment, consistent with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion and Review of Faculty.
- 19.1.4 Tenured Faculty Members cannot be dismissed except, and only, for cause and in accordance with the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

Ranks

- 19.2 Faculty Members shall be appointed at one of the following ranks:
- Assistant Professor; or
 - Associate Professor; or
 - Professor
- 19.3 A Tenure-track Appointment of an Assistant Professor without completion of his/her terminal degree will be for a maximum of two (2) years, at which point the Appointment will be terminated unless all of the requirements for the terminal degree have been completed. In exceptional circumstances, the Provost may extend this period.
- 19.4 A Tenure-track Appointment shall be for a maximum period of six (6) consecutive years, unless approved otherwise by the Provost, and is subject to the relevant provisions of Article 21: Tenure, Promotion and Review of Faculty.

Contractually Limited Positions

- 19.5 For Contractually Limited Appointments, at the end of five (5) years, the University will decide to terminate the position or convert the position to Tenure-track. When the decision is to convert the position to Tenure-track, the Dean, on recommendation of the Chair, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Tenure-track Appointment, without a

search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final. If the decision is to deny the incumbent's Appointment to Tenure-track, the provisions of this Article will apply.

19.5.1 The University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Faculty that are 12 months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Search Committee

- 19.6 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted external and/or internal to the University. Through consultation with Department Members, the Dean will determine the qualifications and specific duties required to fill a vacancy. For searches spanning more than one Department, the Dean or Dean(s) must:
- a) identify the Department(s) that are willing to participate in the search;
 - b) seek broad input on qualifications and duties;
 - c) constitute Search Committees to reflect the scope of the position.
- 19.7 Subject to Article 19.5 all vacancies covered by the terms of this Agreement will, at a minimum, be posted on the University's Faculty Recruitment website.
- 19.8 In conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in the CAUT Bulletin and/or associated websites and other publications determined as appropriate by the University.
- 19.9 The information to be provided in the advertisement shall include, but not be limited to:
- a) the type of Appointment, as defined in this Article;
 - b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;
 - c) where applicable, rank;
 - d) any applicable equity provisions; and
 - e) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.
- 19.10 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training to address to address potential unconscious bias prior to the commencement of the advertisement and interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in this training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 19.11 The Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair; three (3) Members from, and elected by, the Department; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold tenure.
- 19.12 For joint appointments, the Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair of the major Department; three (3) Members from, and elected by, the major Department; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold tenure.
- 19.12.1 Exceptional Searches are rare appointments where the University cannot identify the eventual appointee's home Department at the time of the initiation of the search. The Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair of a Department (named by the Dean); four (4) Members elected from and elected by the Departments; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least three (3) of the four (4) elected Members must

hold tenure. Prior to the commencement of the search, the Association shall be advised.

- 19.13 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and acceptability by the standing Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 19.14 Notwithstanding Articles 19.11, 19.12, and 19.12.1, when the nature of the search warrants broadening the composition of the search committee, the University shall ensure that:
- a) The Search Committee is chaired by a Member (i.e., Chair or designate appointed by the Dean);
 - b) The majority of the members of the Search Committee are elected Members (at least two of whom must hold tenure);
 - c) When there is a University representative (e.g., Associate Dean), they will be limited to one (1) and will hold non-voting ex-officio status.

Prior to the broadening of the search committee, the Association will be advised.

- 19.15 To ensure the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative members from the designated groups.
- 19.16 Exceptions to search committee structures (per 19.11 – 19.14) shall be made only with prior approval of the Association.
- 19.17 If the Search Committee believes that an internal candidate is suitable, the chair of the Search Committee may recommend to the Dean and the Provost that the candidate be appointed without an external search.
- 19.18 The Search Committee will be an ad hoc committee whose final membership must be approved by the Provost.
- 19.19 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.
- 19.20 In accordance with the University's equity goals, the Parties acknowledge, recognize, and endorse the principle of employment equity and agree to cooperate in the identification and removal of artificial and/or systemic barriers.
- 19.21 Consistent with principles of employment equity, the Parties agree that:
- a) the primary criterion for appointment to positions in the University is academic and professional excellence; and
 - b) no candidate shall be recommended who does not meet the criteria for the appointment in question.
- 19.22 Members who serve on Search Committees shall maintain confidentiality regarding the Committee's deliberations, documents, consultations, and proceedings.
- 19.23 Pursuant to Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, should any member of the Search Committee, including the Committee's chair, have a conflict of interest, he/she shall declare it and withdraw from consideration of, and voting on, all relevant cases.

Candidate Assessment Procedures

- 19.24 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.
- 19.25 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the Dean with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 19.26 The Dean shall decide which of these candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 19.27 The Dean shall facilitate the seeking of input from members of the Department or in the case of Joint or Exceptional Searches, Departments.
- 19.28 After interviewing the short-listed candidates, the chair of the Search Committee shall make written recommendation(s) to the Dean. The recommendation(s) shall include a ranked order of the acceptable candidates. This recommendation(s) shall clearly state the reasons for the recommendation(s). If a member of the Search Committee requests a secret ballot vote on the recommendation(s), such vote shall occur.
- 19.28.1 For an Exceptional Search the respective Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will conduct a review of the Search Committee's recommended candidate(s) and will provide written recommendations to the Dean on whether the candidate(s) is recommended to be appointed to the Department, and if so, Rank and Tenure status.
- 19.29 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the standing Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Dean as to rank and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.
- 19.30 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.
- 19.30.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration for conversion of appointment to Tenure-track without a search as per 19.5.
- 19.31 While the Dean and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list of recommended candidates from the Search Committee (and the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee(s) for an Exceptional Search). The Dean and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Letters of Appointment

- 19.32 All offers of Appointment shall be issued by the Dean (following approval by the Provost), and will include, but not be limited to, the following:
- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
 - b) rank;
 - c) salary;
 - d) type of Appointment as defined in Article 19.1;

- e) Distribution of Effort;
- f) any credit for years of service for eligible benefits (e.g., Study/Research Leave);
- g) Campus, Department and/or Unit in which the Appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- h) if applicable, date of final consideration for the granting of tenure;
- i) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, consistent with the Agreement;
- j) a copy of guidelines respecting Tenure and Promotion expectations as per this Agreement; and
- k) contact information about the Association.

19.33 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

Joint Appointments

19.34 A Joint Appointment is an Appointment in two or more Departments, one of which shall be designated as the major Department for the Appointment.

19.35 The allocation of responsibilities among the respective units shall be set out in the Letter of Appointment.

19.36 The major Department shall be responsible for managing the joint assessment of performance and, where applicable, the Tenure and Promotion considerations, with input from the other Department.

19.37 A Joint Appointment of an existing Member may be reviewed, or a new joint appointment established, by the Dean concerned, with the agreement of the Member.

Article 20 - Appointments of Chairs/Directors of Schools

Chairs/Directors of Schools

- 20.1 For the purpose of this Article, Chair shall mean Chair of Department or Director of School. This Article does not apply to the OVC-HSC, AHL, or the Library.
- 20.2 A Chair shall be a tenured Member. Accountable to the Dean, the Chair is responsible for the orderly, effective, efficient, and collegial operation of his/her Department. The Chair has overall responsibility to ensure that Department practices and processes are formulated, promulgated, and followed, and that College and University policies and procedures are followed.
- 20.3 The Chair, through mentoring and facilitation, shall support each Member of his/her Department in the fulfillment of the Member's assigned responsibilities.
- 20.4 The Chair, through consultation with Members of the Department, formulates recommendations concerning policy or the matters of interest to the Department. Such recommendations shall be directed to the Dean.
- 20.5 The other responsibilities of the Chair are those assigned to the Chair in this Agreement and those in the Letter of Appointment, which shall be consistent with her/his status as a Member of the Bargaining Unit. Copies of the Letter of Appointment for Chairs, Acting Chairs, and Interim Chairs shall be provided to the Association. A Letter of Appointment is not required for a Deputy Chair.

Terms of Appointment of a Chair

- 20.6 The term of Appointment of a Chair shall normally be five (5) years. At the end of five (5) years, the term may be renewed once in accordance with this Article.
- 20.7 A Member who is a Chair shall receive an annual stipend at the time of the appointment to the position of Chair in accordance with Article 53: Compensation. At the conclusion of his/her appointment as Chair, the Member shall no longer be eligible for the Chair's stipend.
- 20.8 The DOE of a Member who is appointed as Chair shall, after discussion with the Dean, be adjusted to reflect the percentage allocated to Service.

Terms of Appointment of Deputy and Acting Chairs

- 20.9 In the event a Chair is going to be absent from campus for a period of less than one (1) month, the Chair may recommend, and the Dean, at his/her discretion, may appoint, a Deputy Chair. A Deputy Chair is not eligible to receive the administrative stipend. A Member shall not be appointed Deputy Chair without his/her consent.
- 20.10 In the event a Chair is going to be absent from campus for a period of one (1) month or longer, the Dean will appoint an Acting Chair who will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of the Acting appointment, on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 20.10.1 The term of an Acting Chair shall normally not exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed Acting Chair without her/his consent.

Terms of Appointment of Interim Chairs

- 20.11 Each Department shall normally have a Chair. In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant due to illness, or an extended search process continues beyond the end of the Chair's term of appointment, the Dean may appoint an Interim Chair. The term of an Interim Chair shall not normally exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed Interim Chair without her/his consent. An Interim Chair will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of the appointment on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 20.12 The appointment of an Interim Chair is not meant to replace the initiation of a search process. In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant, a search committee will be struck as per Article 20.16 as soon as is practicable.

Renewal of a Chair for a Second Five (5) Year Term

- 20.13 The Dean will make his/her recommendation to the Provost. If the Provost decides the incumbent Chair will not be renewed for a second term, a Search Committee will be struck.

Search Committee for the Position of Chair

- 20.14 At the time of a search for a Chair, the Dean, in consultation with the Provost, shall convene a Search Committee.
- 20.15 The composition of the Search Committee shall be:
- a) two (2) Members designated by the Dean from outside the Department, one (1) of whom must be a Department Chair;
 - b) two (2) non-Members affiliated with the Department, designated by the Dean;
 - c) three (3) Members elected by the Department. At least two (2) of the three elected Members must hold tenure; and
 - d) the Dean, who will act as chair.
- 20.16 The Dean, in consultation with the Search Committee, may recommend to the Provost that an internal search be conducted.
- 20.17 If conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in the CAUT Bulletin or associated website, University Affairs, and other publications as determined by the University.

Assessment Procedures

- 20.18 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall compile a short list of recommended candidates to be interviewed. The Dean and Provost shall decide which candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 20.19 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be confidential.
- 20.20 The Dean will seek input from Department members and will facilitate input from members of the University community.
- 20.21 After interviewing the candidates, the Dean, on the advice of the Search Committee, shall provide to the Provost a ranked list of candidates determined to be appointable. While the Dean and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be

made from this list. The Dean and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Transition Leave

- 20.22 Upon completion of five (5) years or more in the position of Chair, the Member is eligible for two semesters of Transition Leave. However, the Chair is entitled to request Transition Leave with salary for up to one (1) of these semesters during a term of Appointment. If a Leave of more than one (1) semester is required during a term of Appointment, the incumbent will be expected to resign from his/her administrative appointment. A period of Transition Leave, at the end of the term of the appointment, is not considered to be part of the term of the appointment.
- 20.23 Transition Leave is intended to provide a Chair with sufficient time to re-establish or enhance his/her research and/or teaching skills to prepare him/her for return to the professoriate. So long as recognized scholarly objectives are being sought, both study and research activities, whether singly or in some combination, should be regarded as eligible to satisfy the purposes of the Transition Leave.
- 20.24 Transition Leave will be paid leave.
- 20.25 The two semesters of Transition Leave shall be continuous unless combined with a Research and Development Semester in accordance with Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities. Transition Leave shall normally commence on either September 1 or January 1, immediately following the completion of the term of Chair, except by mutual agreement of the Member and the Dean.
- 20.26 A period of Transition Leave can be combined with a Research and Development Semester in accordance with Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities, during which time no teaching is assigned, as long as the total period does not exceed twelve (12) months, except by mutual agreement of the Member and the University.
- 20.27 Credited service toward eligibility for Study/Research Leave will be accumulated at the rate of one semester of credited service for each year served as Chair.

Transition Leave for Deputy, Acting, and Interim Chairs

- 20.28 An appointment to Chair of less than five (5) years or a part-time Chair, or to Deputy Chair, Acting Chair, or Interim Chair shall accrue Transition Leave as follows:
- 20.28.1 A Chair of less than five (5) years, or a part-time Chair, shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.28.2 Deputy Chairs (per 20.9) are not eligible to accrue credit toward Transition Leave.
- 20.28.3 Acting Chairs (per 20.10) shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.28.4 Interim Chairs (per 20.11) shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.29 A written request for Transition Leave will be made to the Dean and will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) an activity plan;

- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) where applicable, the results of the previous Leave; and
- e) in the case where the Transition Leave occurs during the term of Appointment, a plan of how duties and responsibilities will be carried out.

20.30 Normally, requests are submitted to the Dean at least nine (9) months prior to the intended starting date of the Leave. A decision, in writing, to approve or deny the Leave will be communicated to the applicant at least six (6) months prior to the intended starting date of the Leave.

Article 21 - Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty Members

- 21.1 This Article applies to Tenure, Promotion, and Review decisions of Faculty Members who hold Tenured or Tenure-track Appointments and to Promotion and Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Faculty Members.
- 21.2 *The University of Guelph Act*, 1964 empowers the Board of Governors to promote and confer Tenure on Faculty Members on the recommendation of the President. The University will promote Faculty Members and grant Tenure to Faculty Members only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 21.3 The Dean will meet with each Member in the Faculty Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor.
- 21.4 The Dean will notify the Member on an annual basis that both the Dean and the Chair are available to mentor the Member. In addition, the Dean shall meet with each Tenure-track Faculty Member before the end of April of each year of the probationary period to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for Tenure and Promotion.
- 21.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 21.4 signed by both the Dean and the Tenure-track Member, shall be placed in the Tenure-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the Dean and the Faculty Member are agreeing that it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 21.5 Faculty have the right to know explicitly what criteria are used for Tenure, Promotion, and Review purposes as well as reasons for decisions related to their Tenure, Promotion, and Review. The process must be transparent, fair, and equitable.
- 21.5.1 Approved Tenure and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the Department/School Website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 21.6 The conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor is a very important step in the relationship between the University and a Faculty Member and it should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor recognizes academic competence and maturity and significant scholarly achievement, demonstrated by contributions to the academic functions of the University and to the Member's discipline within and outside the University. The conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor obliges the University to support the career of the Member and it obliges the Member to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 21.7 Promotion to Professor recognizes long-term, established, and outstanding Scholarship. It is granted in recognition of academic competence, maturity, and, normally, an established international reputation for achievement and expertise in the Member's field.
- 21.8 Contractually Limited Faculty Members are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration for Tenure and therefore the granting of Promotion to Contractually Limited Members does not confer Tenure.

- 21.9 In considering a Member for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor, consideration will be given to the individual Member's life-time contribution in the areas defined in Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities.
- 21.10 Each candidate for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor is expected to establish a record of performance in each of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 21.11 Consideration of the DOE accorded to Teaching, Scholarship, and Service by a Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be subject to any arrangements described in the Letter of Appointment and any arrangements made under any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 21.12 While a candidate must have achieved a satisfactory record of performance in Service, the meritorious performance of these duties shall not compensate for an insufficiently strong performance in Teaching or Scholarship. However, an unsatisfactory record of performance in Service contributions may be an important factor in the denial of Tenure and/or Promotion.
- 21.13 The evaluation of a course taught by a Member on overload will be considered as part of the materials for Tenure, Promotion, and Performance Review.

Probationary Period

- 21.14 The maximum duration of a Tenure-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment from the date of the Tenure-track Appointment, exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave, and not counting periods of unpaid leave.
- 21.15 The maximum length of the Probationary period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 21.16 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Tenure and Promotion, or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Members of the Department and articulated in a Guidelines document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period under review. The criteria for Tenure, Promotion, and Review, including any amendments to the same, will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Members of the Department, and also by the College Committee and the Provost.
- 21.17 All Members are to be informed in writing by the Department Chair of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Departmental criteria that will be used for Promotion, Tenure, and Review purposes.
- 21.18 The Dean, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. Each Dean will consult with the College Tenure and Promotion Committee in the development of these templates:

Member Templates

21.18.1 Progress Template

A template for the purpose of Tenure and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, and applications for Tenure and Promotion) in which each Faculty Member in that College will document his/her relevant life-time scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Teaching, Scholarship, Service, and publication reprints.

21.18.2 Performance Assessment Template

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Faculty Member in that College will document his/her relevant scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Teaching, Scholarship, Service, and publication reprints.

Department Committee Templates

21.18.3 Performance Assessment – Biennial Year

A Department Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance. Such Report shall also include the performance rater for each individual area of effort and the overall performance rater.

21.18.4 Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year

A Department Committee Performance Progress Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance. Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than "Good."

21.18.5 Tenure-track Faculty – Progress Feedback

A Department Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's progress toward the granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

21.18.6 Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor – Application or Final Year Consideration

A Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's Application or final year consideration for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor.

21.18.7 Promotion to Professor – Application

A Department Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's application for the granting of Promotion to Professor.

21.18.8 The Member Templates, which must conform with the Collective Agreement and approved Department Guidelines, will define the document structure, solely giving recommended headings and sections, and must allow for the Member to include any information that the Member feels is relevant for consideration by the Tenure and Promotion committees. The Template shall be protected from further changes once completed and submitted by the Member, except as specified in 21.18.8.1.

21.18.8.1 Members have the right to update their submission by August 31st with information that could not reasonably have been provided by the original submission deadline.

Where a Member believes the eCV system precludes him/her from completing his/her Member Template in accordance with approved Department Guidelines and the Collective Agreement, he/she shall raise the issue with the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations. Should no resolution be reached, the Faculty Member shall have the option of appeal to the Dean. The Dean shall provide a written response, with reasons, within ten (10) days.

21.19 The Department Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 21.18.3 and 21.18.4) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

21.20 All Department Committee Progress Reports (as per 21.18.5) and Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Reports (as per 21.18.6) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Tenure and Promotion has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

21.21 The Department Committee Promotion Report (as per 21.18.7) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Tenure and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessors

21.22 Written opinions of the Member's research and other scholarly activities by experts in the Member's field are required to support a recommendation for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and for Promotion to Professor. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative. The Provost, in consultation with the Deans, and through consultation with the College Tenure and Promotion Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and the granting of Promotion to Professor within the College. The following principles will apply:

- a) Normally, External Assessors will be persons who have an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of this University;
- b) The normal number of external assessments to be obtained will be three (3);
- c) The Department Chair and the Member will agree upon which individuals are acceptable Assessors and will forward this list to the Dean. If agreement cannot be reached, the Department Committee will decide on the acceptable Assessors;
- d) The Dean will be responsible for communicating with Assessors as per c). The information sent to the Assessors will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the Dean of the Faculty Member's College;
- e) All assessments will be in writing;
- f) The following information will be made available (see also Article 21.26.1 and 21.63.1) to the External Assessors:
 - 1) applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Tenure and Promotion;
 - 2) the Faculty Member's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) a copy of the Member's DOE;
 - 4) a selection of reprints of the Faculty Member's published work, chosen by the Faculty Member; and
 - 5) any other evidence of Scholarship as determined by the Faculty Member.
- g) It is the responsibility of the Dean to ensure that external assessment letters are provided to the Chair prior to the commencement of the Department Committee deliberations process; and
- h) It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that external assessment letters are included in the Faculty Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

Department Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.23 The role of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be the following:

- a) assess the Faculty Member's performance and complete a Department Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee;
- b) assess the Faculty Member's progress toward the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and complete a Department Committee Progress Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the feedback to the Faculty Member;
- c) assess the Faculty Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and complete a Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the Tenure and Promotion decision;
- d) assess the Faculty Member's application for Promotion to Professor and complete a Department Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the promotion decision;

- e) consider external assessments for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor.

21.24 The composition of each Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be:

- a) The Chair of the Department, who will act as chair of the committee and who will be provided a second vote to break a tie;
- b) Four tenured Faculty Members in the Department, elected for a two year term by the Faculty Members in the Department;
- c) One full-time Tenured Faculty Member from within the College. The College Member shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty Members in the College, and will be a non-voting member.

Election of Department Members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.25 Every tenured Faculty Member in the Department is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) The Department Member of the College Committee,
- d) The College Member,
- e) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- f) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

21.25.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Department and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Chair's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.25.2 The election of Members to the Committee will be conducted by the Chair or his/her designate and the most recently appointed Assistant Professor available within the Department, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Department of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Department Members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected each year.

21.25.3 All Faculty Members in the Department holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.

21.25.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the Chair will have the deciding vote.

21.25.5 Each Department Member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as a Department Member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.25.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Department Member of

the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.25.1-21.25.6 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.

- 21.26 With the exception of Article 21.43 and 21.44, it is the Faculty Member's responsibility to confirm his/her eCV by August 15th to be considered by the Tenure and Promotion Committees.
- 21.26.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Tenure and/or Promotion Processes, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions that are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 21.27 The Chair shall ensure the Faculty Member is informed in writing when information relevant to the current Tenure, Promotion, and Review period is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Member will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten 10 days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.
- 21.28 The Chair shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Faculty Member's DOE, teaching/course evaluations, and letters of external assessment (where applicable), are properly included in the Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.
- 21.29 The Chair shall ensure that Members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Tenure and Promotion Guidelines document.

College Tenure and Promotion Committee

- 21.30 The role of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be to:
- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Tenure and Promotion;
 - b) assess the Faculty Member's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor at the College level;
 - c) consider the Departmental assessment and recommendation;
 - d) ensure the Departmental assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and standards of performance established by the Department;
 - e) consider external assessments for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor;
 - f) consider the Dean's written assessment of service as chair, for Chairs. Such assessment shall be provided to the Chair at least ten (10) days prior to the college meeting so as to allow the opportunity for the Chair to append a written response, should he/she so wish;
 - g) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor to the President for decision;

- h) submit all recommendations to the Provost; and
- i) issue a letter to the Faculty Member communicating the College Committee's assessment and recommendation according to the provisions of 21.46.

21.31 The composition of each College Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be:

- a) the Dean of the College, who will act as chair of the Committee and who will vote a second time to break a tie;
- b) a tenured Faculty Member from each Department, elected for a two-year term by the Faculty Members of the Department, and who is not also a member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee; and
- c) one full-time Tenured Faculty Member from within the College who is also serving on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.

Election of Department Members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.32 Every tenured Faculty Member in the College is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the College Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) The College Member,
- d) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- e) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

21.32.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Department and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Chair's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.32.2 The election of Members to the Committee will be conducted by the Chair or his/her designate and the most recently appointed Assistant Professor available within the Department, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Department of the results. In a case where there is no Assistant Professor, the most recently appointed Associate Professor shall serve.

21.32.3 All Faculty Members in the Department holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.

21.32.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the Chair will have the deciding vote.

21.32.5 Each Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as the Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.32.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of

the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.32.1-21.32.5 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.

Election of the College Member

- 21.33 Every tenured Faculty Member in the College is eligible to be nominated to serve as the College Member except:
- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
 - b) Those who are already members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee,
 - c) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committees,
 - d) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
 - e) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.
- 21.33.1 Nominations for the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the College and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Dean's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.
- 21.33.2 The election will be conducted by the Dean or his/her designate, who will also serve as the enumerator and who will inform the College of the results.
- 21.33.3 All Faculty Members in the College holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 21.33.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 21.33.5 The College Member will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as the College Member.
- 21.33.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the College Member will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committees, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.33.1-21.33.5 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 21.34 The Chair of the Department Committee will ensure the transfer to the College Committee of the Assessment File considered by the Department Committee. The Dean may request that a Chair appear before the College Committee as part of the deliberation process.
- 21.35 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the Department Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report(s) from the Department Committee. The Assessment/Progress Report(s) from the Department Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance in relation to expectations set out in the approved Tenure and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations

- 21.36 The Faculty Member's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File and therefore accessible to the Faculty Member prior to the meeting of the Department Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).
- 21.37 The decisions of the Department and College Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to the consideration of and decision on a particular case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.
- 21.38 Where a Chair of a Department wishes to be considered for Promotion, the procedure shall be followed as for any other Faculty Member except that for the purpose of consideration of the Promotion, the Department Committee will choose one of its own Members in the Department to act as chair of the Committee while the matter is dealt with.

Review of Progress Towards Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

- 21.39 Each year, Tenure-track Faculty Members at any rank will submit a completed Progress Template to the Chair according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor of all Tenure-track Faculty Members will be considered by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees. Feedback in the form of a written Progress Report will be provided by the Dean to the Faculty Member.
- 21.40 The Chair shall, prior to the commencement of the Department Committee deliberations, meet with each Tenure-track Faculty Member to review his/her Assessment File. The Dean shall, upon written request by the Faculty Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Faculty Member to review his/her Assessment File.

Granting of Tenure

- 21.41 Failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 21.18.1 and 21.26.1) to the Chair by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.
- 21.41.1 In the final year of candidacy for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 21.18.1 and 21.26.1) to the Chair by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in the termination of the Faculty Member's Tenure-track Appointment.
- 21.42 In the final review of tenure-track Members, consideration for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor will occur. The decision will be either to grant Tenure and confer Promotion to Associate Professor or not to grant Tenure and terminate the Faculty Member's appointment.
- 21.43 Further to Article 21.39, a Faculty Member may apply for the early granting of Tenure and conferring of Promotion to Associate Professor in either the third, fourth or fifth year of

appointment. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) External Assessors, shall be made in writing by the Faculty Member to the Dean through the Department Chair by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 21.22 (f) (2, 3, 4, and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean by June 8. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion to Professor

21.44 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Professor will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) External Assessors, shall be made in writing by the Faculty Member to the Dean through the Department Chair by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 21.22 (f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

21.45 The Department Committee will assess each Faculty Member's performance and make a recommendation to the chair of the College Committee with respect to the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor. The Department Committee will complete the appropriate Report (as per 21.18) for each Faculty Member who has been considered. The Report will be signed by all Members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the chair of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.46 Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of Tenure and Promotion considerations at the College Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Dean will provide, to each Faculty Member being considered, a letter (signed by all members of the College Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Tenure-track Faculty Members: An assessment of progress toward Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor;
- b) for all Faculty Members who were considered for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor: the recommendation of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

21.47 For Faculty Members considered for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, the letter from the Dean will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Tenure be granted and Promotion to Associate Professor be conferred;
- b) that the Tenure-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Tenure not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, the Committee is limited to the decisions outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 21.50, and to contact the Association.

21.48 The College Tenure and Promotion Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to the recommendations.

21.49 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant tenure immediately or to deny tenure, and will communicate his/her decision to the Faculty Member immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of tenure, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

21.50 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean, the Faculty Member may appeal a negative recommendation of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee to the chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

21.51 The appellant Faculty Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File, which includes the signed Report(s) (as per article 21.18) from the Department Committee. Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the Dean without attribution and with any personally identifying information removed.

University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee

21.52 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost, who will act as Committee Chair. All Members of the Appeals Committee must have Tenure and must have either held the rank of Associate Professor for a minimum of five (5) years or hold the rank of Professor. Membership of the Committee shall consist of one representative and one alternate representative from each College of the University elected for a two-year term by the Members of that College. Membership shall be staggered so that one half of the body of representatives and one half of the body of alternate representatives is elected each year.

21.53 No Member may serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms. A Member may be eligible for re-election to the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee after an absence of one term.

21.54 Every tenured Faculty Member in each College is eligible to be nominated to serve as the College Representative or Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- b) Those who are already members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- c) The College Member,
- d) Any Chair,
- e) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years.

21.54.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the College and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Dean's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.54.2 The election will be supervised by the Assistant Vice-President (Faculty and Academic Staff Relations) who with the Dean or his/her designate will be enumerators and will inform the College of the results.

- 21.54.3 All Faculty Members in the College holding tenured, tenure-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote for the Representative and Alternate from the College.
- 21.54.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 21.54.5 The College Representative and Alternate will be elected for a two-year term. They will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection to the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.
- 21.54.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that both the College Representative and Alternate will be unable to attend the meetings of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.54.1-21.54.6 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 21.55 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the College Committee.
- 21.56 The Faculty Member may choose to appear before the Appeals Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials (which may be new) in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and to terminate the appointment. The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 21.57 The Committee may request the Faculty Member, the Chair, the Dean, or any other member of the Department or College Tenure and Promotion Committees to appear before it.
- 21.58 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the College Tenure and Promotion Committees and will make its recommendation to the President.
- 21.59 The Provost may, where he/she considers it appropriate, extend the Faculty Member's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the Department and College Committees.

Decision of the President

- 21.60 Following the hearing of all appeals, the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Faculty Member and the Department Committee Chair in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Review

- 21.61 *Faculty*

Members will be considered biennially by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.

- 21.62 The biennial performance review of tenure-track or tenured Faculty Members and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Faculty Members provide to each Faculty Member a rating of either “Unsatisfactory,” “Improvement Required/Developmental,” “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Outstanding” in each of area of effort: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Faculty Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member’s DOE during the review period.
- 21.63 Each Faculty Member must submit his/her completed and confirmed eCV Performance Assessment Template to the Chair by August 15th. The Chair will provide a written reminder to each Faculty Member of the deadlines for submission of documentation.
- 21.63.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member’s contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Performance Assessment Process, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental material. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member’s contributions that are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 21.64 Failure to confirm the eCV Performance Assessment Template to the Chair by August 15th, without prior approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in an “Unsatisfactory” performance assessment.
- 21.65 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 21.61, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:
- a) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty Member that is less than “Good,” that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees for the purpose of providing feedback on performance. No performance raters will be determined.
 - b) The performance of all Contractually Limited Faculty Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (per 21.62 above).
- 21.66 The Department Committee will assess each Faculty Member’s performance and will complete a Performance Assessment Report for each Faculty Member who has been considered. The Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The Department Committee will not rank order Faculty Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Report will be signed by all Members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Performance Assessment Report will be sent to the chair of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 21.67 Following consideration by the College Committee, the Dean will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the College Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Faculty Member’s performance. The letter to the Member will include explicit

mention of the Member's right to appeal the assessment, as per Article 21.68, and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

- 21.68 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean, a Faculty Member who has received an overall performance rating of less than "Good" may appeal to the chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.
- 21.68.1 A Tenure-track Faculty Member may appeal to the Chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.
- 21.69 The appellant Faculty Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File, which includes the signed Performance Assessment Report from the Department Committee.
- 21.70 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee may request the Faculty Member, the Chair, the Dean, and any other Member of the Department and/or College Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.
- 21.71 A Faculty Member who has received a performance assessment of less than "Good" may choose to appear before the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.
- 21.72 The Faculty Member is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee by a representative of the Association.
- 21.73 The chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Faculty Member within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting at which the Faculty Member's appeal was heard.

Grievance

- 21.74 Any grievance of this decision shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 22 - Study/Research Leave for Faculty

- 22.1 Study/Research Leave with salary is an essential means of enabling Faculty Members to maintain and enhance their quality as scholars. Such Leave enables the University to maintain and enhance excellence through the Faculty Member's subsequent contributions to his/her teaching and research programs. To satisfy the purpose of this Leave, it is necessary that scholarly objectives are being sought and that both study and research activities, whether singly or in some combination, are consistent with these objectives.
- 22.2 Full-time Faculty Members are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of continuous faculty service (or its equivalent) since appointment at the University. Only tenured Faculty Members may take a Study/Research Leave.
- 22.3 A Tenured Faculty Member holding a Reduced Workload Appointment or Part-time Appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload, is eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of active employment with the University. The procedures and conditions that apply are those outlined in the remainder of this Article, adjusted to accommodate the reduced workload/part-time appointment.
- 22.4 Prior eligible service for leave with salary as a Faculty Member at another university or acceptable institution may be counted in determining eligibility to apply for Study/Research Leave with salary. Credit will be calculated on the basis of one year for every two (2) years of full-time academic service at another institution, to a maximum of three (3) years. This equivalent amount of leave to be credited will be specified by the Dean in the Letter of Appointment as per Article 19: Faculty Appointments.
- 22.5 Following return from each Study/Research Leave, tenured Faculty Members are entitled to apply for one semester of Study/Research Leave after three (3) years of active employment, or for two (2) semesters after six (6) years of active employment.
- 22.6 Faculty Members who have held an academic administrative appointment since a previous Study/Research Leave are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave when the sum of years of active employment both prior and subsequent to the term of administrative appointment (and excluding any period of academic administrative leave after the term of appointment) is equal to six (6) years.
- 22.7 A Faculty Member who has served in an academic administrative position may claim one semester of credit for each year of service toward Study/Research Leave.
- 22.8 A minimum of one year must have elapsed between a Transition Leave and a Study/Research Leave, unless otherwise approved by the Dean and the Provost.

Application for Leave

- 22.9 Application for Study/Research Leave must be in writing to the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee through the Chair of the Department. Such application will be submitted at least one year prior to the intended start date of the Study/Research Leave.
- 22.10 The written application for Leave will include:
- a) statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity;

- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae; and
- e) a plan of how contractual research responsibilities (including OMAFRA) will be handled during the period of leave.

Decision Procedures

- 22.11 The Department Committee will consider all written applications for Study/Research Leave as soon as is practicable following their receipt.
- 22.12 The Department Committee will assess applications on the basis of their merit and their consonance with the statement of goals of the Study/Research Leave. A Faculty Member's record of using previous Study/Research Leave for scholarly purposes and the report from the previous Leave will be components in the assessment of the application.
- 22.13 The Department Committee, through the Chair, will make its recommendations to the Dean within twenty (20) days of receipt of the application.
- 22.14 The Dean will inform the Faculty Member and the Department Chair in writing of his/her decision to approve or deny the Leave within twenty (20) days of receipt of the Departmental recommendation. Reasons for denial or for the need to delay the commencement of such a Leave, where applicable, will also be given in the Dean's letter.
- 22.15 Under exceptional conditions determined by Department needs and priorities, and with the approval of the Dean, an approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years. The date to be used in establishing eligibility for a subsequent period of Study/Research Leave will be the date of return that would have occurred had the Leave not been delayed.
- 22.16 Under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Dean, the start date of a Faculty Member's approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed, by the Member, for up to two (2) years. Any entitlement towards the next Leave accrued during such a delay is not jeopardized.
- 22.17 A Faculty Member whose application for Study/Research Leave has not received approval from the Dean may appeal to the Provost. Appeals are restricted to consideration of the academic merits of the case, and may not relate to a requirement to delay the Leave. An appeal cannot introduce new material that has not been seen by the Department Committee and the Dean.

Duration of Leave

- 22.18 Faculty Members who qualify under this Article may apply for a period of Leave of one or two semesters duration with salary and benefits. A Study/Research Leave will include the annual vacation entitlement appropriate to the length of the Leave.
- 22.19 On the completion of a period of Study/Research Leave, the Faculty Member will assume the responsibilities that would normally have been scheduled for that particular semester.

Conditions of Study/Research Leave

- 22.20 The scheduling of a Study/Research Leave is to be granted independently of any other Leave entitlement. Where University Service commitments will be affected by the granting of a Research/Study Leave, the Chair and Dean, in consultation with the Faculty Member, will be responsible for making any necessary administrative arrangements to enable the Leave.
- 22.21 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave, the Faculty Member will provide a written report describing what has been accomplished, in relation to the plan submitted. The report will be provided to the Chair and made available to the Department Committee and Dean.
- 22.22 It is expected that a Faculty Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one year following a period of Study/Research Leave.

Article 23 - Overload Teaching

- 23.1 When the University determines a need for more courses or sections than can be mounted by available Faculty Members within the limits of normal teaching commitments, the Chair will initially provide an opportunity to qualified Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members to teach such offerings on an overload basis. Such arrangements shall be subject to the approval of the Dean.
- 23.2 A Faculty Member who, subject to approval in writing by the Dean, teaches more than his/her normal workload, shall be paid an overload stipend.
- 23.3 Compensation for Overload Teaching shall be consistent with the rates as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 23.4 A Faculty Member may teach, with approval of the Dean, a maximum of one course on Overload per Academic Year. Approval to teach more than one course on Overload per academic year must be based on extenuating circumstances and is subject to approval by the Dean.
- 23.5 Faculty Members on Reduced Workload Appointments or with approved release time (i.e., current workload in teaching is less than departmental norm for the Member's agreed-upon percentage effort in teaching) from teaching are not eligible for Overload Teaching.
- 23.6 The Association shall be notified of the names and Departments of the Faculty Members engaged in Overload Teaching and the level(s) of remuneration provided.

Article 24 – Transfers, Redeployment or Buyouts of Faculty and Librarian Members Due to Restructuring or Academic Program Reorganization

Transfers

- 24.1 Members may request to be transferred to Departments other than those to which they were originally appointed, subject to the mutual consent of the Member and the University.
- 24.2 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Faculty Member(s).

Restructuring

- 24.3 In response to substantive changes in curriculum, strategic direction, and/or structure of the Department/School that are not addressed through Article 24.4, the Provost, in consultation with the Association, shall decide whether to make the provisions of Article 24.13 available to the affected Members.

Program Reorganization

- 24.4 When the University approves a reorganization that involves the closure, reduction, amalgamation, or transfer of an academic program or programs that may lead to the transfer of one or more Members, a Redeployment Advisory Committee will be struck by the Provost to provide advice on measures needed to effect the reorganization, including (where applicable) redeployment, buyout, or retirement.

Redeployment Advisory Committee

- 24.5 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will be comprised of the Dean or University Librarian (as appropriate) and one Tenured Faculty Member from each Department within the College, or for Librarian Members, two (2) Librarians with Continuing Appointment, jointly named by the Association and the University.
- 24.6 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will prepare a plan that includes a list of those Members who are or may be affected. This plan will be submitted to the Provost within thirty (30) days of the Committee being struck.

Redeployment Process

- 24.7 The Provost will convene a meeting with the President of the Association to provide notification that a program redundancy will be effected and will provide the names of the affected Faculty Members. The Provost will provide this notification in writing to the President of the Association at this meeting.
- 24.8 Following this meeting and within ten (10) days, the Dean or University Librarian will meet individually with each of the affected Member(s) to inform him/her of the impending reorganization and discuss options available for individual Members. The Dean or University Librarian will discuss with the affected Member(s) his/her individual career goals and perceived fit with other academic units (for Faculty Members), or other existing opportunities (for Librarian Members). The Dean or University Librarian will then make a written recommendation to the Provost on the most likely academic Department for the transfer of the Faculty Member or existing opportunity for the transfer of the Librarian Member. The Provost shall inform the

Member in writing of the decision on transfer and the reasons for the decision. The Member may be accompanied by another Member or a representative of the Association at this and subsequent meetings.

- 24.9 Within thirty (30) days, the Member must accept the transfer or request, in writing, that a buyout or retirement option (per 24.13) be initiated.
- 24.10 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Member(s).
- 24.11 A Member may not be transferred from the University of Guelph main campus without his/her consent.

Buyout or Retirement Option

- 24.13 A Member shall be offered a minimum buyout or retirement option that provides for one month's salary for each year of service with a minimum buyout of six (6) months up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.

Article 25 - Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians

General

25.1 The Librarian Members' work and qualifications are academic in nature and as such, Librarian Members are partners with the Faculty in the realization of the University's academic goals and mission. A Librarian holds an academic appointment within the University that encompasses the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians as defined in this Article.

Academic and Professional Responsibilities of Librarians

25.2 Librarian Members shall hold the following minimum academic qualifications:

- a) an undergraduate degree from a university recognized by the University of Guelph, and;
- b) a postgraduate degree from a school of library and information studies or equivalent body accredited by the American Library Association.

25.3 For the purposes of this Article, "Manager" shall mean the person to whom the Member directly reports.

25.4 The duties and responsibilities of a Librarian Member shall be an appropriate combination of:

- a) Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship;
- b) Scholarship: research, study, professional development, scholarly and creative activities; and,
- c) Service: University service and academic or professional service.

25.5 A Librarian Member shall have Academic and Professional Responsibilities in each of the three areas as described in Articles 25.9 through 25.13, unless there is a written agreement to the contrary as per Article 25.19.

25.6 Librarian Members shall have a year-round involvement in the work of the University, exclusive of vacation, reduced workload agreements as per Article 54: Reduced Workload, and approved Leaves.

25.7 Each Librarian Member shall have a written position description that outlines the Professional Practice responsibilities of his/her position.

25.8 Each Librarian Member shall be entitled to, and expected to, engage in, and have time available for, Scholarship and Service in accordance with the Scholarship and Service Proposal provision in 25.18 of this Article. Subject to Article 52: Intellectual Property, it is the right of the Member to make the results of his/her scholarly activities accessible to the scholarly and general public through publication, conference presentations, lectures, public performances, and other appropriate means.

Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship

25.9 The Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship will include one or more of the following activities:

- a) development, management and evaluation of information resource collections;

- b) provision of subject-specialized and general reference services;
- c) appraisal, acquisition, bibliographic control, storage, preservation, and conservation of information resources and collections;
- d) management of human and material library resources, including administrative or managerial performance for those Librarian Members holding administrative appointments;
- e) development, implementation, and management of information systems designed to enable access to library services and resources, build digital collections, and facilitate scholarly communication;
- f) provision of information literacy and curriculum support, including programming, collaboration, instruction, and teaching;
- g) faculty outreach and liaison, including participation in research and support for scholarly communication;
- h) evaluation, measurement, and analysis of user needs and library services and resources;
- i) research services, extension, and other activities related to programs under contract to the University; and
- j) any other function performed by professional librarians.

Scholarship: Research, Study, Professional Development, Scholarly and Creative Activities

25.10 A Librarian Member's responsibilities in the area of Scholarship, research, study, professional development, and scholarly and creative activities, hereinafter referred to as "Scholarship," include:

- a) the creation of new knowledge, understandings, or concepts;
- b) the creative application of existing knowledge;
- c) the organization and synthesis of existing knowledge;
- d) the pursuit of knowledge through formal study and/or pursuit of further academic credentials related to the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians;
- e) creative expression; and
- f) professional development through the planning of, implementation of, and/or participation in workshops, conferences, coursework, or, professional exchange or other educational programs.

25.11 These responsibilities require adherence to the ethical standards of the Member's academic discipline(s) and the recognized ethical standards of the national granting councils.

Service: University Service and Academic or Professional Service

25.12 Librarian Members have the right and responsibility to undertake a fair and reasonable share of administrative responsibilities, including participation in the work of the University through membership on appropriate bodies (e.g., Library, Senate and University committees). Where participation in such bodies is by election or appointment, a Member shall be elected or

appointed only with his/her consent, except where such service commitment is outlined within the Member's position description.

- 25.13 Librarian Members have the right to participate in the work of professional associations, learned societies, and relevant community service. A Member's service to such societies and associations shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service responsibilities, and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University. When a Member's Service to such societies, associations, agencies, or organizations conflicts with scheduled responsibilities or administrative duties, the Member shall make appropriate arrangements in discussion with his/her Manager to ensure that his/her scheduled responsibilities are fulfilled.

Distribution of Effort (DOE)

- 25.14 A Librarian Member's DOE defines relative effort with respect to activities undertaken in fulfillment of his/her academic and professional responsibilities in the areas of Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service, as defined in this Article. The DOE and written position description shall be the basis for the assignment of duties.
- 25.15 A DOE for each Librarian Member shall be defined in his/her Letter of Appointment and may be modified as mutually negotiated by subsequent arrangements made under the provisions of this Article and documented in the Member's Official File.
- 25.16 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the University Librarian and the Member as per this article, the default DOE for the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians shall be seventy (70%) for Professional Practice and thirty percent (30%) for a combination of Scholarship and Service (where Scholarship must be a minimum of 10%). Any such agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

Workload and the Assignment of Responsibilities

- 25.17 The University Librarian, or designate, in consultation with the Librarian Member's Manager, will ensure that the assigned responsibilities of Professional Practice and University Service for Members are distributed as fairly and equitably as is reasonably possible. The exact distribution of these responsibilities may vary among areas within the Library and among individuals, in recognition of the needs of the Library and University, the type of appointment, and, when possible, to reflect the interests and area(s) of expertise of the Member.
- 25.18 It is agreed and understood that Members shall be allowed time during normal working hours for Scholarship, provided that the timing of such activities can be accommodated within the obligations of the Unit and do not unduly affect the performance of assigned duties.
- 25.18.1 The University recognizes the importance of each Librarian Member's contributions in the areas of Scholarship and Service. In order to fulfill substantial and ongoing commitments, based on the DOE, the Member shall develop a Scholarship and Service Proposal in consultation with his/her Manager for submission to the University Librarian, or designate, that identifies his/her activities in these areas of academic responsibility and the time allocation proposed to achieve them. The University Librarian, or designate, shall approve the request for dedicated time for the pursuit of Scholarship and Service, based on the operational needs of the Library. Time provided under the Scholarship and Service Proposal shall not affect entitlement to any other Leave provisions available to a Member under this Agreement.

- 25.19 When a significant change in circumstances has occurred, the assigned responsibilities and/or DOE may be altered, on a short-term basis, at the request of either the Librarian Member or his/her Manager. In cases of disagreement between the Member and his/her Manager, the University Librarian, or designate, will decide, communicating his/her decision to the Member in writing. Such alterations to a Member's responsibilities and/or DOE shall continue on a short-term basis, not to exceed one (1) year.
- 25.20 In conformity with the current workload and hours-of-work standards within a Librarian Member's unit, it is recognized that Librarian Members have a fixed number of scheduled work hours. Scheduling of Members shall be made with due regard to a Member's DOE and the provisions of this Agreement.

Amendments to DOE for Librarians

- 25.21 A discussion regarding a long-term change to a Member's percentage of effort in Professional Practice, Scholarship, and/or Service, may be requested by the Member, his/her Manager, or the University Librarian, or designate. The Member may request a meeting with his/her Manager to review his/her DOE. The meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the request, or at a mutually agreed-upon time.
- 25.22 The DOE of a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment may be adjusted to reflect the nature of his/her responsibilities. The provisions of this Article shall be used for this adjustment.
- 25.23 Any arrangements which alter a Member's agreed-upon DOE must be by mutual agreement, in accordance with the Member's career development, within the context of operational requirements of the Library, and consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 25.24 It is understood that any such alternative arrangements shall only alter the allocation of responsibilities between Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service and shall not alter the overall workload of a Member. Requests for Reduced Workload are made in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload Appointments.
- 25.25 Following the meeting in 25.21, the Librarian Member's Manager shall provide the Member's written request for amendment to the University Librarian. The University Librarian, or designate, in consultation with the Member's Manager, will decide whether to accept the proposal for amendment to the Member's DOE. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the proposal, the University Librarian, or designate, will notify the Member in writing of the decision, and, in the event of a negative decision, provide reasons. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the University Librarian, a Member may appeal the decision of the University Librarian to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Member and the University Librarian of his/her decision in writing, with reasons.
- 25.26 Any change to a Librarian Member's DOE will not be done without the consent of the Member.

Article 26 - Librarian Appointments

Definitions

26.1 All Librarian Members shall have an Appointment corresponding to one of the following types:

a) *Continuing Appointment-track Appointment*

Librarian Member Appointment at the rank of Assistant Librarian leading to consideration for the simultaneous granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian, or an Appointment at the rank of Associate Librarian leading to consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment.

b) *Contractually Limited Appointment*

An Appointment for a specified period, not to exceed five (5) years (see 26.4). A Librarian Member appointee in such a position is eligible for consideration of Promotion in rank, but is not eligible for consideration for the granting of a Continuing Appointment. Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not constitute dismissal under the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

c) *Continuing Appointment*

Librarian Member Appointment with rank and DOE involving the Academic and Professional Responsibilities according to the provisions of Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians. Continuing Appointment may be conferred according to the following:

- 1) Successful completion of a probationary period according to Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members; or
- 2) At the time of initial Appointment, consistent with Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members.

Librarian Members cannot be dismissed except, and only for, cause and in accordance with the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

Ranks

26.2 Members shall be appointed at one of the following ranks:

- a) Assistant Librarian;
- b) Associate Librarian; or
- c) Librarian.

26.3 A Continuing Appointment-track Appointment shall be for a maximum period of six (6) consecutive years, unless approved otherwise by the Provost, and is subject to the relevant provisions of Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarians.

Contractually Limited Appointments

26.4 For Contractually Limited Appointments, at the end of five (5) years, the University will decide to terminate the position or convert the position to Continuing Appointment-track. The University Librarian, on a recommendation of the Manager, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, without a search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final. If the decision is to deny the incumbent's appointment to Continuing Appointment-track, the provisions of this Article will apply.

26.4.1 For Contractually Limited Appointments, The University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Librarians that are 12 months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Search Committee

26.5 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted external and/or internal to the University. In consultation with the Manager, the University Librarian will determine the qualifications of and the specific duties required to fill a vacancy. For Appointments that span service or program areas, input on qualifications and duties will be sought more broadly, and Search Committees will be constituted to reflect the scope of the position.

26.6 Subject to 26.4, 26.24 and 26.25, all other vacancies covered by the terms of this Agreement will, at a minimum, be posted on the University's Faculty Recruitment website.

26.7 In conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in publications determined as appropriate by the University.

26.8 The information to be provided in the position advertisement shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) the type of Appointment as defined in this Article;
- b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;
- c) where applicable, rank;
- d) any applicable equity provisions; and
- e) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.

26.9 The Search Committee will be an ad hoc committee whose final membership must be approved by the Provost.

26.10 The Search Committee for Librarians shall normally consist of three (3) elected Members in addition to the chair of the Committee. The University Librarian may appoint one (1) additional person who is a Member of the broader University community. The chair shall normally be the Manager to whom the appointee will directly report. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold a Continuing Appointment. In the event that the Manager in the unit concerned cannot assume this role, another Librarian Member will be appointed by the University Librarian.

26.11 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and appointability by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee.

- 26.12 To ensure that the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative member(s) from the designated groups.
- 26.13 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training prior to the commencement of the interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in this training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 26.14 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.
- 26.15 In accordance with the University's equity goals, the Parties acknowledge, recognize, and endorse the principle of employment equity and agree to cooperate in the identification and removal of artificial and/or systemic barriers.
- 26.16 Consistent with principles of employment equity, the Parties agree that:
- a) the primary criterion for appointment to positions in the University is academic and professional excellence; and
 - b) no candidate shall be recommended who does not meet the criteria for the appointment in question.
- 26.17 Members who serve on Search Committees shall maintain confidentiality regarding the Committee's deliberations, documents, consultations, and proceedings.
- 26.18 Pursuant to Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, should any member of the Committee, including the Committee's chair, have a conflict of interest, he/she shall declare it and withdraw from consideration of, and voting on, all relevant cases.

Candidate Assessment Procedures

- 26.19 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.
- 26.20 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the University Librarian with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 26.21 Subject to 26.20, the University Librarian shall decide which of these candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 26.22 The University Librarian shall facilitate the seeking of input from members of the Library.
- 26.23 After interviewing the short-listed candidates, the chair of the Selection Committee shall make written recommendation(s) to the University Librarian. The recommendation(s) shall include a ranked order of the acceptable candidates. This recommendation(s) shall clearly state the reasons for the recommendation(s). If a member of the Selection Committee requests a secret ballot vote on the recommendation(s), such vote shall occur.
- 26.24 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee shall make a written recommendation to the University Librarian as to rank and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.

26.25 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.

26.25.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration of conversion of appointment to Continuing Appointment-track without a search (per 26.4).

26.26 While the University Librarian and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list. The University Librarian and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Letters of Appointment

26.27 All offers of Appointment shall be issued by the University Librarian (following approval by the Provost), and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
- b) rank;
- c) salary;
- d) type of Appointment as defined in Article 26.1;
- e) Distribution of Effort;
- f) any credit for years of service for eligible benefits (e.g., Study/Research Leave);
- g) Campus, Department and/or Unit in which the Appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- h) if applicable, date of final consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment;
- i) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, consistent with the Agreement;
- j) a copy of guidelines respecting Continuing Appointment and Promotion expectations as per this Agreement; and
- k) contact information about the Association.

26.28 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

Joint Appointments

26.29 A Joint Appointment is an Appointment in two or more Departments/Library, one of which shall be designated as the major Department for the Appointment.

26.30 The allocation of responsibilities among the respective units shall be set out in the Letter of Appointment.

26.31 A Librarian Member holding a Joint Appointment shall be considered for Promotion and performance assessment by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and shall be expected to undertake the Academic and Professional Responsibilities of Librarians as outlined in Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians.

26.32 A Joint Appointment of an existing Member may be reviewed, or a new Joint Appointment established, by the Dean concerned or the University Librarian, with the agreement of the Member.

Outside Appointments of Librarian Members

26.33 An Outside Appointment refers to a Librarian Appointment that does not report through to the University Librarian. Outside Appointments will be made on the following basis and in accordance with the search provisions of this Article.

26.33.1 The University Librarian, or designate, will be consulted before such a position is defined and will provide input to ensure the duties of the position are consistent with Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians. The University Librarian, or designate, may consult with other library staff as appropriate.

26.33.2 The Librarian Member shall normally hold a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment.

26.34 All the provisions of this Agreement applicable to Librarians shall apply equally to an Outside Appointment. Members holding an Outside Appointment shall only be appointed and reviewed in accordance with Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members.

26.35 The person to whom the Librarian reports will be expected to provide the same type of documentation as that required from the person to whom a Librarian within the Library directly reports.

26.36 A Librarian Member holding an Outside Appointment will be eligible for election or appointment to any committees governed by this Agreement, and will be eligible to attend all Librarians' meetings dealing with this Agreement or the Continuing Appointment and Promotion criteria Guidelines Document, and to vote on these documents.

Article 27 - Administrative Appointment of Librarian Members

- 27.1 Administrative Appointments of Librarian Members are made at one of three levels: Administrative Librarian I, Administrative Librarian II, and Administrative Librarian III.
- 27.1.1 The University Librarian determines the appropriate level for the Librarian Administrative Appointment based on the position description and a balance of factors relating to impact and responsibility of the position, including:
- a) Staff: a measure of the Managers who report to this position, direct staff-reports, and total number of staff who report through this position;
 - b) Financial Accountability: a measure of the scope of fiscal responsibility and accountability of the position;
 - c) Complexity and Scope: an overall assessment of the level of difficulty of the role and the skill requirement for the position. This may be reflected in such characteristics as: the diversity of responsibilities; requirement for specialized knowledge; accountability (across Library units, within the University, or with external partners or agencies); the degree of change experienced or anticipated; or legal accountability;
 - d) Overall Accountability and Authority: the degree to which the incumbent has influence on, and responsibility for, the Library as a whole, including authority regarding the role of the Library within the University and with outside agencies.
- 27.1.2 Any significant changes to the assigned responsibilities of the Administrative Appointment (e.g. number of staff reporting, scope of financial responsibilities) shall result in a re-evaluation of the position level by the University Librarian. The University Librarian will communicate his/her decision on the outcome of the re-evaluation to the incumbent, in writing, providing the reasons for the decision.
- 27.2 Librarian Members with Administrative Appointments shall hold either a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment in the Library.
- 27.3 Librarian Members with Administrative Appointments are responsible for the effective and efficient operation of their unit(s) or service/program and for ensuring that Library practices and processes are formulated, promulgated, and followed, and that University policies and procedures are followed.
- 27.4 Administrative Appointments may have supervisory responsibilities for other individual Librarian Members and/or non-academic employees. The Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment shall, through mentoring and facilitation, support each Member of his/her service/program in the fulfillment of the Member's assigned responsibilities.
- 27.5 The Librarian Member with an Administrative Appointment, through consultation with the members of his/her unit(s) or service/program, formulates operational and strategic planning recommendations, recommendations concerning policy on the matters of interest to his/her unit(s) or service/program; and such recommendations shall be directed to the University Librarian, or designate.
- 27.6 The other responsibilities of a Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment are those outlined in this Agreement, the position description and those in the Letter of Appointment, which shall be consistent with her/his status as a Member of the Bargaining Unit. This letter

shall include the determined administrative level of the position (including stipend). Copies of the Administrative Letter of Appointment and Position Description shall be provided to the Association.

Terms of a Librarian Administrative Appointment

- 27.7 The term of office of an Administrative Appointment of a Librarian Member shall normally be five (5) years. At the end of five (5) years, the term of office may be renewed once in accordance with this Article.
- 27.8 A Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment shall receive an annual stipend from the time of appointment as per Article 53: Compensation. At the conclusion of his/her Administrative Appointment, the Librarian Member shall no longer be eligible for the administrative stipend.
- 27.9 The DOE of a Librarian Member who is appointed to an administrative position may, after discussion with the University Librarian, or designate, be adjusted to reflect the Librarian Member's change in responsibilities.
- 27.10 In the event that a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment is going to be absent for a period of one (1) month or longer, the University Librarian will appoint an individual on an acting basis, who will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of his/her acting appointment on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 27.10.1 Only in extraordinary circumstances shall the term of an Acting Administrative Appointment exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed in an Acting Administrative Appointment without her/his consent.
- 27.11 Each unit shall normally have a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment. In the event that the position of Administrative Appointment becomes vacant due to illness, or an extended search process continues beyond the end of the Administrative Appointment's term of appointment, the University Librarian may appoint a Librarian Member to an Interim Administrative Appointment. Only in extraordinary circumstances shall the term of an Interim Administrative Appointment exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. In no case shall an Interim Administrative Appointment be renewed more than once. A Member shall not be appointed to an Administrative Appointment without her/his consent.
- 27.12 An Interim Administrative Appointment is not meant to replace the initiation of a search process. In the event that the position of a Librarian holding Administrative Appointment becomes vacant, a search committee will be struck as per Article 26.5 as soon as is practicable.

Search Committee

- 27.13 At the time of a search for an Administrative Appointment, the University Librarian, in consultation with the Provost, shall convene a Search Committee.
- 27.14 The Search Committee shall normally consist of:
- a) Three (3) elected Librarian Members in addition to the chair of the Committee, where possible one Librarian from within the unit/service area and one from without; at least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold a Continuing Appointment;
 - b) Two (2) non-Members, one of whom shall be a non-professional staff member from the unit/service area;

- c) Chair: The Associate University Librarian to whom the position reports, or, for Joint or Outside Appointments, the person to whom the position reports.

- 27.15 The Associate University Librarian, in consultation with the Search Committee, may recommend to the University Librarian and Provost that an internal search be conducted.
- 27.16 If conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in publications and websites determined to be appropriate by the University.

Assessment Procedures

- 27.17 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall compile a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed. The University Librarian and Provost shall decide which candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 27.18 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be confidential.
- 27.19 The University Librarian, or designate, shall seek input from members of the Library and facilitate input by members of the University community.
- 27.20 After interviewing the candidates, the University Librarian, on the advice of the Search Committee, shall provide to the Provost a ranked list of candidates determined to be appointable. While the University Librarian and the Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list. The University Librarian and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Renewal for a Second Five (5) Year Term

- 27.21 An incumbent Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment may indicate, in writing, to the University Librarian, an interest in being considered for renewal for a second term at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated end of his/her term.
- 27.22 The University Librarian, or designate, will seek input from members of the Library and facilitate input from the University community about the renewal consideration. The University Librarian, or designate, shall then decide whether to recommend the reappointment of the Member to the Administrative Appointment.
- 27.23 The University Librarian will make his/her recommendation to the Provost. If the Provost decides that the incumbent will not be renewed, a Search Committee will be struck.

Transition Leave

- 27.24 Upon completion of five (5) years or more in an Administrative Appointment, the Librarian Member is eligible for up to eight (8) months of Transition Leave. However, the administrative Librarian Member is entitled to request Transition Leave with salary for up to four (4) months during a term of Appointment. If a Leave of more than four (4) months is required during a term of Appointment, the incumbent will be expected to resign from his/her Administrative Appointment. A period of Transition Leave, at the end of the term of the Appointment, is not considered to be part of the term of the Appointment.
- 27.25 Transition Leave is intended to provide Administrative Librarian Members sufficient time to re-establish or enhance their Scholarship and/or Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship. So long as recognized scholarly or professional objectives are being sought, both study and Research/Scholarship activities, whether singly or in some combination, should be regarded as

eligible to satisfy the purposes of the Transition Leave.

27.26 Transition Leave will be leave with salary.

27.27 The period of Transition Leave shall be continuous and shall begin immediately upon completion of the term as an Administrative Librarian Member except by mutual agreement of the Librarian and the University Librarian.

27.28 A period of Transition Leave can be combined with a Study/Research Leave for Librarian Members in accordance with Article 29: Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians as long as the total period does not exceed twelve (12) months, except by mutual agreement of the Librarian Member and the University.

27.29 An Administrative Appointment of less than five (5) years or a part-time Administrative Appointment (including on an interim or acting appointment) will accrue entitlement to Transition Leave on a pro rata basis.

27.30 A written request for Transition Leave will be made to the University Librarian and will include:

- a) a statement of goals;
- b) an activity plan;
- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) where applicable, the results of the previous Leave; and
- e) in the case where the Transition Leave occurs during the term of Appointment, a plan of how duties and responsibilities will be carried out.

27.31 Normally, requests are submitted to the University Librarian at least nine (9) months prior to the intended starting date. A decision, in writing, to approve or deny the Leave will be communicated to the applicant at least six (6) months prior to the intended starting date.

Article 28 - Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members

- 28.1 This Article applies to the Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members who hold Continuing or Continuing Appointment-track appointments, and to Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Librarian Members.
- 28.2 Promotion and the conferring of a Continuing Appointment are very important steps in the relationship between the University and a Librarian Member and they should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The University will promote Librarian Members and grant Continuing Appointment to Librarian Members only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 28.3 The University Librarian will meet with each Librarian Member during the Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian.
- 28.4 The University Librarian will notify the Member, on an annual basis that both the University Librarian and the Associate University Librarians are available to mentor the Member. In addition, the University Librarian shall meet with each Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Member before the end of April to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for Continuing Appointment and Promotion.
- 28.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 28.4, signed by both the University Librarian and the Continuing Appointment-track Member, shall be placed in the Continuing Appointment-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the University Librarian and the Librarian Member are agreeing that it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 28.5 Librarian Members have the right to know explicitly what criteria are used for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, and Review purposes, as well as reasons for the decisions. The process must be transparent, fair, and equitable.
- 28.5.1 Approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the Library website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 28.6 Promotion to Associate Librarian and the granting of Continuing Appointment to a Librarian Member recognizes professional and academic competence and maturity, as exemplified by the Member's contribution to the academic functions of the University and by related activity within and outside of the University. The conferral of Continuing Appointment obliges the University to support the career of the Librarian Member and it obliges the Librarian Member to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 28.7 Promotion to Librarian recognizes long-term, established, and outstanding performance in Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service. It is granted in recognition of academic competence, maturity, and an established and widely acknowledged reputation for achievement and expertise in the Librarian Member's field.

- 28.8 Contractually Limited Librarian Members are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration of Continuing Appointment and therefore granting of Promotion for Contractually Limited Members does not confer Continuing Appointment.
- 28.9 Consideration for the conferring of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian will be given to the Librarian Member's life-time contribution in the areas defined in Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians.
- 28.10 Each candidate for Promotion and/or the granting of Continuing Appointment is expected to establish a record of performance in each of Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.
- 28.11 The DOE accorded to Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service by a Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee shall be subject to any arrangements described in the Letter of Appointment and any arrangements made under any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Probationary Period

- 28.12 The maximum duration of a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment from the date of the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, not counting periods of unpaid leave, exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave.
- 28.13 The maximum length of the Probationary Period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 28.14 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Librarian Members and articulated in a Guidelines Document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period under review. The criteria for Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review, including any amendments to the same, will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Librarian Members, and also by the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and the Provost.
- 28.15 All Members are to be informed in writing by the University Librarian of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Guidelines Document stipulating the criteria that will be used for Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review.
- 28.16 The University Librarian, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. The University Librarian will consult with the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee in the development of these templates.

Member Templates

28.16.1 Each Librarian Member shall have a review of her/his performance in the area of Professional Practice written by the person to whom the Librarian reports (e.g. her/his Manager). Such Report shall form part of the Member's Assessment File.

28.16.2 *Progress Template*

A template for the purpose of Continuing Appointment and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and applications for Continuing Appointment and Promotion) in which each Librarian Member will document his/her relevant life-time scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.

28.16.3 *Performance Assessment Template*

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Librarian Member will document his/her relevant scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.

Continuing Appointment Committee Templates

28.16.4 *Performance Assessment – Biennial Year*

A Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance. Such Report shall also include the performance rater for each individual area of effort and will also include the overall rater.

28.16.5 *Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year*

A CAP Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance. Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than "good."

28.16.6 *Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Members – Progress Feedback*

A CAP Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian.

28.16.7 *Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian – Application or Final Year Consideration*

A CAP Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's Application or final year consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian.

28.16.8 *Promotion to Librarian*

A CAP Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's application for the granting of Promotion to Librarian.

28.16.9 The Member Templates, which must conform with the Collective Agreement and approved CAP Guidelines, will define the document structure, solely giving recommended headings and sections, and must allow for the Member to include any information that the Member feels is relevant for consideration by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion committees. The template shall be protected from further changes once completed and submitted by the Member, except as specified in 28.16.9.1.

28.16.9.1 Members have the right to update their submission by August 31st with information that could not reasonably have been provided by the original submission deadline.

Where a Member believes the eCV system precludes him/her from completing his/her Member Template in accordance with approved CAP Guidelines and the Collective Agreement, he/she shall raise the issue with the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations. Should no resolution be reached, the Member shall have the option of appeal to the University Librarian. The University Librarian shall provide a written response, with reasons, within ten (10) days.

28.17 The CAP Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 28.16.4 and 28.16.5) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

28.18 *All CAP Committee Progress Reports (as per 28.16.6) and CAP Committee*

Continuing Appointment and Promotion Reports (as per 28.16.7) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

28.19 The CAP Committee Promotion Report (as per 28.16.8) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessment and References

- 28.20 Written opinions from external assessors of the Member's Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service activities are required to support a recommendation for promotion to Librarian. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative.
- 28.20.1 Letters of Reference, as identified by the Member or the chair of the CAP Committee, may be obtained to support a Librarian Member's achievements significant to the application and/or recommendation for Continuing Appointment. Such Letters are not required for an application for Continuing Appointment and, while providing useful information, are similarly not determinative. Letters of Reference shall be in writing, signed by the referee, and indicate clearly the nature of the relationship between the Member and the referee and the achievements or activities commented upon.
- 28.21 The Provost, in consultation with the University Librarian and through consultation with the CAP Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the granting of Promotion within the Library. The following principles will apply:
- a) For promotion to Librarian, external assessors will normally be persons with an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of this University;
 - b) The normal number of external assessments to be obtained for promotion to Librarian will be three (3);
 - c) The chair of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and the Member will agree which individuals are acceptable assessors and will forward this list to the University Librarian. If agreement cannot be reached, the CAP Committee will decide on the acceptable assessors;
 - d) The University Librarian will be responsible for communicating with external assessors as per c). The information sent to the external assessor will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the University Librarian;
 - e) All external assessments will be in writing; and
 - f) The following information will be made available (see also Art. 28.25.1 and 28.60.1) to the External Assessors:
 - 1) Applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
 - 2) The Librarian Member's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) A copy of the Librarian Member's DOE;
 - 4) Any other evidence of Professional Practice, Scholarship, or Service as determined by the Librarian Member.
 - g) It is the responsibility of the University Librarian to ensure that external assessment letters are provided to the Chair of the CAP Committee prior to the commencement of the CAP Committee deliberations process; and
 - h) It is the responsibility of the chair of the CAP Committee to ensure that external assessment letters are included in the Librarian Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (CAP)

28.22 The role of the CAP Committee shall be to:

- a) assess the Librarian Member's performance and complete a CAP Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee;
- b) assess the Librarian Member's progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and complete a CAP Progress Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee as part of the feedback to the Librarian Member;
- c) assess the Librarian Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and complete a CAP Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee as part of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion decision;
- d) assess the Librarian Member's application for Promotion to Librarian and complete a CAP Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the Library Committee as part of the promotion decision;
- e) consider external assessments for the granting of Promotion to the rank of Librarian.

28.23 The composition of the CAP Committee shall be:

- a) four (4) Librarian Members holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by all Librarian Members;
- b) the chair of the CAP Committee shall be elected by the members of the CAP Committee annually. The chair will be provided with a second vote to break a tie.

Election of Members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee

28.24 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- d) A Librarian serving on the Library CAP (LCAP) or Library Appeals Committees.

28.24.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period. The CAP Committee election shall be held during January and the Librarians will be informed of the results of the election prior to elections for the Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee.

28.24.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.

- 28.24.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the CAP Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.24.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually- limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.24.5 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair of the CAP Committee is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the current chair of CAP will have the deciding vote.
- 28.24.6 Each Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as a Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee.
- 28.24.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.24.1-28.24.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.25 With the exception of Article 28.41 and 28.42 it is the joint responsibility of the Librarian Member and his/her Manager to confirm his/her eCV by August 15th to be considered by the CAP and LCAP Committees.
- 28.25.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Continuing Appointment and/or Promotion, and/or Performance Assessment Processes, a Member, may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials as a PDF. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions which are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 28.26 The chair of CAP shall ensure the Librarian Member is informed in writing when information, which is relevant to the current Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review, is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Member will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten (10) days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.
- 28.27 The chair of the CAP Committee shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Librarian Member's DOE, and the submitted file and letters of external assessment (where applicable) are properly included in the Librarian Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.
- 28.28 The chair of the CAP Committee shall ensure members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (Library Committee)

28.29 The role of the Library Committee shall be to:

- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- b) assess the Librarian Member's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and Promotion to Librarian;
- c) consider the CAP Committee assessment and recommendation;
- d) ensure the CAP Committee assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and standards of performance established by the Library;
- e) consider external assessments for Promotion to Librarian and, if applicable, letters of reference for applications for Continuing Appointment;
- f) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and Promotion to Librarian to the President for decision;
- g) submit all recommendations to the Provost;
- h) issue a letter to the Librarian Member communicating the Library Committee's assessment and recommendation according to the provisions in 28.44.

28.30 The composition of the Library Committee shall be:

- a) the University Librarian, who will act as Chair of the Library Committee and who will vote a second time to break a tie;
- b) two (2) Librarian Members with Continuing Appointment, elected for a two (2) year term by all Librarian Members; and
- c) one Associate University Librarian.

Election of Members of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (LCAP)

28.31 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve on the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (LCAP) except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,

28.31.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

28.31.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the

Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.

- 28.31.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the LCAP Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.31.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.31.5 Voting will be by secret ballot, and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. Librarian Managers are also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the sitting Chair of CAP will have the deciding vote.
- 28.31.6 Each Librarian Member of the LCAP Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for re-election as the LCAP Committee.
- 28.31.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Librarian Member of the LCAP Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.31.1-28.31.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.32 The Chair of the CAP Committee will be responsible to ensure the transfer to the LCAP Committee considered by the Library Committee. The University Librarian may request that the Chair of the CAP Committee and/or a Manager appear before the Library Committee as a part of the deliberations process.
- 28.33 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the CAP Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report(s) and relevant recommendation from the CAP Committee. The Assessment/Progress Report(s) and recommendation from the CAP Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance in relation to the expectations set out in the approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations and Election to Committee

- 28.34 The Librarian Member's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File, and therefore accessible to the Librarian Member prior to the meeting of the CAP Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).
- 28.35 The decisions of the CAP and Library Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to consideration and decision on a particular case. A Member shall withdraw prior to consideration of his/her case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.

28.36 Where the chair of the CAP Committee wishes to be considered for promotion, the procedure shall be followed as for any other Librarian Member except that for the purpose of consideration of the Promotion, the CAP Committee will choose one of its own members to act as chair of the Committee while the matter is dealt with.

Review of Progress Towards Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian

28.37 Each year, all continuing appointment-track Librarian Members will submit a completed Progress Template to the Chair of the CAP Committee according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards continuing appointment and promotion towards Associate Librarian of all Continuing Appointment-track Librarians will be considered by the CAP Committee and the Library Committee; feedback in the form of a written Progress Report will be provided by the University Librarian to the Member and copied to his/her Manager.

Granting of Continuing Appointment

28.38 The Manager shall, prior to the submission of the assessment file to the Chair of the CAP Committee, meet with each continuing appointment-track Librarian Member to review his/her file and performance review. The University Librarian shall, upon written request by the Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Member to review his/her assessment file.

28.39 Failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 28.16.2 and 28.25.1) to the Chair of the CAP Committee by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the University Librarian and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.

28.39.1 In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 28.16.2 and 28.25.1) to the chair of the CAP committee by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the University Librarian and Provost will result in the termination of the Librarian Member's Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

28.40 In the final review for Continuing Appointment-track Members, consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian will occur and the decision will be either to grant Continuing Appointment and confer Promotion to Associate Librarian or to not grant Continuing Appointment and terminate the Librarian Member's Appointment.

28.41 Further to Article 28.37, the Librarian Member may apply for the early granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Librarian in either the third, fourth or fifth year of appointment. Such application shall be made, in writing, by the Member to the University Librarian through the chair of the CAP Committee May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21 (f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion to Librarian

28.42 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Librarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Librarian Member to the University Librarian through the chair of CAP by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21(f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion for Contractually Limited Librarians

28.42.1 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian or Librarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Librarian Member to the University Librarian through his/her Manager by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21(f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

28.43 The CAP Committee will assess each Librarian Member's performance and make a recommendation to the Chair of the Library Committee on the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and the conferring of Promotion to Librarian. The CAP Committee will complete the appropriate Report (as per Article 28.16) for each Librarian Member who has been considered. The appropriate Report and relevant recommendation will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the Chair of the Library Committee.

28.44 Within fifteen (15) days following completion of performance assessment, Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review considerations at the Library Committee, the University Librarian will provide to each Librarian Member being considered a letter (signed by all members of the Library Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Continuing Appointment-track Members: an assessment of progress toward Continuing Appointment and Promotion in each of the three areas of responsibility;
- b) for all Members who were considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian or Promotion to Librarian: the recommendation of the Library Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

28.45 For Librarian Members considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, the letter will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Continuing Appointment be granted and Promotion to Associate Librarian be conferred;
- b) that the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Continuing Appointment not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment, the Committee is limited to the decisions

outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 28.48, and to contact the Association.

- 28.46 The Library Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to those recommendations.
- 28.47 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant continuing appointment immediately or to deny continuing appointment, and will communicate his/her decision to the Librarian Member immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of continuing appointment, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

- 28.48 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the University Librarian, the Librarian Member may appeal a negative recommendation of the Library Committee to the Chair of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 28.49 The appellant Librarian Member may request to see his/her Official File, Assessment File, and the signed Report(s) (as per Article 28.16) from the CAP Committee(s). Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the University Librarian without attribution and with any personally identifying information removed.

Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Appeals Committee (Library Appeals Committee)

- 28.50 The Library Appeals Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost, who will act as committee Chair. The Library Appeals Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and will make its recommendation to the President.
- 28.51 The membership of the Library Appeals Committee shall be:
- a) The Provost, who will act as Chair of the committee;
 - b) Two (2) Librarian Members holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by Librarian Members.
- 28.52 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve on the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (Library Appeals) except:
- a) Those who are already members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee,
 - b) Those who are already members of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion (LCAP) Committee,
 - c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years.
- 28.52.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

- 28.52.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.
- 28.52.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the Library Appeals Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.52.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.52.5 Voting will be by secret ballot, and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 28.52.6 Each Member of the Library Appeals Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for re-election as a Member of the Library Appeals Committee.
- 28.52.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that a Librarian Member of the Library Appeals Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.52.1-28.52.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.53 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the Library Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation from the Library Committee.
- 28.54 The Librarian Member may choose to appear before the Library Appeals Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials, which may be new, in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Continuing Appointment, and to terminate the appointment as per Article 28.45 (c). The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 28.55 The Library Appeals Committee may request the Librarian Member, his/her Manager, the Chair of the CAP Committee, the University Librarian, or any other member of the CAP or Library Committees to appear before it.
- 28.56 The Provost may, where he/she considers it appropriate, extend the Librarian Member's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the CAP Committee and Library Committee.

Decision of the President

28.57 Following the hearing of all appeals, the Library Appeals Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Librarian Member in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Review

28.58 All Librarian Members will be considered biennially by the CAP Committee and Library Committee for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.

28.59 The biennial performance review of Librarian Members with continuing appointment-track or continuing appointment and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Librarian Members provide to each Member a rating of either "Unsatisfactory", "Improvement Required/Developmental", "Good", "Very Good", or "Outstanding" in each area of effort: Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Librarian Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member's DOE during the review period.

28.60 Each Librarian Member must submit his/her completed and confirmed eCV Performance Assessment Template (as per 28.16.3) to the Chair of the CAP Committee by August 15th. The Chair of the CAP Committee will provide a written reminder to each Librarian of the deadlines for submission of documentation.

28.60.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Continuing Appointment and/or Promotion, and/or Performance Assessment Processes, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials as a PDF. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions which are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.

28.61 Failure to confirm the eCV Performance Assessment Template (as per 21.16.3) by August 15th, without prior approval from the University Librarian and Provost, will result in an "Unsatisfactory" performance assessment.

28.62 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 28.58, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:

- a) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a Librarian holding a continuing appointment-track or continuing appointment that is less than "Good", that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) and Library Continuing Appointment (LCAP) Committees for the purpose of providing feedback on performance (i.e., no performance raters will be determined).
- b) The performance of all Contractually Limited Librarian Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (as per Article 28.59 above).

- 28.63 The CAP Committee will assess each Librarian Member's performance and will complete a Performance Assessment Report for each Member who has been considered. Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The CAP Committee will not rank order Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Assessment Report will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report will be sent to the Chair of the LCAP Committee.
- 28.64 Following consideration by the Library Committee, the University Librarian will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the Library Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Librarian Member's performance to the Member and also copy it to his/her Manager. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the assessment and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

- 28.65 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the University Librarian, the Librarian Member who has received an overall performance rating of less than "Good" may appeal to the Chair of the Library Appeals Committee.
- 28.65.1 A Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Member may appeal to the Chair of the Librarian Appeals Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.
- 28.66 The appellant Librarian Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File which includes the signed Performance Assessment Report from the CAP Committee.
- 28.67 The Library Appeals Committee may request the Librarian Member, the Manager, the University Librarian and any other member of the CAP or Library Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.
- 28.68 The Librarian Member who has received a performance assessment of less than "Good" may choose to appear before the Library Appeals Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.
- 28.69 The Librarian Member is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the Library Appeals Committee by a representative of the Association.
- 28.70 The Chair of the Library Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Librarian Member within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting when the Member's appeal was heard.

Grievance

- 28.71 Any grievance of this decision shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 29 - Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians

Study/Research Leave

- 29.1 Study/Research Leave is regarded as an essential means of enabling Librarian Members to maintain and enhance their quality as scholars and professionals. Such leave enables the University to maintain and enhance excellence through the individual Member's subsequent contributions to its learning, teaching, and research/scholarship programs. To satisfy the purpose of this Leave, it is necessary that scholarly or professional objectives are being sought and that both research and study activities, whether singly or in combination, are consistent with these objectives.
- a) Full-time Librarian Members are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of continuous service (or its equivalent) since Appointment at the University of Guelph. Only Members holding a Continuing Appointment may go on a Study/Research Leave.
 - b) A Librarian Member with a Continuing Appointment holding a Reduced Workload Appointment or Part-time Appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 54, is eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave, to commence after six (6) years of active employment with the University. The procedures and conditions that apply are those outlined throughout the remainder of this Article, adjusted to accommodate the Reduced Workload/Part-time Appointment.
 - c) Prior eligible service for leave with salary as a Librarian at another university or acceptable institution may be counted in determining eligibility to apply for Study/Research Leave. Credit will be calculated on the basis of one (1) year for every two (2) years of full-time academic service at another institution, to a maximum of three (3) years. This equivalent amount of leave to be credited will be specified by the University Librarian in the Letter of Appointment per Article 26: Librarian Appointments.
- 29.2 Following return from each Study/Research Leave, Librarians with Continuing Appointment are entitled to apply for four (4) months Study/Research Leave after three (3) years of active employment, or for eight (8) months after six (6) years of active employment.
- 29.3 Librarian Members who have held an Academic Administrative Appointment since a previous Study/Research Leave are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave when the sum of years of active employment both prior and subsequent to the term of Administrative Appointment (and excluding any period of Transition Leave after the term of Appointment) is equal to six (6) years.
- 29.3.1 A Librarian Member who has served in an Academic Administrative Appointment may claim one semester of credit for each year of service towards Study/Research Leave.
- 29.3.2 A minimum of one (1) year must have elapsed between a Transition Leave and a Study/Research Leave, unless otherwise approved by the University Librarian and the Provost.

Application for Study/Research Leave

- 29.4 Application for Study/Research Leave must be submitted in writing by the Librarian Member to the CAP Committee, after consultation with the person to whom he/she reports. Such application will be submitted at least one year prior to the intended start date of the Study/Research Leave.

- 29.5 The written application for leave will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity;
 - c) an indication of when and where the leave is expected to be taken;
 - d) an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.

Study/Research Leave Decision Procedures

- 29.6 The CAP Committee will consider all written applications for Study/Research Leave as soon as practicable following their receipt.
- 29.7 The CAP Committee will assess applications on the basis of their merit and their consonance with the stated goals of the Study/Research Leave. A Librarian Member's record of using previous Study/Research Leave for scholarly purposes and the report from the previous Leave (where applicable) will be a component in the assessment of the application.
- 29.8 The CAP Committee, through the chair, will make its recommendations to the University Librarian within twenty (20) days of receipt of the application.
- 29.9 The University Librarian will inform the Librarian Member and the person to whom he/she reports, in writing, of his/her decision to approve or deny the leave within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the CAP recommendation. Reasons for denial, or for the need to delay the commencement of such a leave, if applicable, will also be given in the University Librarian's letter.
- 29.10 Under exceptional conditions determined by Library needs and priorities, and with the approval of the University Librarian, an approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years. The date to be used in establishing eligibility for a subsequent period of Study/Research Leave will be the date of return from Leave had the Leave not been delayed.
- 29.11 Under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the University Librarian, the start date of a Librarian's approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed for up to two (2) years. Any entitlement towards the next Leave accrued during such a delay is not jeopardized.
- 29.12 A Librarian Member whose application for Study/Research Leave has not received approval from the University Librarian may appeal to the Provost. Appeals are restricted to consideration of the academic or professional merits of the case, and may not relate to a requirement to delay the Leave. An appeal cannot introduce new material that has not been seen by the CAP Committee and University Librarian.

Duration of Study/Research Leave

- 29.13 Librarian Members who qualify under this Article may apply for a period of leave of four (4) or eight (8) months duration. A Study/Research Leave will include the annual vacation entitlement appropriate to the length of the Leave.
- 29.14 Upon completion of a period of Study/Research Leave, the Librarian Member will assume his/her regular academic and professional responsibilities.

Conditions of Study/Research Leave

- 29.15 The scheduling of a Study/Research Leave is to be granted independently of any other Leave entitlement. Where University Service commitments will be affected by the granting of Study/Research Leave, the manager and University Librarian, in consultation with the Librarian Member, will be responsible for making any necessary administrative arrangements to enable the Leave.
- 29.16 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave period, the Librarian Member will provide a written report describing what has been accomplished, in relation to the plan submitted. The report will be provided to the person to whom the Member reports and be made available to the CAP Committee and University Librarian.
- 29.17 It is expected that the Librarian Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one year following a period of Study/Research Leave.

Development Leave

- 29.18 Any Librarian Member (with or without a Continuing Appointment) who expects to be taking on significantly different duties may apply for a Development Leave of one (1) to four (4) months for the purpose of acquiring knowledge and/or skills to enable him/her to perform the new duties better. Where appropriate, the Development Leave may extend an approved Study/Research Leave to a maximum of twelve (12) months.
- 29.19 An application for Leave must be made to the University Librarian, in writing, six (6) months prior to the expected start date of the Leave, and the Leave must be taken within six (6) months of commencing new duties.
- 29.20 The University Librarian shall write to the Librarian Member within twenty (20) days of application with his/her decision. The application will be assessed on its merits and consonance with the stated goals of the Leave. The decision of the University Librarian may be appealed to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Member and the University Librarian of his/her decision in writing, with reasons.

Article 30 - Responsibilities of Veterinarians

- 30.1 For the purposes of Articles 30 to 37 inclusive, Director shall mean, “Director, Animal Health Laboratory and Co-Executive Director, Laboratory Services Division” or “Associate Dean, Administration and Chief Operating Officer of the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre” and “Dean (OAC) for Veterinarians at the Regional Campuses.”
- 30.1.1 For the purposes of Articles 30 to 37 inclusive, Dean shall mean “Dean OVC” for issues relating to Veterinarians in the OVC or OVC-HSC, or “Dean OAC” for issues relating to Veterinarians at the Regional Campuses.
- 30.2 Veterinarian Members have the right to know explicitly the guidelines and criteria used for review purposes.
- 30.3 Veterinarian Members provide a range of clinical and professional services to the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), the University and external clients. Veterinarians’ responsibilities shall include some combination of:
- a) Professional Practice, including some or all of: clinical teaching, clinical diagnostic and consultative practice, supervision of staff, and support for research programs of the University; and
 - b) Professional Development; and may include
 - c) Research/Scholarship; and/or
 - d) Service to the University, profession, and community.
- 30.4 The exact distribution of responsibilities may vary from time to time and from individual to individual. Each Veterinarian Member shall have a written Position Description that outlines his/her responsibilities. It is understood that, for all Veterinarian Members, the principal duties shall be those noted in 30.3 (a) above.

Professional Practice

- 30.5 Responsibilities performed under Professional Practice by the Veterinarian Member will vary, depending on the responsibilities defined by his/her Position Description. Assignment of responsibilities shall be made with due regard to a Member’s Position Description, and shall be fair and equitable within each veterinary service. Changes to the composition of responsibilities shall be determined by the Director after discussion with the Member.
- 30.5.1 Veterinarian Members in the OVC-HSC shall be notified in writing of the number of weeks assigned, by the Director or designate, to clinical service, and any on-call provisions (where applicable).
- 30.6 The University and Veterinarian Member are jointly responsible for ensuring that the clinical and laboratory services provided are timely and of the highest quality, to maximize the confidence and ongoing financial support from existing and future clients, including referring veterinarians.
- 30.7 Clinical Teaching responsibilities, when performed by a Veterinarian Member, may include participation in clinical rotations, laboratories, continuing education, and undergraduate and post-graduate instruction, as determined by the Member’s Position Description.

Professional Development and Research/Scholarship

30.8 Veterinarian Members are expected to develop and maintain their professional competence and effectiveness. This may be achieved through such activities as individual study; attendance/participation at conferences and workshops; taking specialized courses or programs; and scholarly contributions to a discipline, such as publication, reviewing papers for scholarly journals, serving on an editorial board of a journal, giving workshops/presentations at conferences, or participation in scholarly and/or professional organizations.

Service: University, Professional and Community Service

30.9 Veterinarian Members may participate in University governance through election or appointment to committees and councils. No Member may be appointed to a University Committee without his/her consent except where such Service commitment is outlined within the Member's Position Description.

30.10 Veterinarian Members are encouraged to participate in the work of professional and learned organizations and relevant community service, including, but not limited to, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and the College of Veterinarians of Ontario. A Member's Service shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service responsibilities and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University.

30.10.1 When membership in the College of Veterinarians of Ontario is required for a Veterinarian Member to perform his/her duties, this licensing fee shall be paid for by the University.

30.11 When a Veterinarian Member's Service to such societies, associations, agencies or organizations conflicts with scheduled responsibilities or administrative duties, the Member shall make appropriate arrangements in discussion with his/her Director to ensure her/his scheduled responsibilities are fulfilled.

Article 31 - Workload and Hours of Work for Veterinarians

Workload

- 31.1 A Veterinarian Member's normal workload involves, in varying proportions, an appropriate balance of duties as set out in Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.
- 31.2 The workload of Veterinarian Members shall be established with due regard for assigned duties and responsibilities. Members' duties and responsibilities will be determined by the Director in discussion with the Member and, where necessary, with other Departments and Units with which they directly interact on a regular basis.
- 31.3 Veterinarian Members may accept additional duties provided that these would not prevent them from fulfilling their regularly assigned clinical and/or diagnostic duties and provided that such activities are in keeping with the provisions of Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment.

Scheduling

- 31.4 The Veterinarian Member's hours of work will be scheduled by the Director in consultation with the Member.
- 31.4.1 The University will consult with a Member prior to making significant changes to his/her work schedule. The University shall implement such changes fairly and equitably. Consultation will occur at least thirty (30) days in advance of any change, except in case of emergency. Changes made under emergency circumstances shall be deemed to be temporary in nature and shall remain in effect only until such time as the University has met its obligations to consult with the Member.
- 31.4.2 It is agreed and understood that Members shall be allowed time during normal working hours for professional development, provided that the timing of such activity can be accommodated within the obligations of the Unit and does not unduly affect the performance of assigned duties.
- 31.5 If, because of extenuating circumstances (e.g. outbreaks, epidemics, etc.), and with the prior approval of the Director involved, a Veterinarian Member must work significantly more hours per week than normal, for a sustained period of time, the Director shall, within a reasonable period, ensure that the Member is granted equal time off, or, at the Director's option, pay the Member for the extra time worked.

Emergency Clinical Services Workload

- 31.6 Veterinarian Members who provide emergency services shall be required to provide no more than their proportionate share of such service as determined by the Director. Such proportionate shares shall be determined by and reflect the staffing levels and relative responsibilities of the members of each clinical service.

Position Description

- 31.7 All Veterinarian Members shall have a written Position Description.

- 31.8 For all Veterinarian Members employed at the time of signing of this Agreement, the Position Description shall correspond to the present assigned duties.
- 31.9 All new Veterinarian Members shall be provided with a Position Description as part of their Letter of Appointment. This Position Description shall detail their responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

Amendments to Position Descriptions

- 31.10 A Veterinarian Member may request a change to his/her Position Description. The Member shall forward his/her proposal for amendment to the Director, in writing.
- 31.11 The Director will decide whether to accept the proposal for amendment to the Veterinarian Member's Position Description. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the proposal, the Director will notify the Member in writing of the decision, and, in the event of a negative decision, provide reasons.
- 31.12 Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the Director, a Member may appeal the decision to his/her respective Dean, or for AHL Member(s) to the Vice-President (Research). The respective Dean or Vice-President (Research) shall notify the Member and Director of his/her decision, in writing, providing reasons for the decision.

Article 32 - Appointments of Veterinarians

Types of Appointment

32.1 There are three types of Appointments for Veterinarian Members:

- a) Contractually Limited Appointment;
- b) Continuing Appointment-track Appointment; and
- c) Continuing Appointment.

32.2 Contractually Limited Appointments

- a) are Appointments established for a specific period of time that shall not exceed an uninterrupted period of five (5) years;
- b) may be extended or renewed, but the total length of the uninterrupted appointment may not exceed five (5) years;
- c) do not imply that the appointee is on probation for a Continuing Appointment, nor is there any implied expectation of continued employment beyond the period specified.

32.2.1 Once a Veterinarian Member has served an uninterrupted period of five (5) years in the same or a substantially similar term position, the Member's Appointment shall be terminated or the position converted to Continuing Appointment-track Appointment. In the case where the decision is to convert the position to Continuing Appointment-track, the Dean or VPR, on the recommendation of the Director, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, without a search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final.

Continuing Appointments

- 32.3
- a) Continuing Appointment shall mean an appointment of a Veterinarian Member without term.
 - b) Veterinarian Members given a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment will assume a Continuing Appointment following successful completion of a probationary review as per Article 33.
 - c) Upon successful completion of the probationary period, a Veterinarian Member holding a Continuing Appointment cannot be dismissed except for just cause, or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Search Process

32.4 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted. The University will consult with Members about the qualifications of, areas of competence required for, and responsibilities of, the position. The University will determine the qualifications of and the specific duties required to fill a vacancy.

32.5 The information to be provided in the advertisement shall include, but is not limited to:

- a) the type of appointment;
- b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;

- c) any applicable equity provisions; and
- d) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.

- 32.6 In conducting a search, the University shall advertise the position in publications determined as appropriate by the University.
- 32.7 If the Search Committee believes that an internal candidate is suitable, the chair of the Search Committee may recommend to the Dean or Vice-President (Research) that the candidate be appointed without an external search.
- 32.8 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.

Search Committee

- 32.9 Candidates shall be evaluated through a Search Committee. Composition of the Search Committee will be determined by the Director but shall include at least two (2) veterinarian and/or Veterinarian Members.
- 32.10 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and appointability by the Members Continuing Appointment Committee.
- 32.11 To ensure the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative members from the designated groups.
- 32.12 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training prior to the commencement of the interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 32.13 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.

Assessment Procedures

- 32.14 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the Director with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 32.15 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be in confidence and consistent with employment equity principles.
- 32.16 Where the Director determines it to be appropriate, the interview process shall allow for input by members of the Unit.
- 32.17 After interviewing the short-listed candidates and, if appropriate, seeking input from members of the Unit, the Search Committee shall make its recommendations to the Director. While the Director is not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, an appointment must be made from this list. The Director has the option of continuing the search.
- 32.18 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the Members Continuing Appointment Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Dean/AVPR as to rank

and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.

32.19 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.

32.19.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration for conversation of appointment to Continuing Appointment-track without a search (per 32.4).

Letters of Appointment

32.20 All Letters of Appointment shall be issued by the Director, and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
- b) salary;
- c) type of appointment as defined in Article 32.1;
- d) Unit in which the appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- e) Position Description;
- f) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, provided that these are consistent with this Agreement.

32.21 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

32.22 For Contractually Limited Appointments, the University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Veterinarians that are twelve (12) months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Article 33 - Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Veterinarians

- 33.1 This Article applies to Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review decisions of Veterinarians who hold Continuing or Continuing Appointment-track appointments, and to Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Veterinarians.
- 33.2 Promotion and the conferring of a Continuing Appointment is a very important step in the relationship between the University and a Veterinarian and should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The University will grant Continuing Appointment to Veterinarians only in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- 33.3 The Director will meet with each Member, within the Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria with respect to the granting of Continuing Appointment.
- 33.4 The Dean/Associate VPR will notify the Member, on an annual basis, that both he/she and the Director are available for Mentoring. In addition, the Dean/AVPR shall meet prior to the end of April with each Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Member to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for continuing appointment and promotion.
- 33.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 33.4, signed by both the Dean/AVPR and the Continuing Appointment-track Member, shall be placed in the Continuing Appointment-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the Dean/AVPR and the Veterinarian Member are agreeing it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 33.5 Veterinarians have the right to know explicitly the criteria that are used for Continuing Appointment and Review purposes, as well as reasons for the decisions. The process must be transparent, fair and equitable.
- 33.5.1 Approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the department/school website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 33.6 The granting of Continuing Appointment and promotion to Associate Veterinarian recognizes professional and academic maturity, as exemplified by his/her contribution to the clinical and professional services to the OVC and the University, and by related activities within and outside the University as defined in Article 30.3. The conferral of Continuing Appointment obliges the University to support the career of the Veterinarian and it obliges the Veterinarian to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 33.6.1 Veterinarians shall hold, either Board certification in a relevant specialty or an advanced degree in a relevant discipline (in addition to a DVM) in order to meet the requirements for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian.
- 33.6.2 The provisions of Article 33 shall not apply to those Veterinarians hired on or before August 5, 2011 or where Board Certification is not a requirement of the position.
- 33.7 The specific requirement of a position to hold Board certification or an additional advanced degree shall be determined by the University at the time of advertisement for the position. Such requirement shall be included in both the job posting and noted in the successful incumbent's

letter of appointment. Where such a requirement exists, a continuing appointment-track appointment of an Assistant Veterinarian without completion of his/her Board certification or additional advanced degree will be for a maximum of two (2) years, at which point the Appointment will be terminated unless all of the requirements for the Board certification or additional advanced degree have been completed however, the University shall provide support to the Member so that he/she may be able to meet the requirement of the position In exceptional circumstances, the Provost may extend this period.

33.7.1 To facilitate the completion of the Board specialty or advanced degree for those Members hired without the requisite credential, the University shall provide up to two (2) months paid leave free from regularly assigned duties to the Member for the purposes of preparation, study and testing. Such leave may be taken in contiguous blocks, regularly scheduled days or hours within a work day as agreed to by the Member and his/her Director over the course of the continuing appointment-track appointment. Consideration will be given by the Director and not unreasonably withheld with respect to the expressed preference of the Member regarding timing of the leave.

33.7.2 No Veterinarian will be required to obtain more than one Board specialty or additional degree as a condition of his/her employment.

33.8 Promotion to Veterinarian recognizes long-term, established and outstanding contributions to the University and the profession. A Veterinarian must be Board Certified in a relevant specialty or, where no applicable designation exists, have attained the highest terminal degree relevant to her/his position. It is granted in recognition of professional competence and maturity and normally an established national record of service to the profession.

33.9 Contractually Limited Veterinarians are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration of granting of Continuing Appointment.

33.10 Consideration for the conferring of Continuing Appointment will be based on the Veterinarian's lifetime contribution in the areas as defined in Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.

33.10.1 Each candidate for Promotion and the granting of Continuing Appointment is expected to establish a record of performance in each area of responsibility as outlined in his/her position description and consistent with the provisions of Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.

Probationary Period

33.11 The maximum duration of a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment (with five full reviews), exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave, and not counting periods of unpaid leave, from the date of the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

33.12 The maximum length of the Probationary Period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 33.13 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Continuing Appointment or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Veterinarians and is articulated in the Guidelines Document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period being reviewed. The criteria for Review, Promotion and Continuing Appointment, including any amendments to the same will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Veterinarians, and also by the University Continuing Appointment Committee and the Provost.
- 33.14 All Members are to be informed in writing by the Director/AVPR of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Guidelines Document stipulating the criteria and established and promulgated benchmarks for Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review.
- 33.15 Each Veterinarian shall have a review of her/his performance in the area of Professional Practice written by the person to whom the Veterinarian reports (her/his Director). Such Report shall form part of the Member's Assessment File. The Veterinarian Member shall be provided an opportunity to respond verbally and in writing.
- 33.16 The Dean/AVPR, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. The Dean/AVPR will consult with the Members Continuing Appointment Committee in the development of these templates:

Member Templates

33.16.1 Progress Template

A template for the purpose of Continuing Appointment and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, and applications for Continuing Appointment and Promotion) in which each Veterinarian Member will document his/her relevant life-time professional, scholarly and service contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, and in those cases where it is applicable a research and/or teaching/clinical dossier.

33.16.2 Performance Assessment Template

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Veterinarian Member will document his/her relevant professional, scholarly and service contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, and in those cases where it is applicable research and/or teaching/clinical dossier.

Continuing Appointment Committee Templates

33.16.3 Performance Assessment –Biennial Year

A MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee's report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member's performance. The written review shall focus on the effectiveness of the Member at meeting University established criteria (that have been

promulgated) and the general competence with which the duties and responsibilities of the position are carried out. The review will include the overall rater.

33.16.4 *Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year:*

Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than “good.” A MCA Committee Performance Progress Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s performance.

33.16.5 *Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Members – Progress Feedback*

A MCA Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Veterinarian.

33.16.6 *Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian – Application or Final Year Consideration*

A MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s Application or final year consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian.

33.16.7 *Promotion to Veterinarian – Application*

A MCA Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s application for the granting of Promotion to Veterinarian.

33.17 The MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 33.16.3 and 33.16.4) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

33.18 All MCA Committee Progress Reports (as per 33.16.5) and MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Reports (as per 33.16.6) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

33.19 The MCA Committee Promotion Report (as per 33.16.7) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessors

33.20 Written opinions of the Member's activities, as outlined in his/her Position Description and consistent with Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians, by experts in the Member's field are required to support a recommendation for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and for Promotion to Veterinarian. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative. The Provost, in consultation with the Dean/AVPR, and through consultation with the University Continuing Appointment Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the conferring of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and the granting of Promotion to Veterinarian.

However, the following principles will apply:

- a) normally, External Assessors will be persons who have an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of the candidate's Department/Unit;
- b) the normal number of external assessments to be obtained will be three (3), at least one (1) of whom must be external to this University;
- c) the Chair of the Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA) and the Member will agree as to which individuals are acceptable Assessors and will forward this list to the Dean/AVPR. If agreement cannot be reached, the Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA) will decide on the acceptable Assessors;
- d) for consideration of Members in the OVC-HSC, the Dean will be responsible for communicating with assessors as per c) above and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR will be responsible for communicating with assessors as per c) above. The information sent to the Assessor will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the Dean/AVPR;
- e) all assessments will be in writing;
- f) the following information will be made available to the External Assessors:
 - 1) applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
 - 2) the Veterinarian's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) a copy of the Member's Position Description;
 - 4) the Member's teaching/clinical dossier (where applicable), compiled by the Member; and
 - 5) any other evidence of Professional Practice, Development, Scholarship or Service as determined by the Member.

Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA)

33.21 The role of the MCA Committee shall be to:

- a) consider the report from the Director;
- b) assess the Veterinarian Member's performance and complete a MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee;
- c) assess the Veterinarian Member's progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and complete a MCA Progress Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee as part of the feedback to the Veterinarian Member;

- d) assess the Veterinarian Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and complete a MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee as part of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion decision;
- e) assess the Veterinarian Member's application for Promotion to Veterinarian and complete a MCA Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the UCA Committee as part of the promotion decision;
- f) consider external assessments for the granting of Promotion to the rank of Veterinarian.

33.22 The composition of the MCA Committee shall be:

- a) four (4) Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment, two from the OVC-HSC and two from the AHL, elected for a two (2) year term by all University Veterinarians in the respective units;
- b) the chair of the MCA Committee shall be elected by the members of the MCA Committee annually. The chair will be provided with a second vote to break a tie.

33.23 Subject to Articles 33.43 and 33.44, it is the responsibility of the Veterinarian to submit the completed file to the chair of the MCA Committee, or designate, by August 15th.

33.23.1 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure the Veterinarian Member is informed in writing when information, which is relevant to the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion, is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Veterinarian will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten 10 days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.

33.24 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Veterinarian's assigned responsibilities and data regarding criteria, the Director's Report, letters of external assessment (where applicable), and the submitted file are properly included in the Veterinarian's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

33.25 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

University Continuing Appointment Committee (UCA Committee)

33.26 The role of the UCA Committee shall be to:

- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- b) assess the Veterinarian's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- c) consider the MCA Committee assessment and recommendation and the report from the Director;
- d) ensure the MCA Committee assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and established standards of performance;
- e) consider external assessments for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and Promotion to Veterinarian;

- f) submit all recommendations to the Provost;
- g) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion and Promotion to Veterinarian to the President for decision;
- h) issue a letter to the Veterinarian communicating the UCA Committee's assessment.

33.27 The composition of the University Continuing Appointment Committee shall be:

- a) the Dean (OVC) and the Associate Vice-President (Research), who will act as co-chairs of the UCA Committee. The Dean (OVC) will vote and have a second vote to break a tie only for cases of Veterinarians from OVC-HSC, and the Associate Vice-President (Research) will vote and have a second vote to break a tie only for cases of Veterinarians from AHL;
- b) one (1) Veterinarian with Continuing Appointment from OVC-HSC, elected for a two (2) year term by all Veterinarians; and
- c) one (1) Veterinarian with Continuing Appointment from AHL, elected for a two (2) year term by all Veterinarians.

33.28 The chairs of the UCA Committee will be responsible to ensure the transfer of the Assessment File considered by the MCA Committee to the UCA Committee. The Chairs of the UCA may request that the chair of the MCA Committee and/or the Director appear before the UCA Committee as a part of the deliberations process.

33.29 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the MCA Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and relevant recommendation from the MCA Committee plus the report of the Director. The Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation from the MCA Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member's performance in relation to the expectations set out in the approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations and Election to Committee

33.30 The Veterinarian's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File, and therefore accessible to the Veterinarian Member prior to the meeting of the MCA Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).

33.31 The decisions of the MCA and UCA Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to consideration and decision on a particular case. A Member shall withdraw prior to consideration of his/her case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.

33.32 All Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment are eligible for election to the MCA Committee, the UCA Committee, and the University Veterinarians Appeals Committee (UVAC) with the exception of any Member currently elected to either the MCA Committee, UCA Committee, or, the UV Appeals Committee;

33.33 All elections for the MCA Committee, UCA Committee and the UV Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the Dean and AVPR office. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Veterinarian Member and

the Dean (if the elected Member is from the AHL) or the AVPR (if the elected Member is from the OVC-HSC), or designate. One Veterinarian is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Veterinarian Members.

- 33.34 The Nominating Committee requests nominations from Veterinarians at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of an election. The MCA Committee election shall be held during January and the Veterinarians will be informed of the results of the election prior to elections for the UCA Committee and the UV Appeals Committee. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.
- 33.35 Voting will be by secret ballot, submitted in double envelopes, the outer signed by the voter, to the Nominating Committee by the deadline specified by said Committee. The Nominating Committee will inform the University Veterinarians and the Association of the results.
- 33.36 Voting will be consistent with the following:
- a) Member's Continuing Appointment Committee: The chair who is elected in accordance with this Article, shall have voting privileges and shall cast an additional vote in the case of a tie vote at the Committee.
 - b) University Continuing Appointment Committee: There will be one vote at the level of the chair. That is, for consideration of Members in the OVC-HSC, the Dean will have the vote and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR will have the vote. If the Dean or AVPR must recuse him/herself, he/she shall name a designate (e.g. Associate Dean OVC or alternate AVPR, respectively, exclusive of the Director to whom the candidate directly reports). In the case of a tie vote at the Committee, for consideration of Veterinarians in the OVC-HSC, the Dean shall cast a second, deciding vote and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR shall cast a second, deciding vote.
- 33.37 The length of term following an election of a Member to the MCA Committee, the UCA Committee, or the UV Appeals Committee shall be for a period of two (2) years.
- 33.38 If an elected Member is unable to serve, then the Member will be replaced by the unelected Veterinarian with the largest number of votes. Should there have been no unelected candidates in the annual election; a special election will be held to fill the vacant position.

Continuing Appointment and Promotion for Veterinarians

- 33.39 Each year, all continuing appointment-track and multi-year Contractually Limited Veterinarians will submit a completed Progress Template to the chair of the MCA Committee according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards continuing appointment and promotion to Associate Veterinarian of all Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarians will be considered by the MCA Committee and the UCA Committee and feedback in the form of a Progress Report will be provided by the Dean/AVPR to the Member and copied to his/her Director.

Granting of Continuing Appointment

- 33.40 The Director shall, prior to the submission of the assessment file to the chair of the MCA Committee, meet with each Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian to review his/her file and performance review. The Dean/Associate VPR shall, upon written request by the Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Member to review his/her assessment file.

33.41 Failure to submit the completed Progress Template (as per 33.16.1) to the chair of the MCA Committee by the deadlines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean/Associate VPR and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.

33.41.1 In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, failure to submit the completed Progress Template (as per 33.16.1) to the chair of the MCA Committee by the deadlines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean/AVPR and Provost will result in the termination of the Veterinarian Member's Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

33.42 In the final review for Continuing Appointment-track Members, consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to the rank of Associate Veterinarian will occur and the decision will be either to grant Continuing Appointment and confer Promotion to Associate Veterinarian or not to grant Continuing Appointment and to terminate the Assistant Veterinarian's Appointment.

33.43 Further to Article 33.39, the Veterinarian may apply for the early granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Veterinarian in either the third, fourth or fifth year of appointment. Such application shall be made, in writing, by the Member to the Dean/AVPR through the chair of the MCA Committee by May 15th. The information contained in Article 33.20 (f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Dean/AVPR by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member until August 15th.

Promotion to Veterinarian

33.44 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Veterinarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Veterinarian Member to the Dean/AVPR through the chair of MCA by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 33.20 (f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean/AVPR by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member until August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

33.45 The MCA Committee will assess each Assistant Veterinarian's performance and make a recommendation to the chair of the UCA Committee with respect to the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Veterinarian. The MCA Committee will complete the appropriate Report (per Article 33.16) for each Veterinarian who has been considered. The appropriate Report and relevant recommendation will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the chair of the UCA Committee.

33.46 Within fifteen (15) days following completion of performance assessment and Continuing Appointment the Dean/AVPR will provide to each Veterinarian being considered a letter (signed by all members of the UCA Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Continuing Appointment-track Members: An assessment of progress toward Continuing Appointment in each area of responsibility as outlined in the Position Description;

- b) for all Members who were considered for Continuing Appointment: the recommendation of the UCA Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

33.47 For Veterinarians considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, the letter will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Continuing Appointment be granted and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian be conferred;
- b) that the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Continuing Appointment not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment, the Committee is limited to the decisions outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 33.50, and to contact the Association.

33.48 The UCA Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to those recommendations.

33.49 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant continuing appointment immediately or to deny continuing appointment, and will communicate his/her decision to the Veterinarian immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of continuing appointment, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

33.50 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean/AVPR, the Veterinarian may appeal a negative recommendation of the UCA Committee to the chair of the University Veterinary Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

33.51 The appellant Veterinarian may request to see his/her Official File/ Assessment File, and the signed Report(s) from the MCA and the UCA Committee(s). Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the Dean/AVPR without attribution and with any personally-identifying information removed.

University Veterinarians Appeals (UVA) Committee

33.52 The Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost and the VPR, who will act as committee co-chairs. The UVA Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the UCA Committee and will make its recommendation to the President.

33.53 The membership of the UVA Committee shall be:

- a) The Provost and Vice-President (Research), who will act as co-chairs of the committee;
- b) Two (2) Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by University Veterinarians.

33.54 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the UCA Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation

- 33.55 The Veterinarian may choose to appear before the UVA Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials, which may be new, in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Continuing Appointment, and to terminate the appointment. The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 33.56 The UVA Committee may request the Veterinarian, his/her Director, the chair of the MCA Committee, the Dean/AVPR or any other member of the MCA or the UCA Committees to appear before it.
- 33.57 The Provost/VPR may, where she/he considers it appropriate, extend the Veterinarian's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the Committee.

Decision of the President

- 33.58 Following the hearing of all appeals, the UVA Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Veterinarian in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Assessment

- 33.59 The following performance assessments will be conducted in accordance with the process outlined in this Article:
- a) annual assessment of performance of all Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarians for the purpose of feedback related to progression toward Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian;
 - b) annual assessment of performance of all contractually limited Members;
 - c) biennial assessment of all Veterinarian Members holding Continuing Appointment-track and Continuing Appointment for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.
- 39.59.1 The biennial performance review of Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment Veterinarians and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Members provide to each Member a rating of either "Unsatisfactory", "Improvement Required/Developmental", "Good", "Very Good", or "Outstanding" in each of area of effort: Professional Practice, Professional Development and Research Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Veterinarian Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member's Position Description during the review period.
- 33.60 Each Veterinarian must submit his/her completed Performance Assessment Template to the chair of the MCA Committee by August 15th. The chair of the MCA Committee will provide a written reminder to each Veterinarian of the deadlines for submission of documentation.
- 33.61 Failure to submit the completed Performance Assessment Template by August 15th, without prior approval from the Dean/AVPR and Provost, will result in an Unsatisfactory performance assessment.

33.61.1 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 33.59, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:

- (i) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a continuing appointment-track or tenured Veterinarian Member that is less than “Good”, that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the MCA and UCA for the purpose of providing feedback on performance (i.e., no performance raters will be determined).
- (ii) The performance of all Contractually Limited Veterinarian Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (per 39.59.1 above).

33.62 The MCA Committee will assess each Veterinarian’s performance and will complete Performance Assessment Report for each Member who has been considered. The Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The MCA Committee will not rank order Veterinarian Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Assessment Report will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report will be sent to the chair of the UCA.

33.63 Following consideration by the UCA Committee, the Dean/AVPR will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the UCA Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Veterinarian’s performance to the Member and also copy it to his/her Director. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member’s right to appeal the assessment, as per Article 33.64, and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

33.64 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean/AVPR, the Veterinarian who has received an overall performance rating of less than “Good” may appeal to the chair of the UVA Committee.

33.64.1 A Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Member may appeal to the Chair of the UVA Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.

33.65 The appellant Veterinarian may request to see his/her Assessment File including the signed Performance Assessment Report from the MCA Committee and the UCA Committee.

33.66 The UVA Committee may request the Veterinarian, the Director, the Dean/AVPR and any other member of the MCA or UCA Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.

33.67 The Veterinarian who has received a performance assessment of less than “Good” may choose to appear before the UVA Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.

33.68 The Veterinarian is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the UVA Committee by a representative of the Association.

33.69 The chair of the UV Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Veterinarian within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting at which the Member’s appeal was heard.

Grievance

33.70 Any grievance of a decision arising from the Article shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 34 – Placeholder

This article is purposefully left blank in order to avoid the renumbering of all subsequent provisions.

Article 35 - Professional Development Leaves for Veterinarians

Short-Term Professional Development Leave

- 35.1 Veterinarian Members shall be permitted, when determined to be operationally and financially feasible by the Director, to attend conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings for professional development purposes and may consult sources outside the University, visit laboratories and/or libraries, and seek other sources of material for scholarly endeavours, with salary.
- 35.2 For such leaves from his/her normal responsibilities, a Veterinarian Member shall make a written request for approval to the Director at least one (1) month in advance, and shall collaborate with the Director to make acceptable arrangements for meeting the Member's obligations and responsibilities. Such Leave shall normally not exceed five (5) working days. The University will consider funding requests related to Professional Development Leave.

Longer-Term Professional Development Leave

- 35.3 Continuing Appointment Veterinarian Members are eligible after six (6) years of continuous and satisfactory service and with the approval of the Director to make application for a Longer-Term Professional Development Leave. This Leave is possible based on the merit of the Member's application and the availability of funding. Such Leave will be paid (for a maximum of one semester). Application for such Leave must be submitted in writing by the Member to the Director at least twelve (12) months prior to the intended start date of the Leave. The written application will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity and the benefit to the unit of such leave;
 - c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken, the length of leave requested (to a maximum of one semester), and an indication that the proposed host institution is willing and able to host the Member's Leave;
 - d) recommendations for meeting the Member's obligations and responsibilities during the period of the approved Leave. These can be developed in discussion with the Director.
- 35.4 The Director will consider the request and shall inform the Veterinarian Member of the decision to approve or deny the Leave. Reasons for denial will also be given in the letter.
- 35.5 Under circumstances determined by the operational needs and priorities of the unit, the Director may delay the commencement of an approved Leave. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years.
- 35.6 A Veterinarian Member whose application for Leave has not received approval may appeal to the Dean or Vice-President (Research).
- 35.7 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave, the Veterinarian Member will provide a written report to the Director describing what has been accomplished in relation to the plan submitted.
- 35.8 It is expected that the Veterinarian Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one (1) year following the Leave.

Article 36 - Paid Personal Leave (PPL) for Veterinarian Members

- 36.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 48: Compassionate Leave, Continuing Appointment-track and Continuing Appointment Veterinarian Members shall be allowed up to three (3) days of PPL annually, which must be approved and granted by the Director, or designate.
- 36.2 PPL is intended to address unanticipated issues of an emergency nature that are not provided for in Article 48: Compassionate Leave. PPL is not intended for purposes of extending vacation or for the day prior to or following a paid holiday.
- 36.3 PPL does not accrue from one year to another.
- 36.4 Each request shall indicate the reason for the request, providing as much notice as practicable.

Article 37 - Redeployment or Severance of Veterinarian Members Due to Reorganization or Significant Change in Demand for Services

37.1 When the University approves a significant reorganization or when there is a significant change in demand for services that may affect one or more Veterinarian Members, the Provost and the Vice-President (Research), in consultation with the Association, will strike a Redeployment Advisory Committee. The Redeployment Advisory Committee, once struck, shall provide advice on measures needed to effect the reorganization or respond to the change in demand for services, including the possibility of redeployment or of termination with severance for Members.

Redeployment Advisory Committee

37.2 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will be comprised of the Director, the Dean/AVPR, and two (2) Veterinarian Members with Continuing Appointments, named by the Association.

37.3 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will prepare a plan that includes a list of those Veterinarian Members who are, or may be, affected. This plan will be submitted to the Provost and the Vice-President (Research) within thirty (30) days of the Committee being struck.

37.4 Recommendations about affected Veterinarian Members shall be considered on a case by case basis by the Redeployment Advisory Committee. Whenever practicable, Members holding contractually limited appointments shall be reassigned or terminated ahead of Members holding Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointments. In the case where more than one Member performs the same job, the person with the shortest amount of continuous employment within the Bargaining Unit (Bargaining Unit seniority) shall be the first to be redeployed.

Redeployment Process

37.5 The Provost and the Vice-President (Research) will convene a meeting with the President of the Association to provide notification that a reorganization will be effected and will provide the names of the Veterinarian Members who are affected. The Provost and the Vice-President (Research) will provide this notification in writing to the President of the Association at this meeting.

37.6 Following this meeting and within ten (10) days, the appropriate Director will meet individually with each of the affected Veterinarian Member(s) to inform them of the impending reorganization and discuss options available for individual Members. The Director will discuss with the affected Member(s) his/her individual career goals and perceived fit with other Units/Departments, if applicable. If applicable, the Director will then make a written recommendation to the Provost and Vice-President (Research) with respect to the most likely Unit/Department for the redeployment of the Member. The Director shall inform the Member in writing of the decision with respect to redeployment, if applicable, and the reasons for the decision.

37.6.1 The Veterinarian Member may be accompanied by another Member or representative of the Association at this and subsequent meetings.

37.7 If there is a position identified to which a Veterinarian Member can be redeployed in 37.6 above, the Member must, within thirty (30) days, accept the redeployment or request, in writing, that termination with severance be initiated.

- 37.8 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to, rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Veterinarian Member(s) in the event of redeployment.
- 37.9 A Veterinarian Member may not be transferred from the University of Guelph main campus without his/her consent.
- 37.10 If a position cannot be identified for redeployment in 37.6, then the termination with severance option (below) will be initiated.

Termination with Severance

- 37.11 The University shall give to each Veterinarian Member holding a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment who is affected by a reorganization or a significant change in demand of service leading to termination with severance:
- a) Notice: six (6) months' notice, or six (6) months' actual salary in lieu of notice, or a combination of notice and actual salary equivalent to six (6) months'; and
 - b) Severance: one (1) month's salary for each year of continuous employment at the University with a minimum of six (6) months, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.

Article 38 - Academic Fraud and Misconduct

38.1 Academic Fraud or Misconduct does not involve an honest error, conflicting data, differences in the interpretation or assessment of data, or experimental design or practice, unless there has been an intent to mislead. Any finding of Academic Fraud or Misconduct shall require clear, cogent and convincing proof of actual dishonest purpose and intent, or reckless disregard for the likelihood to mislead.

38.2 Academic Fraud or Misconduct in Research/Scholarship includes:

- a) fabrication and falsification of research findings or scholarly materials;
- b) plagiarism;
- c) failure to recognize by due acknowledgement the substantive contributions of others, including students, or the use of unpublished materials of others without permission, or the use of archival materials in violation of the rules of the archival source;
- d) failure to obtain the permission of the author before making significant use in any publication of new information, concepts, or data obtained through access to manuscripts or grant applications during the peer review process;
- e) submission for publication of an article originally published elsewhere except where it is clearly indicated in the published work that the publication is intended to be a re-publication;
- f) falsification or misrepresentation of credentials or other intentionally misleading practices in proposing, conducting, or reporting Research/Scholarship;
- g) intentional unauthorized diversion of Research/Scholarship funds of the University, federal or provincial granting councils, or other sponsors of research;
- h) material failure to comply with relevant federal or provincial statutes or regulations, or policies promulgated by the Senate or Board of Governors that are not inconsistent with this Agreement for the protection of researchers, human subjects, or for the health and safety of the public or the welfare of laboratory animals;
- i) material failure to meet other relevant legal requirements that relate to the conduct or reporting of research and scholarly activity;
- j) failure to reveal material conflict of interest to sponsors or to those who commission work, or when asked to undertake reviews of research grant applications or manuscripts for publication, or to test products for sale or distribution to the public;
- k) failure to reveal to the University any material financial interest in a company that contracts with the University to undertake research, particularly research involving the company's products or those of its direct competitors, or to provide research-related materials or services. Material financial interest includes ownership, substantial stock-holding, a directorship, significant honoraria or consulting fees, but does not include routine stock holding in a publicly-traded company.

Procedures

38.3 Any investigation related to allegations of misconduct in research and scholarly activity shall be conducted in accordance with the investigation process as outlined in Article 39: Investigation of Allegations and Discipline.

38.4 Any discipline imposed on a Member for misconduct in research and scholarly activity shall be subject to Article 39: Investigation of Allegations and Discipline.

Article 39 - Investigation of Allegations and Discipline

Preamble

- 39.1 A Member may be disciplined only for just cause and only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 39.2 Disciplinary action shall be reasonable and consistent with the principle of progressive discipline, commensurate with the seriousness of the misconduct.
- 39.3 The investigation, in and of itself, is not considered to constitute discipline and is not grounds for grievance, although the Association may grieve if it believes that the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation violates the Collective Agreement.
- 39.3.1 All investigations will be conducted as expeditiously as possible.

Investigation

- 39.4 The University may investigate any allegation which, if proven, would warrant taking disciplinary action against a Member. Subject to 39.9, within ten (10) days, or as soon as practicable after an allegation has been made, the University shall inform the Member of the nature of the allegation that has been made and his/her right to seek assistance from the Association. If a complaint in writing has been received by the University, the Member and the Association will, at this time, be given a copy of it. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted to retain confidentiality.
- 39.5 Where the University will be investigating any allegation about a Member that, if proven, would warrant disciplinary action against the Member, subject to Article 39.9.1 below, the Member will be notified by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, as soon as is practicable of the reasons for, and the nature of, the planned investigation.
- 39.6 During an investigation the University may remove a Member with pay, if the circumstances warrant it. Such investigation will occur as expeditiously as possible. The mere fact of an investigation is not grounds for grievance although a Member may grieve whether the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation conforms to this Article.
- 39.6.1 Any breach of the investigatory process does not result in the discipline being void. Any breach is, rather, a factor to be considered by an arbitrator in fashioning a remedy.
- 39.7 Notwithstanding 39.24, if a Member poses a real and present danger to the safety of any member of the University community or to University property, the University may decide to remove the Member from the workplace during the investigation and the Member will continue to receive full salary and benefits.
- 39.8 A Member shall have the right to receive assistance and representation from the Association.
- 39.9 Subject to Article 39.9.2 below and as soon as is practicable, but no later than ten (10) days after commencing an investigation, the University shall advise the Member and the Association's Executive Officer or designate in writing:
- a) of the nature, substance, and scope of the investigation,
 - b) of the Member's right to seek assistance from the Association;

- c) that the Member is invited to respond to the allegation(s) by meeting or submitting materials, or both;
- d) that the Member is invited to submit a list of persons, along with a written explanation as to the reasons for each person listed, whom the Member believes should be interviewed as part of the investigation.

39.9.1 The University will provide a list of the persons identified as per 39.9 (d) whom it has not contacted, if any, and provide a written explanation.

39.9.2 The University may withhold information, decide not to notify the Member, or delay notifying the Member if there are grounds to believe there is a risk of significant harm to another person or to University property or that the investigation may otherwise be jeopardized. In such case, the University shall notify the President of the Association, or designate, immediately.

39.10 Members and the University shall maintain the confidentiality of the investigative process, its findings, and its outcome. Information will be disclosed only to those with a demonstrable need to know. Those in receipt of information pertaining to the investigative process are bound to hold such information in confidence. The University may disclose information where it has grounds to believe that confidentiality may put a person at risk of significant harm or if the University is legally required to disclose. In such a case, the University shall immediately inform the Association of its decision not to maintain confidentiality and the grounds for the decision.

39.10.1 All persons contacted by the University during the investigation shall be informed of the confidentiality requirement under Article 39.10 above.

Tentative Results of the Investigation

39.11 The University shall notify the Member of the tentative results of the investigation within ten (10) days of the results being known.

39.12 Pursuant to Article 39.11, the University shall either:

- a) advise the Member that discipline will not be imposed and that the investigation is closed, or
- b) inform the Member that the University believes that discipline is warranted. In this case, the University shall invite the Member to attend a meeting before the investigation is closed, and before any discipline is imposed, to allow the Member to respond.

39.13 The Member may respond in person or through an Association representative. Should the Member fail to respond to the invitation within ten (10) days or fail to attend a meeting on the matter, without reasonable excuse, the University may proceed under the terms of this Article.

Disciplinary Measures

39.15 Disciplinary measures that the University might take against a Member are limited to:

- a) written warning or reprimand;
- b) suspension with pay;
- c) suspension without pay; or
- d) dismissal for cause.

- 39.16 A written warning or reprimand shall be clearly identified as a disciplinary measure and shall contain a clear statement of the reasons for the discipline.
- 39.17 A suspension with pay is the act of the University's relieving, for cause, some or all of a Member's duties and/or entitlements without the Member's consent.
- 39.18 Dismissal means the termination of Appointment without the Member's consent before retirement/resignation or the end of the contract.
- 39.18.1 Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not, in and of itself, constitute dismissal. Not granting of a Continuing Appointment or Tenure to a Member does not constitute dismissal.
- 39.18.2 Grounds for dismissal of a Member shall be:
- a) gross misconduct, which may be found to arise from a single incident but which also may include repeated serious misconduct;
 - b) persistent failure to discharge Responsibilities through incompetence or neglect of duties; or
 - c) abandonment of duties.

Disciplinary Process Distinct from Academic Assessments

- 39.19 a) The fact that a disciplinary measure is contemplated or has been imposed cannot be considered in Tenure/Continuing Appointment and Promotion and Annual Performance Assessment; however, the facts that resulted in, or may result in, the imposition of discipline may be considered, if relevant to an academic assessment.
- b) The existence of an academic assessment, or findings arising from an academic assessment, cannot lead to discipline unless the steps preceding discipline provided for in this Article including notice and investigation have been followed.
- c) Outcomes of the Performance Assessment Process (per 21.61 – 21.67, 28.58 – 28.64 or 33.59 – 33.63 as applicable) may be considered grounds for disciplinary action only if an overall rater of "Less than Good" is assigned, and only where there are proven and repeated concerns about performance under Article 21, 28 or 33 (as applicable).

Disciplinary Process

- 39.20 Where the University believes disciplinary action is warranted, the Member shall be notified in writing of a meeting, stating the time and place and that the Member has the right to have an Association representative at the meeting. This meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the written notification of the meeting.
- 39.21 At the meeting, the University shall provide the Member with details of the disciplinary measures to be imposed and the reasons therefore.
- 39.22 Any Grievance related to a suspension or dismissal shall commence at the Formal Stage in accordance with Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.
- 39.23 Where disciplinary action has been taken, the University shall only notify those officials with a demonstrable need to know.

- 39.24 A Member who is suspended shall receive full salary and benefits until any Grievance contesting such disciplinary action has been finally resolved through Arbitration or until the time for filing a Grievance has lapsed.
- 39.25 At an Arbitration or Grievance relating to discipline, the onus is on the University to prove that discipline was for just cause.

Sunset Provision

- 39.26 Any record of discipline shall be removed from a Member's Official File twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the discipline was imposed, unless the Member has been given further warnings or reprimands and the Association does not successfully grieve the matter.

Restrictions on Discipline

- 39.27 Notwithstanding 39.4, if a University rule, regulation, or policy has been violated by a Member, the University rule, regulation, or policy must have been promulgated by the appropriate authority and not be in violation of this Agreement in order for a Member to be disciplined specifically for the violation of such a rule, regulation, or policy.
- 39.28 No investigation under this Article shall be initiated by the University more than forty-five (45) days after it knew, or ought reasonably to have known, about the facts that could be the basis for discipline.
- 39.29 If disciplinary procedures are in progress while a Member is being considered for renewal, Continuing Appointment, Tenure, Promotion, or Study/Research Leave, upon request of the Member or University, the consideration may be deferred until the disciplinary process has been concluded. In cases of renewal, Tenure, or Continuing Appointment the Member's appointment shall be extended by the length of the deferral to allow for completion of the renewal or Tenure process.
- 39.30 Only the President or his/her designate may suspend or dismiss a Member.

Article 40 - Grievance and Arbitration

General

- 40.1 The Parties agree to attempt to resolve disputes arising from this Agreement amicably and promptly.
- 40.2 In order to ensure that Grievances of Members are remedied in a reasonable, just, and equitable manner, the University and the Association mutually agree that the procedure for submitting and dealing with Grievances shall be as indicated in the remainder of this Article.
- 40.3 The University agrees that at any stage of the informal resolution and/or grievance procedure, Members have the right to be accompanied by an Association designate.
- 40.4 No Grievance may proceed to the formal Grievance Procedure unless it has been assumed by the Association.
- 40.5 The time limits in the Grievance procedure may be extended only by mutual written consent of both the Provost, or designate, and the President of the Association, or designate. Similarly, no step in the grievance procedure may be waived without mutual written consent of both Parties to this Agreement. Consent to the extension of these time limits will not be unreasonably withheld.

Definitions

- 40.6 An Individual Grievance is a difference arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of this Agreement initiated by one Member and initially presented to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate in accordance with Article 40.9.
- 40.7 A Group Grievance is a difference arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of this Agreement initiated by two (2) or more Members where the same issue is in dispute. A Group Grievance shall be initially presented to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, in accordance with Article 40.9. If the Members are from different Colleges, a Group Grievance shall be initially presented to the Provost, or designate, and be processed at the Formal Stage as set out in this Article.
- 40.7.1 In the case of a Group Grievance, it shall be raised within thirty (30) days after the group could reasonably be expected to have become aware of the relevant circumstances.
- 40.8 A Policy Grievance is a difference arising between the University and the Association as to the interpretation, general application, or alleged violation of a specified provision or provisions of this Agreement.
- 40.8.1 Such Policy Grievances shall be submitted in writing, signed by the President of the Association, or designate, or the Provost, or designate, as the case may be, and submitted to the Manager, Faculty Relations or designate or Executive Officer of the Association or designate, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the matter that is the subject of the Grievance.
- 40.8.2 The responding party shall provide a written response within twenty (20) days following receipt of the Grievance.

40.8.3 If the Policy Grievance is not resolved, the initiating Party may notify the other Party, in writing, within twenty (20) days that it intends to proceed to Arbitration pursuant to this Article.

Informal Resolution

- 40.9 The University and the Association mutually agree that it is the desire of the Parties that differences in the interpretation, application, administration, and alleged violations of this Agreement shall be dealt with as quickly as is reasonably possible. If a Member has a complaint/dispute that may give rise to a Grievance, he/she and/or an Association designate shall first discuss the matter at a meeting arranged for this purpose with the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, within twenty (20) days after the Member would reasonably be expected to have become aware of the circumstances giving rise to the complaint/dispute.
- 40.10 The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall be allowed ten (10) days to seek information and advice and to communicate a proposed resolution. A copy of the agreed-upon resolution, signed by the Member, the Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, and the Association, will be forwarded to the Member, Executive Officer of the Association, or designate, and to the Manager, Faculty Relations, or designate.
- 40.11 Failing informal resolution of the Grievance and within ten (10) days following receipt of notification of the proposed resolution under the informal process, the Association has the right to present the written Formal Grievance to the Provost, or designate, pursuant to this Article.
- 40.12 No minor technical irregularity or error shall prevent the substance of a Grievance from being heard and determined on its merits.
- 40.13 An Individual, Group, or Policy Grievance shall include the following:
- a) the date of presentation;
 - b) the nature of the grievance;
 - c) where applicable, the names of the grievor(s);
 - d) the remedy sought;
 - e) the article, section, or sections of this Agreement allegedly violated or the alleged occurrence said to have caused such Grievance;
 - f) applicable signature(s).

Formal Grievance Procedure

- 40.14 Following receipt of a Formal Grievance, the Provost, or designate shall convene a meeting within ten (10) days with the Member and/or the Association designate. With reasonable notice to the other Party prior to the meeting, either Party may have others attend who have information relevant to the specific Grievance. The Provost (or designate) shall reply in writing within fifteen (15) days of that meeting.
- 40.15 Where no answer is given within the time limit specified, the grieving Party shall be entitled to submit the Grievance to the next step of the Grievance Procedure. Should the grieving Party fail to act within the time limits set out at any of the stages or steps of the Grievance and Arbitration procedure, and has not within that period requested and been granted an extension of time

limits (extension shall not be unreasonably withheld), the Grievance shall be considered to have been abandoned.

- 40.16 In the case of a Member who has been suspended or discharged, denied Tenure/Continuing Appointment, or whose Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track appointment has not been renewed, the Association has the right to submit a formal Grievance in writing, signed by the Member and the Association, directly to the Provost or designate. The Provost or designate will respond within five (5) days of the date of receipt of the Grievance.
- 40.17 In all cases involving dismissal, denial of Tenure/Continuing Appointment, discipline, the burden of proof shall be on the University to establish its case.
- 40.18 The University and the Association agree that all resolutions/remedies reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Parties will be final and binding upon the Parties and the Members.
- 40.19 Failing resolution of a Grievance, the University or the Association will provide notification that a matter shall be submitted to Arbitration. Such notification must be made in writing and addressed to the other party within fifteen (15) days of the date of receipt of the formal Grievance decision.

Arbitration

40.20 Powers of the Arbitrator:

- a) except as provided in this Article, the Arbitrator shall have the powers of an arbitrator as stated in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, as amended from time to time.
- b) the Arbitrator shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to, or amend any part of this Agreement.
- c) in the event an Arbitrator deals with a matter relating to discharge, suspension, or disciplinary action, the Arbitrator has the authority to reinstate a Member with or without compensation for wages and any other benefits lost, or to make any other award he/she may deem just and reasonable that would be consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

40.21 In arbitrations over the denial of Promotion, Tenure, Continuing Appointment, or a specific appointment, the Arbitrator shall have the jurisdiction to examine and grant a remedy on aspects of the process or decision leading to the Grievance. The Arbitrator shall not have the power to award Promotion, Tenure, or Continuing Appointment. In such circumstances, the Arbitrator may prescribe remedies, including, but not limited to, extension of the probationary period and/or remitting the case for reconsideration, possibly with different material and/or different assessors.

40.21.1 The Arbitrator may appoint an Academic Panel. The Academic Panel shall be comprised of one tenured faculty member nominated by the Association and one tenured faculty member nominated by the University. The nominees will agree to a third tenured faculty member to be chair. The decision of the Panel will be binding on the Parties.

40.22 The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

40.23 All arbitration expenses, including the remuneration of the Arbitrator, shall be shared equally by both Parties, subject to the award of costs by the Arbitrator as part of the remedy.

Article 41 - Health and Safety

41.1 The University and the Association agree that the protection of the health and safety of Members and other persons in the workplace is an important matter of mutual concern and that both the University and the Members have responsibilities delineated in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O 1990, c.01, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

Responsibilities of the University

41.2 The University recognizes a responsibility to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect the health, safety, and security of Members as they carry out their responsibilities. To that end:

- a) The University shall comply with the provisions of the Act;
- b) In keeping with the provisions of the Act, the University reserves the right to give direction, including the establishment of such policies and procedures as may be considered necessary for workplace health and safety. It is agreed that before any changes are made to these policies the Association will be notified and a meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.
- c) The University shall provide Members with access to information relevant to their workplace health and safety, through the Environmental Health & Safety website. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, health and safety policies, programs and procedures, and links to applicable Federal, Provincial, and Municipal legislation.
- d) The University recognizes and acknowledges the right of Members to be informed about hazards in the workplace and to be provided with appropriate training, and the right of Members to refuse unsafe work, consistent with the Act.
- e) The University will take those measures that it deems to be reasonable to maintain the security of the buildings and grounds, while, at the same time, maintaining reasonable access for Members who have a need for such access at times other than during regular working hours.
- f) The University shall extend the same standards and measures regarding health and safety at the Guelph campus to any outside workplace that is managed by the University. These include but are not limited to ensuring the establishment and currency of an Asbestos Inventory and the establishment and currency of a Chemical Inventory System.
- g) The University shall establish and maintain Emergency Response Protocols. The University shall provide, to Campus Community Police, an up-to-date contact list of all Members and their workplaces. This list will be updated on a semesterly basis, or as needed.
- h) In keeping with the provisions of the Act, when circumstances require appointing a Member as a supervisor, the University shall appoint a competent Member, as defined in the Act.

41.3 The University agrees to pay the cost of Level 1 and Level 2 certification for Members on the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee, as provided by Environmental Health and Safety,

The Workers' Health and Safety Centre, or any other such agency, as recommended by the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee.

- 41.4 The University agrees to pay the cost of Level 1 certification for Members on local Joint Health and Safety Committees. The University will provide paid time off for Members.
- 41.5 The University will respond in writing, within fifteen (15) days, to all recommendations from the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee (and all applicable local Joint Health and Safety Committees). This response will include the action to be taken and the time line for its implementation, or reasons for not acting on the recommendations.

Responsibilities of Members

- 41.6 Members shall work in compliance with the provisions of the Act and in compliance with the regulations, policies, programs, and procedures specified by the University (see 41.2 (b)). Supervisors shall complete and remain current with Competent Supervisor and Due Diligence training as established and made available by Environmental Health and Safety. In addition, Members shall insist that all persons under their supervision in the workplace shall follow the applicable University Health and Safety regulations, policies, programs, and procedures and shall notify the University of any non-compliance.
- 41.7 Members shall follow safe working practices in carrying out their responsibilities and shall follow standards, rules, regulations, policies, programs and procedures regarding the use of personal protective equipment in the workplace. The Parties agree that the University shall provide, and the Members shall make use of, protective equipment, whenever such equipment is required by the legislation, or the regulations pertaining to the legislation, for the safe performance of the Member's assigned responsibilities of employment.
- 41.8 Members shall advise the appropriate Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, of any circumstance that comes to their attention that may place the health and safety of Members and/or other persons at risk in the workplace.

Central Joint Health and Safety Committee

- 41.9 The University and the Association agree to participate in the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference.
- 41.10 The Association shall have the right to appoint one (1) representative to the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- 41.11 The Central Joint Health and Safety Committee shall support the health and safety measures of Environmental Health and Safety and shall draw to the attention of the University any egregious or repeated violation of compliance orders. The University will respond to these orders in a timely manner.

Article 42 - No Discrimination and No Harassment

- 42.1 The University is committed to fostering a working and learning environment that allows for full and free participation of all members of the University community. Discrimination against and harassment of individuals, whether as members of any recognizable group or otherwise, undermines these objectives and violates the fundamental rights, personal dignity, and integrity of individuals or groups of individuals.
- 42.2 The Parties agree to abide by the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.19 (for the purposes of this Article “the Code”) and the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*.
- 42.3 Harassment is a form of discrimination based on one or more of the prohibited grounds identified by the Code and/or the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*. The Code defines harassment as “engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.”
- 42.4 Personal conduct or behaviour also constitutes harassment, whether or not it is based on prohibited grounds set out in this Article or the Code, when it creates an intimidating, demeaning, or hostile working environment. Harassment is defined as noted in Article 42.3.
- 42.4.1 The exercise of administrative authority does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment. Communication of negative assessments arising from the exercise of academic or professional judgment does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment.
- 42.5 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised against or by any Member regarding any term or condition of employment, including but not limited to salary, rank, Continuing Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, reappointment, dismissal, termination of employment, layoff, Study/Research Leave, or other Leaves or Benefits, by reasons of the grounds listed below, nor shall any discrimination be exercised against or by Members in the course of carrying out their Responsibilities, by reason of:
- a) race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, citizenship (except for new Appointments as provided by law); or
 - b) creed, or political affiliation or belief or practice; or
 - c) sex, sexual orientation, gender, physical attributes, marital status, or family status; or
 - d) age; or
 - e) physical or mental health disability (provided that such condition does not interfere with the ability to carry out the Member’s Responsibilities; but this exception shall not relieve the University from its duty to accommodate in accordance with the Code, or other applicable legislation); or
 - f) place of residence (see 42.7); or
 - g) membership or participation in the Association.
- 42.6 Article 42.5 does not apply to any action or decision based on a bona fide occupational requirement or qualification.
- 42.7 Place of residence shall not be considered a reason or factor unless the place of residence interferes with a Member carrying out any of his/her responsibilities.

- 42.8 The University shall ensure, in accordance with the Code, that there shall be no systemic discrimination against Members through policies, procedures, or practices that may lead to adverse job-related consequences.
- 42.9 This Article shall not infringe upon the implementation of special measures designed to assist disadvantaged persons or groups to achieve equality, including any action that has as its objective the increased representation of the four designated groups identified by the Federal Contractors Program for employment equity, namely, aboriginal people, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and women.
- 42.10 The University, the Association, and all members of the University community share responsibility for ensuring that the work and learning environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The University bears the responsibility for offering appropriate training in the recognition of behaviours and institutional cultures that may constitute discrimination and/or harassment, and for creating suitable procedures to remove such behaviors and institutional cultures from the University's working and learning environment.
- 42.11 There shall be no reprisal or retaliation nor any threat of reprisal or retaliation against anyone for:
- a) pursuing rights under this Article; or
 - b) participation in proceedings or for assisting a person in pursuit of their rights, under this Article, or the *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* of the University, or pursuant to legislation protecting against harassment or discrimination, except as provided for in 42.10.
- 42.12 It is an offence for any person, in bad faith, to make an allegation of discrimination or harassment, or to initiate a procedure under the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* or this Agreement, or to influence an ongoing procedure under this Article. If substantiated, this could be subject to discipline.
- 42.13 The Human Rights Advisory Group, which advises the Assistant Vice-President (Diversity and Human Rights) on matters pertaining to the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*, as amended from time to time, shall include two (2) representatives appointed by the Association.
- 42.14 The minutes/notes of the Human Rights Advisory Group shall be forwarded simultaneously to the representatives and to the Association.
- 42.15 The Association shall be notified of all hate activities and crimes at the University, as identified by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights, and the nature of such acts.
- 42.16 Copies of all Formal Complaints made to the Office of Diversity and Human Rights involving a Member shall be sent to the Member and to the Association upon receipt. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights to retain confidentiality.

Article 43 – Accommodation of Members with Disabilities

- 43.1 The Parties are jointly committed to providing a work environment that facilitates the full participation of all Members. The Parties encourage, as articulated in the Accommodation Partnership Agreement jointly agreed upon by the parties, all Members with disabilities to avail

themselves of the services at the University that may facilitate their contributions to teaching, research, scholarship, and professional practice and service.

43.2 The Parties agree to act in accordance with applicable legislation.

43.3 No Member shall be subjected to retaliation or reprisal for taking action to obtain Accommodation for him/herself or any other person, including acting as an advocate or a witness in any proceeding resulting from an Accommodation request or complaint.

Article 44 - Maternity and Parental Leave

Eligibility and Application

- 44.1 The provisions of this Article shall apply equally to all Members except those holding Contractually Limited Appointments. For Members holding Contractually Limited Appointments, all provisions of this Article shall apply, except for Article 44.8 to Article 44.12 (Supplemental Income Benefit).
- 44.2 A Member shall give written notice to his/her Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, of his/her intention to take Maternity and/or Parental Leave normally three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave.
- 44.3 Where both parents are Members and are qualified to take Leave under the provisions of this Article, the Leave may be shared. In this case, both Members shall provide notification to their respective Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave. The combined Leave provision provided to both Members shall not exceed fifty-two (52) weeks of Maternity/Parental Leave. Additional Unpaid Parental Leave may be requested as per 44.14.
- 44.4 The notice periods above may be waived if the Member stops working as a result of complications with the pregnancy or because the child comes into the care or custody of the parent sooner than expected.

Leave Provisions

Maternity Leave

- 44.5 Upon the birth of a child, a Member shall be entitled to up to seventeen (17) weeks of Maternity Leave as per the Employment Standards Act.

Parental Leave

- 44.6 For a Member who has taken Maternity Leave as provided for under Article 44.5, the Member shall also be entitled to up to an additional thirty-five (35) weeks of Leave as per the *Employment Standards Act*.
- 44.7 For a Member who is not eligible to take Maternity Leave under Article 44.5 (e.g., father, same-sex partner, or adoptive parent), the Member shall be entitled to up to thirty-seven (37) weeks of Parental Leave as per the *Employment Standards Act*.

Supplemental Income Benefit

- 44.8 Members must apply for, and qualify for, and receive, Employment Insurance (EI) benefits to receive Supplemental Income Benefits from the University.
- 44.9 To be eligible to receive a Supplemental Income Benefit, a Member shall provide appropriate documentation of the birth or adoption of a child and the receipt of EI benefits to Human Resources.
- 44.10 A Member disentitled or disqualified from receiving EI benefits is not eligible to receive Supplemental Income Benefits from the University.

- 44.10.1 Exceptions to this will be considered on a case-by-case basis for those Members who do not qualify for EI benefits, based on the criteria expected for EI eligibility.
- 44.11 During the period of Maternity and/or Parental Leave as specified above, an eligible Member shall receive from the University:
- a) for the first two (2) weeks, 100% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings;
 - b) for up to a maximum of twenty-eight (28) additional weeks of Maternity and/or Parental Leave, an amount equal to 95% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings;
 - c) for any remaining period of Parental Leave beyond thirty (30) weeks, Supplemental Income Benefits equal to 25% of her/his weekly EI earnings but no more than 100% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings.
- 44.12 The thirty-five (35) weeks of Supplemental Income Benefit provided for Maternity and/or Parental Leave under b) and c) above may be shared between eligible Members (i.e., one parent may take 20 weeks, and the other may take 15 weeks, or any combination thereof).

Additional Unpaid Parental Leave

- 44.13 All Members are eligible to apply for and be considered for Unpaid Parental Leave.
- 44.14 Unpaid Parental Leave is intended to accommodate Members who are not eligible for the Leave provisions provided under 44.5 and/or 44.6 - 44.7 or for those Members who require additional time to care for newborn or newly adopted child(ren) than provided for under the Employment Standards Act.
- 44.15 On receipt of appropriate documentation or confirmation of the birth or adoption of a child, the University will grant thirty-seven (37) weeks of Unpaid Parental Leave to Members upon notification to the Member's Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, normally three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave. For those Members eligible for and who have taken Parental Leave, any Unpaid Parental Leave will commence immediately following the Parental Leave.
- 44.16 Unpaid Parental Leave is available to be shared between both parents.
- 44.17 Unpaid Parental Leave is not available when a Member establishes a spousal relationship with an individual who already has a child(ren) and the Member subsequently adopts the child(ren).
- 44.18 Participation in the University Group Insurance Benefits may be continued while a Member is on Unpaid Parental Leave on a normal cost-sharing arrangement.
- 44.19 Additional Unpaid Leave may be requested by a Member under the provisions of Article 45: Leaves of Absence. Such request is made to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate.

General Provisions

- 44.20 A Member who has taken Maternity and/or Parental Leave and/or Unpaid Parental Leave will have academic decisions related to Tenure/Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate

Professor deferred by one year for each such Leave. Such a deferral shall be granted automatically, unless a Member requests to have the deferral waived.

- 44.21 A Member on Maternity and/or Parental Leave will continue to receive University benefits while on Leave on a normal cost-sharing basis. Participation in the Pension Plan is optional for the Member.
- 44.22 Should a pregnancy result in medical complications before or after the Maternity leave, the provisions of Article 47: Sick Leave shall apply.
- 44.23 It is expected that a Member will return to employment at the University following a Maternity and/or Parental Leave.
- 44.24 Upon return to work, a Member who has taken Leave(s) under this Article shall resume his/her position at the same rank and his/her normal salary and benefits, including any intervening salary and benefits adjustments provided for under this Agreement.

Article 45 - Leaves of Absence

- 45.1 Members may apply for a Leave of Absence without pay. An application for such a Leave will be given due consideration and may be granted where the University determines that the Leave will not interfere with operational requirements.
- 45.2 A Leave of Absence without pay shall not normally exceed one year. This restriction may be modified in individual cases by the Provost, on recommendation from the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Directors.
- 45.3 In all cases of Contractually Limited Members, a Leave will not extend the duration of the term of appointment and will not exceed the end date of the term of appointment.
- 45.4 While a Member is on a Leave of Absence without pay, the University will not contribute towards the costs of benefits. The Member may elect to pay both the University and Member costs of benefits during the period of Leave.
- 45.5 Any application for a Leave of Absence shall be made by the Member to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate. The application shall describe the purpose and duration of the Leave. A Member will apply in writing at least six (6) months before the proposed leave is to take effect. In the case of unforeseen events/circumstances, a Member shall be permitted to apply for a Leave of Absence less than six (6) months before it would begin and this application will be given due consideration.
- 45.6 The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall consult with the person to whom the Member reports. The Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall then approve or deny the application. Any decision not to approve an application shall be accompanied by written reasons.
- 45.7 While on a Leave of Absence, Members are not eligible for consideration for Promotion and/or Tenure/Continuing Appointment. This restriction may be modified in individual cases by the Provost, on recommendation from the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, at the request of the Member. In the case of a Member on a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, a Leave of Absence beyond six (6) months will extend the Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Appointment by a period of one year.
- 45.8 Study/Research Leave credit shall not be earned during a Leave of Absence without pay.
- 45.9 A Member, upon returning from a Leave of Absence, shall be placed, at a minimum, at the same rank and appointment type as held at the commencement of the Leave.
- 45.10 Upon returning from a Leave, a Member will receive salary of not less than that received immediately prior to the period of the Leave, adjusted by any base salary adjustments that may have taken place in the interval.

Article 46 - Vacation and Holidays

Vacation

- 46.1 A Member's vacation entitlement shall be based on service during each Academic Year.
- 46.2 Vacation leave for Members other than those covered in 46.6 shall be:
- a) from the first year up to and including the eighth (8) year of service, vacation entitlement will be twenty-two (22) days;
 - b) from the beginning of the ninth (9) year up to and including the twentieth (20) year of service, twenty-five (25) days;
 - c) from the beginning of the twenty-first (21) year and for all subsequent years, thirty (30) days.
- 46.3 Accrual of service commences on the first day of employment. Members may utilize vacation credits, with approval, in advance of earning them with the understanding that upon termination of employment the value of any unearned vacation credits taken will be reimbursed to the University.
- 46.4 A Member shall take vacation at a time or times agreeable to the person to whom he/she reports.
- 46.5 There shall be no remuneration in excess of the annual salary in the event that a Member chooses to work through all or part of his/her scheduled vacation period.
- 46.6 A Member appointed on a contract for less than twelve (12) months shall be paid a vacation payment in lieu of a paid vacation in the amount of 8% of salary earned.
- 46.7 It is expected that a Member will take his/her vacation in the year in which it is earned. A Member may, however, carry over unused vacation days, excepting the ten (10) days required by law, into the next Academic Year, but the total vacation days carried over shall not exceed thirty (30) days.
- 46.8 Salary shall not be paid in lieu of unused vacation time.

Holidays

- 46.9 In addition to paid vacation, the following holidays shall be granted on the day on which the holiday occurs or is celebrated by the University:
- a) any day declared as a holiday by the President; or
 - b) a statutory holiday as declared by federal or provincial authorities;
 - c) the Civic Holiday; and
 - d) any other day on which the University premises are declared closed by the President.
- 46.10 If a Veterinarian Member is required to work on a holiday as defined by Article 46.9 above, he/she may take one and one-half (1.5) days of additional paid leave at a time agreed upon by the Member and the University.

Religious Accommodation

- 46.11 A Members is entitled, upon giving due notice to the person to whom he/she reports, to rearrange his/her duties so he/she can observe the religious obligations and practices of his/her faith. For recurring religious obligations and practices, a single notice shall suffice.

Article 47 - Sick Leave

- 47.1 A Member who is absent and therefore unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities because of illness or injury shall advise the person to whom he/she reports as soon as reasonably possible of his/her absence and the expected date of return to work. The Member will provide notification as soon as reasonably possible of any change to the expected date of return to work. The University reserves the right to require medical documentation of illness or injury whenever the University reasonably considers such documentation necessary.
- 47.2 A Contractually Limited Member who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury shall receive his/her actual salary up to a maximum of fifteen (15) days in any twelve (12) month period.
- 47.3 If a Contractually Limited Member's absence due to illness or injury continues beyond fifteen (15) days, the Member will remain on Sick Leave, but without salary. Following an absence of greater than ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days, the Member may qualify for Long Term Disability as outlined in this Article. For continuation of benefits while on unpaid Sick Leave, the Member shall pay both the University and Member premiums.
- 47.4 A Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury up to a maximum of ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days shall receive his/her actual salary and benefits except in the following circumstances:
- a) if there is a recurrence of the same or related illness or injury within thirty (30) calendar days following a Member's return to work on a full-time basis from Sick Leave, the Member is entitled to the unused portion of the original ninety (90) consecutive Calendar day period of Sick Leave;
 - b) if a Member is able to return to work on a part-time basis within the ninety (90) consecutive calendar day period, the ninety (90) consecutive calendar days will be extended by the amount of the time actually worked by the Member during this ninety (90) consecutive Calendar day period; or
 - c) if a Faculty Member or Librarian becomes ill or injured while on Study/Research Leave such that the Study/Research Leave cannot be completed, the Member shall go on Sick Leave and the provisions of Article 22: Study/Research Leave for Faculty and Article 29: Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians shall cease to apply. If 50% or more of the Study/Research Leave is unable to be completed, the Faculty Member or Librarian may apply to the Dean or University Librarian for deferral of the Leave;
 - d) for Veterinarian Members who become ill or injured while on Consultative Leave, part c) above shall apply mutatis mutandis.
- 47.5 To ensure a timely application and consideration for Long Term Disability benefits, the person to whom the Member reports will inform Human Resources (Occupational Health and Wellness) as soon as possible of the absence due to illness or injury.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Benefits

- 47.6 A Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury arising out of and in the course of employment shall be paid his/her actual salary by the University for up to the first

ninety (90) consecutive calendar days of any such absence. During this period, any benefits from the WSIB shall be paid to the University. If the Member continues to be entitled to such benefits after ninety (90) days, the Member shall receive benefits directly from the WSIB.

- 47.7 A Contractually Limited Member who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury arising out of and in the course of employment shall be paid his/her actual salary by the University for up to the first fifteen (15) days of any such absence. During this period, any benefits from the WSIB shall be paid to the University. If the Member continues to be entitled to such benefits after fifteen (15) days, he/she shall receive benefits directly from the WSIB.

Long Term Disability (LTD)

- 47.8 If a Member's absence due to illness or injury continues beyond the ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days of Sick Leave, the Member may qualify for LTD only in accordance with and to the extent of the terms of the legislation and/or LTD benefits policy in effect.
- 47.9 When a Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment and is absent due to illness or injury beyond ninety (90) consecutive calendar days of Sick Leave but does not qualify for LTD, the Member will remain on Sick Leave following the ninety (90) consecutive calendar days, but without salary. For continuation of benefits while on unpaid Sick Leave, the Member shall pay both the University and Member premiums.
- 47.10 For Contractually Limited Members, if eligible, LTD benefits will cease at five (5) years. If the end of the contract has been exceeded at the time LTD benefits cease, the Member will be deemed terminated.
- 47.11 During the period of LTD, the University shall pay the employer and employee contributions for all benefits except optional benefits. Pension contributions and basic life insurance premium contributions are based on the Member's pre-disability salary.
- 47.12 During periods of LTD, there will be no service accrual toward eligibility for Study/Research Leave, Consultative Leave or Transition Leave.

Return to Work

- 47.13 In all cases, the return-to-work program shall be consistent with the Parties' duty to accommodate in accordance with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.
- 47.14 Before a return to work following an absence of more than fourteen (14) calendar days due to illness or injury, or where the University has reason to believe that the Member may require accommodation, the University may require documentation stating that the Member is able to return to work without restrictions or that he/she is able to return to work, with the nature and duration of any work restrictions described.
- 47.15 If a Member is to return to work with restrictions, the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall contact Occupational Health and Wellness before the Member's return to work to meet and discuss any accommodations required for his/her return to work.

Article 48 – Family Medical Leave and Personal Emergency Leave

Family Medical Leave

Purpose

48.1 Family Medical Leave may be taken to provide care or support to family members to whom a qualified health practitioner has issued a certificate indicating that he/she has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death occurring within a period of twenty-six (26) weeks. The medical condition and risk of death must be confirmed in a certificate issued by a qualified health practitioner.

Process for Approval

48.2 Members requiring Family Medical Leave shall notify the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible, providing the certificate (per Article 48.1) issued by a qualified health practitioner.

48.3 A family medical leave may last up to eight (8) weeks within a specified twenty-six (26) week period and does not have to be taken consecutively. Such Leave will be with pay.

Personal Emergency Leave

Process for Approval

48.4 The Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall determine the appropriate duration of the Leave, to a maximum of ten (10) days, after consultation with the Member. Such Leave will be with pay.

48.5 A Member is entitled to a maximum of ten (10) days of Personal Emergency Leave. Personal Emergency Leave may be taken for such grounds as injury, medical emergency, death, illness, or other urgent matters relating to family members (per Article 48.4). The Member shall inform the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible of the need to take such leave. A Member may, subject to written approval by the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, receive pay during such leave under the terms of this Article.

Article 49 - Court Leave

- 49.1 Members who are called for jury duty, or issued a summons by a court or any body in Canada with powers of subpoena, shall, if their attendance requires them to be absent from their scheduled responsibilities, notify the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible after its receipt, and shall supply the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, with a copy of the summons.
- 49.2 Leave shall be considered leave with pay provided that the Member is not currently on a Leave of Absence without salary and that upon return he/she provides the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, verification from the court or other body stating the period of jury duty or subpoenaed service.
- 49.3 This Article does not apply to Members summoned to any Arbitration proceeding between the University and the Association.

Article 50 - Political Leave

- 50.1 A Member who becomes a candidate for full-time public office shall be granted, upon request, a paid temporary Political Leave for the period from the issuance of the election writ to the day following the election. The Member shall, in consultation with the person to whom he/she reports, make efforts to ensure that, during the period of the Leave, the effects of his/her absence upon responsibilities and assigned duties may be minimized.
- 50.2 A Member campaigning for election to public office shall speak and write as a private citizen and not as a representative of the University.
- 50.3 A Member applying for leave under this Article shall give reasonable notice of his/her intention to stand for public office to the Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 50.4 A Tenured or Continuing Appointment Member who is elected to full-time public office shall be granted leave without salary and benefits for the duration of the term of public office. While the Member is on Leave without pay, the University will not contribute towards the costs of benefits, including pension. The Member may elect to pay the cost of benefits and/or pension contributions during the period of the Leave.
- 50.5 The leave under Article 50.4 shall end when the Member's first public office term expires or if the Member successfully seeks subsequent terms of office. Any extension of leave beyond five (5) full years will be at the discretion of the Provost.
- 50.6 The Member upon making a request to the Dean, or University Librarian or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, returning to the workplace no later than two (2) weeks following the expiry of the Leave, shall be reinstated to his/her previous Appointment.

Article 51 - Research Policies

Human Subjects

- 51.1 The Parties agree that *Tri-Council Policy Statements (TCPS)* and other legislated requirements shall be the sole basis for any new or revised policy, procedure, or regulation for research involving human subjects.
- 51.2 Following a decision of the Research Ethics Board Appeal Committee, a Member has the right to grieve. The Grievance will only be heard if it is based on a complaint of procedural defect or irregularity in the process that led to the decision.

Animal Care Policy

- 51.3 The Parties agree that the appropriate care of, and respect for, the animals involved in research, teaching, and extension activities is central to the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, as may be revised from time to time.
- 51.4 The Parties agree that the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, 2006, as amended from time to time, is intended for application within the context of academic freedom.
- 51.5 Decisions of Animal Care Committees may be appealed through Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration. The Grievance will only be heard if it is based on a complaint of procedural defect or irregularity in the process which led to the decision.
- 51.6 It is agreed that before any changes are made to the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, the Association will be notified and meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.

Article 52 - Intellectual Property

Preamble

- 52.1 The Association and the University recognize that the common good of society is served by the unfettered search for knowledge in all fields of study, and by its public exposition.
- 52.2 The University and the Association are committed to preserving the principles of academic and intellectual freedom and ensuring that all Creators of Intellectual Property have their rights protected.
- 52.3 The fundamental principle of the University's policy with respect to ownership is that Intellectual Property is owned by the Faculty Members, Librarians, Veterinarians, staff and student Creator(s) who create it, subject only to the specific exceptions set out in this Article (i.e., 52.9.3 and 52.10.2).
- 52.4 The development of Intellectual Property rights is not a basic purpose of University Activities, including research, nor is it a condition for support of such activities. The University agrees that UGFA Members will have no obligation to seek Intellectual Property rights for the results of University Activities, or to modify research to enhance such rights. Members may have an opportunity to engage in commercial exploitation of his/her Intellectual Property, but no Members will be obliged to engage in commercial exploitation of his or her scholarly work or to provide commercial justification for it, except as agreed to by the Member in any grant application, award, or Contract.
- 52.5 Issues relating to disputed ownership of Intellectual Property, the transfer of rights relating to Intellectual Property (including licensing), and the allocation of any revenue from Intellectual Property, will be decided in a fair and equitable manner.
- 52.6 **Definitions**
- 52.6.1 "Creator" means the person or persons who creates, conceives, designs, discovers, develops, or authors Intellectual Property.
- 52.6.2 "Extraordinary Support" means University funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources that are provided to a Member to a degree that is significantly in excess of that available to all Members. Extraordinary Support does not include University support in the form of the Member's regular salary, stipends, allowances, benefits, paid or unpaid leaves or reassigned time, personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources regularly funded by the activities of the Member's department, the normal use of University's library and computer facilities, and the University support accessible in connection with normal duties or academic instructional programs involving the Member. Such "Extraordinary Support" will be recognized by all parties through the signing of a Contract before such support is provided.
- 52.6.3 "Intellectual Property" means any result of intellectual or artistic activity including:
- 52.6.3.1 inventions, arts, processes, machines, manufacturers, compositions of matter and improvements, and Works;
- 52.6.3.2 proprietary information, trade secrets, and know-how;

52.6.3.3 industrial designs, artistic designs;

52.6.3.4 tangible research property including integrated circuit topography, biotechnology and genetic engineering products (including plant cultivars and germ plasm), engineering drawings, engineering prototypes and other property that can be physically distributed whether or not any such property is registrable or registered, or the subject of applications for registration, and all other products of research or discovery that are protected by law, including by a statutory regime, or which may be licensable.

52.6.4 “Moral Rights” means the Canadian statutory rights of an author of a Work in which copyright subsists to be associated with the Work and to prevent the distortion, mutilation, or modification of the Work to the prejudice of the honour and reputation of the author.

52.6.5 “University Activities” means activities that are carried out by Members, staff, and students in the course of their employment or association with the University, or using University funds, facilities, equipment, or other resources.

52.6.6 “Contract” means a written agreement between a Member and the University or the Member and any Person or the University and any Person, including the terms of any award or grant, including the OMAFRA Agreement.

52.6.7 “Person” means any individual, firm, corporation, or other legal entity not a party to this Agreement.

52.6.8 “Copyright” means the sole right to produce or reproduce a Work or a substantial part of it in any form.

52.6.9 “Work” means original literary, dramatic, artistic, and musical works as well as sound recordings, performer’s performances and communication signals and works including but not limited to: publications, notes, books, texts, articles, monographs, glossaries, bibliographies, cartographic materials, modular posters, study guides, laboratory manuals, correspondence, course packages, interactive textbooks, websites, course work delivered on the Internet, including distance education, multimedia instructional packages, syllabi, tests and work papers, lectures, choreographic works, unpublished scripts, films, filmstrips, charts, transparencies, other visual aids, video and audio tapes and cassettes, computer software, computer programs and code of all types, layouts, interfaces, applications and tools, all databases and database layouts (but not data in databases unless the individual elements can be or are protected) live video and audio broadcasts, programmed instructional materials, drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, works of visual art and music (including any software which expresses the said notes, manuals, artifacts or works), and productions (including sound, video, film, hypertext multimedia);

Right to Publish

52.7.1 The University is an open environment for the pursuit of scholarly work. Academic freedom and critical inquiry implies the communication of the findings and results of intellectual investigation. The University shall not interfere with a Member’s freedom to publish the results of scholarly inquiry and research, except for limitations imposed by duly constituted university research ethics boards, or in accordance with the terms of an

agreement of confidentiality, Contract, or conditions under which a grant is accepted by a Member.

52.7.2 The Parties agree that where an external sponsor wishes to delay publication of work received under a Contract with the sponsor, in no case shall publication be delayed longer than twelve (12) months from the date of submission of the final work to the sponsor. In exceptional cases, and with the agreement of the Member and the Vice-President (Research), this may be extended for a further twelve (12) months, to a total of twenty-four (24) months.

52.7.3 Members have the right to accept grants and Contracts that do not necessarily result in publication.

Right to Disclose Risks

52.8 Members have the absolute right to publicly disclose information about risks to research participants or the general public or threats to the public interest that become known in the course of their research. Members shall disclose this information to the University and any pertinent regulator prior to, or simultaneously with, the public disclosure. It is expected that a Member will not sign a confidentiality agreement contrary to this Right.

Copyright

52.9.1 Copyright applies to all original literary, dramatic, artistic, and musical works as well as sound recordings, performer's performances, and communication signals.

52.9.2 All Copyright belongs to the Member or Members who create the Work even if it is produced during the course of employment and with the use of the University's facilities and resources, except in those cases where:

- a) there is a written Contract to the contrary, between the Member(s) and the University, or between the Member(s) and the University and a third party that assigns the ownership rights of the copyright material to the University or the third party;
- b) the University provides "Extraordinary Support". In such cases, the Member will agree to share his/her portion of the ownership rights and/or revenues deriving from the copyright material with the University in percentages established by means of a Contract between the Member and the University. The University shall recover those costs by taking not more than 50% of the net revenues in each year until such time as the University has recovered its Extraordinary Support. Thereafter, the University shall receive not more than 40% of net revenues in each year. All agreements between a Member or Members and the University pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing and shall be copied to the Association.

52.9.3 No Contract or written agreement between the University and a Member shall contain a clause waiving moral rights.

52.9.4 In the event that a Work is the creation of more than one Member, the provisions of this article shall apply on a pro rata basis to all the creators of the work, unless a written agreement among the Members or Contract states otherwise.

- 52.9.5 In the event that the University or assignee relinquishes its rights in any Work, all intellectual property rights shall revert back to the first owner. In the event that the first owner is deceased, the rights shall revert to the estate of the first owner.
- 52.9.6 The University agrees that all rights in the copyright to lectures and other Works (per 52.9.2) prepared by and/or delivered by a Member in association with his/her teaching assignments(s) shall vest in the Member.
- 52.9.7 No Member shall claim any copyright in any assessment, grading, report, or correspondence produced pursuant to her/his normal administrative duties within the University. Moreover, no Member shall claim copyright in any materials provided to the Member to assist him/her in carrying out his/her duties and modified by the Member, such as a laboratory manual, or claim copyright in any materials produced and designed to assist in the day-to-day administration, operation, and/or management of the University's affairs.
- 52.9.8 Where copyright has been assigned to the University by a Member(s), the University shall inform the Association and the creators, in writing, of any agreements the University enters into purporting to assign copyright materials to any Party except that Member(s).
- 52.9.9 A Member who creates a copyrighted Work in the course of his/her normal duties and responsibilities as defined by this Agreement shall grant the University a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-transferable license to use such Works in other, non-commercial teaching and/or scholarly, research or creative activities of the University, subject to copyright requirements of academic journals and other vehicles of scholarly publication. This license shall not apply to a Member's personal documents, including unpublished lecture notes, course notes, lab notes or any Work in progress. The Member may withdraw the right to use such Work because of dating or other bona fide scholarly reasons provided that the Member has provided the University with reasonable notice of the change being sought and has been unsuccessful in effecting such change.

Patents and Trademarks

- 52.10.1 The discovery of patentable inventions and the creation of associated or individual trademarks is not a basic purpose of university research, nor is it a condition for support of such research. The University agrees that the Member shall have no obligation to seek patent or trademark protection for the results of scientific activity or to modify research to enhance patentability. When a Member has an invention, process, or product which he/she believes has a reasonable prospect of being protected and intends to take steps to do so, he/she is obliged to disclose this, in writing, to the University. The University further agrees that the Member has the unqualified right to publish his or her inventions, processes, or products. This article applies to any result of intellectual or artistic activity created by a Member or Members that can be owned by a person, excluding know-how, data, and Work to which copyright alone attaches.
- 52.10.2 All inventions, processes and products belong to the Member or Members who create them even if they are produced during the course of employment and with the use of the University's facilities and resources, except in those cases where:
- a) there is a written Contract to the contrary between the Member(s) and the University (e.g., with respect to the OMAFRA Agreement), which obliges the ownership rights to be assigned to the University or another party;

- b) the University provides “Extraordinary Support”. In such cases, the Member will agree to share his/her portion of the ownership rights and/or revenue deriving from the patentable or trademarked material with the University in percentages established by means of a Contract between the Member and the University. The University shall recover those costs by taking not more than 50% of the net revenues in each year until such time as the University has recovered its Extraordinary Support. Thereafter, the University shall receive not more than 40% of net revenues in each year.

52.10.3 A Member shall disclose potential intellectual property as soon as reasonably possible and prior to filing a patent or trademark application whether it refers to an invention, process, improvement, design, or development made with the support of the University. At that time, the Member shall disclose any Contract that may be relevant to the development of the Intellectual Property and shall assert at that time the identity of the Creators and owners of the Intellectual Property. If the University fails to challenge in writing the assertion of the Member within three (3) months of the receipt of notification of the above noted disclosures and assertions, the University shall be deemed to have accepted as accurate the assertions set out in the Member's notice. Failure by the Member to give notice as described in this section shall maintain the University's rights until such notification. The burden of establishing the amount of Extraordinary Support incurred by the University shall lie with the University.

52.10.4 A Member may, at his/her sole discretion, make his/her own arrangements for an application for patent or trademark and for the commercial exploitation of any invention, improvement, design or development so patented or trademarked, at his/her sole expense.

52.10.5 A Member may, at his/her sole discretion, enter into a Contract with the University to use the services of the Research Innovation Office. The University and Member will come to an agreement on the cost-sharing plan for patent or trademark and potential commercial exploitation.

52.10.5.1 Members have the right to invoke the Dispute Resolution Process where the Member believes that the University has failed to bring appropriate skill and effort to bear on the exploitation over a period of time.

52.10.6 The Member shall grant to the University a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-transferable licence to use solely for the University's internal use any patented / trademarked invention, process, improvement, design, or development when such was made, discovered, or developed using University facilities, support personnel, support services, equipment or materials. Such right shall not include the right to exploit commercially any such invention, process, improvement, design or development, or to licence anyone to do so, except as allowed in this Article.

52.10.7 Any revenue that the University may receive under the terms of this Article shall be dedicated to research and other forms of scholarly activity, and the Association shall receive notice of same.

52.10.7.1 In the event that an invention, process, improvement, design, or development is the creation of more than one Member, the provisions of this article apply on a pro rata basis to all Members who created the invention, process,

improvement, design or development unless a written agreement or Contract states otherwise.

52.10.8 In the event that the University or assignee relinquishes his or her rights in any work, all Intellectual Property rights shall revert back to the first owner. In the event that the first owner is deceased, the rights shall revert to the estate of the first owner.

Written Agreements or Contracts

- 52.11 On or before March 31 of each year of this Collective Agreement, the University will provide to the Association a list of every Contract, including those covered by the OMAFRA University of Guelph Agreement (Schedule N), and for each agreement the names of Members and any third parties, and the share of cost and proceeds.
- 52.12 When the University and a Member(s) seek to enter into an agreement or Contract, the agreement or Contract must contain explicit information and undertakings with respect to the following:
- a) the identities of those entering into the agreement;
 - b) any support and/or resources that are being provided, beyond those normally available to Member(s);
 - c) the deadlines agreed to by the Parties;
 - d) the Member(s) responsible for the creation of the Work shall retain the exclusive right to rework, revise, or amend any Work, and to be fairly compensated;
 - e) provision with respect to the right of others at the University to make reproductions of the Work to use in teaching, scholarship, and research;
 - f) the duration of the agreement and the process for its revision;
 - g) provision for the disposition of materials produced under the agreement if the agreement is not renewed.
- 52.13 Subject to 52.10.2, the University shall not enter into any agreement with a third party (including an agreement to administer funds) that alters or abridges, or has the effect of altering or abridging, the Intellectual Property rights of a Member, unless the Member agrees in writing.
- 52.14 Any Member entering into a collaboration with another Member together with other employees of the University, or with a person or persons external to the University, will, prior to the commencement of the collaboration, inform all collaborators that, where there is no written agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this Article will apply.
- 52.15 The name "University of Guelph" and abbreviations thereof, and the logos of the University of Guelph and their component parts, are trademarks and service marks of the University and are owned by the University. Members will take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that the name of the University and such other trade-marks and service marks are not used in connection with Intellectual Property without the prior written agreement of the University. No statement made by a Member with respect to Intellectual Property may, in any way, imply approval, promotion, or use of such Intellectual Property by the University without the prior written agreement of the University. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing shall prevent a Member from stating his/her employment, rank and title in connection with Intellectual Property.

52.16 This Article does not affect the ownership, revenue or other rights and obligations of the University, the Association, and Members with respect to Intellectual Property that is the subject of any Contract dated, or any disclosure to the University made, prior to March 31, 2009.

Dispute Resolution

52.16.1 Every effort shall be made by all parties acting in good faith to resolve disputes at the lowest level possible. If the dispute is resolved through such means, the settlement shall be reduced to writing and a copy provided to the Faculty Association.

52.16.2 If Agreement cannot be reached, the Member may bring the matter before the Association to consider the filing of a grievance as per Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

52.16.3 In the event that the Canadian Copyright Act or Patent Act or other similar intellectual property legislation is amended to the extent that this Article requires revision, the parties shall re-open the negotiation of this Article.

Article 53 - Compensation

53.1 Compensation rates for Study/Research Leave for Faculty, Study/Research Leave and Development Leaves for Librarians, and Consultative Leave for Veterinarians shall be at 100% salary.

Salary General

53.2 The University shall not offer and a Member shall not receive any compensation except as provided for in this Agreement. No Member's salary shall be reduced as a result of the application of this Agreement.

53.3 Salaries shall be adjusted as specified in this Article, and the adjusted salaries shall take effect as of July 1, unless otherwise specified in this Article. Salary adjustments for individual Members shall include one or more of the following components applied in the following order:

- a) Cost of Living Increase;
- b) Promotion Increase, if any, applied to base salary;
- c) Annual Career Increment;
- d) Performance Increase, if any, applied to salary.

53.4 A Member's starting salary shall be established on an individual basis through negotiation between the University and the Candidate. All offers shall be sent to Candidates in a standard Appointment letter as per Article 19: Faculty Appointments, Article 26: Librarian Appointments, Article 32: Appointments for Veterinarians. Candidates will be provided the contact information for the Association prior to signing of an agreement. With the exception of Article 53.4.1 (below), no Member shall be paid a salary below the floor for his/her rank.

53.4.1 The parties recognize that the appropriate prorating of a salary in accordance with an approved reduction in workload may result in a salary below the floors set out in Articles 53.5 and 53.6.

53.5 The Salary Floor for Faculty and Veterinarian Members shall be:

Rank	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Professor or Veterinarian	\$99,918	\$101,417	\$102,939	\$104,484
Associate Professor or Associate Veterinarian	\$91,768	\$93,145	\$94,543	\$95,962
Assistant Professor or Assistant Veterinarian	\$86,789	\$88,091	\$89,413	\$90,755

53.6 The Salary Floor for Librarian Members shall be:

Rank	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Librarian	\$84,221	\$85,485	\$86,768	\$88,070
Associate Librarian	\$75,249	\$76,378	\$77,524	\$78,687
Assistant Librarian	\$69,768	\$70,815	\$71,878	\$72,957

Base Increases - Cost of Living Increase

53.7 Prior to the application of any salary increase (including Annual Career Increments and any applicable Performance Increase), the base salary of each Member will be increased effective the dates set out below:

July 1, 2017: 1.25%
July 1, 2018: 1.50%
July 1, 2019: 1.50%
July 1, 2020: 1.50%

53.8 Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members' base salaries as at June 30, 2017 shall be used as the starting point for the application of the salary increases set out above.

Annual Career Increment

53.9 Subject to Article 53.10 below, the base salary of each Member shall be increased as follows:

July 1, 2017: \$2,550
July 1, 2018: \$2,550
July 1, 2019: \$2,550
July 1, 2020: \$2,650

53.10 Where a Member has been given a performance rating of "Unsatisfactory", the Provost may, after having given due consideration to mitigating circumstances, and following any appeal provided for under Articles 21, 28, or 34, withhold, in whole or in part, the Annual Career Increment provided for in Article 53.9. The decision of the Provost is subject to the Grievance procedure.

53.10.1 If in the off-year assessment by the Tenure and Promotion Committees, the recommendation arising is that the Member has made satisfactory progress regarding the areas of concern identified by the College Committee in the biennial performance assessment, and the Provost accepts the recommendation, the Member shall receive his/her ACI for that year. Should the Provost not accept the recommendation, written reasons shall be provided.

Performance Increments

53.11 A performance-based recognition fund will be established and shall be awarded as one-time lump sums on July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020 respectively on the basis of performance evaluations for each Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Member as

follows: The performance increment pool shall be established by multiplying the applicable value (below) by the total number of all Members on July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, respectively.

July 1, 2017: \$800

July 1, 2018: \$900

July 1, 2019: \$1,000

July 1, 2020: \$1,100

- 53.12 The performance fund pool shall be divided among Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members whose performance rating is “Very Good” or “Outstanding” as follows:
- a) Members whose performance rating is “Very Good” shall be assigned a score of “1.0 point”;
 - b) Members whose performance rating is “Outstanding” shall be assigned a score of “2.0 point”;
 - c) the scores of all Members shall be added to determine the total of performance rating points;
 - e) each Member whose performance has been rated as “Very Good” shall receive a salary adjustment in the form of an increment equal to the value of one performance rating point in each year;
 - f) each Member whose performance has been rated as “Outstanding” shall receive a salary adjustment in the form of an increment equal to the value of two performance rating points.
- 53.13 All Members shall receive written reasons that set out the basis upon which their performance has been judged in accordance with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review for Faculty Members, or Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Librarians, or Article 34: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Veterinarian Members.
- 53.14 For the purpose of awarding performance increments, Faculty, Librarians, and Veterinarian Members will be provided a rating of either “Unsatisfactory,” “Improvement Required/Developmental,” “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Outstanding,” and shall not be ranked within these performance categories.
- 53.15 Performance increments shall be awarded by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, consistent with the procedures for Performance Review of Members in Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review for Faculty Members, or Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Librarians, or Article 34: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Veterinarian Members.

Promotion

- 53.16 Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members promoted to the rank of Associate Professor/Librarian/Veterinarian shall receive, on the effective date of the promotion, a Promotion Increment equal to the greater of \$2,400 and the difference between the Member’s current salary and the new salary floor for the rank into which he/she is being promoted. Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members promoted to the rank of Professor/Librarian/Veterinarian shall receive, on the effective date of the promotion, a Promotion Increment equal to the greater of \$4,000 and the difference between the Member’s

current salary and the new salary floor for the rank into which he/she is being promoted. Promotion increases shall be awarded in addition to the Member's normal ACI and Performance Increment.

Provost Recruitment and Retention

- 53.17 a) Where a Faculty Member provides the University with a written offer of employment from another educational institution that provides for a salary in excess of his or her current salary, the Provost has the discretion to match the salary being offered to the Faculty Member.
- b) The Association will be informed of the University's decision.

Research Chairs

- 53.18 A Research Chair is an academic Appointment that is funded from internally or externally designated funds. Funds designated and restricted for this purpose could include those from government, public, private, or endowed funds. Research Chairs include, but are not limited to, Canada Research Chairs, and Research Chairs sponsored by the federal granting councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR).
- 53.19 Any process to award an internally funded Research Chair shall be fair and transparent.
- 53.20 Chairholders shall normally be appointed at salaries comparable to those of other faculty with similar qualifications and experience. Research Chair appointment letters shall be copied to the Association.
- 53.21 To be competitive in recruiting and retaining top scholars, and to recognize the distinction of holding a chair, Chairholders may be eligible for a Research Chair Supplement for as long as they hold the Chair. The value of the annual Supplement shall be established at the time of appointment.
- 53.22 This Supplement shall not form part of the base salary, meaning that when the Member ceases to be a Chairholder the Member will no longer be eligible to receive the Supplement.

Overload Stipend

- 53.23 Faculty Members teaching overload courses shall receive a stipend of \$8,000 for each course taught that is considered a full course weighting in the Academic Unit in which the teaching is assigned. Overload courses are those that are assigned above the Teaching DOE in place for the Faculty Member. No overload courses will be assigned without approval of the Dean, and a Member may teach a maximum of one Overload course per academic year.

Remuneration of Chairs/Directors and Librarian Administrative Appointments

- 53.24 A Faculty Member who is a Department Chair or Director of a School shall receive an annual stipend. The amount of the Stipend shall be a minimum of \$12,000 for his/her first term as Chair, and a minimum of \$14,000 for his/her second term as Chair. The actual stipend amount shall be determined by negotiation between the Faculty Member and the Dean at the time of appointment to the position of Chair.
- 53.25 A Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment shall receive an annual stipend. For all Librarians who hold an Administrative Appointment, or subsequently assume an Administrative Appointment during the term of this Agreement, the amount of the stipend shall be a minimum of:

Level I: \$5,500 with a minimum of \$7,500 for his/her second term
Level II: \$7,500 with a minimum of \$9,500 for his/her second term
Level III: \$10,500 with a minimum of \$12,500 for his/her second term

The actual stipend amount shall be determined by negotiation between the Librarian and the University Librarian at the time of appointment to the administrative position.

On-Call and Emergency

- 53.26 A Veterinarian or Faculty Member who is required by the University to be on call for the provision of emergency services in the OVC-HSC or AHL shall be remunerated at the rate of \$50 per day.
- 53.27 Veterinarian Members in the OVC-HSC and Faculty Members who are required by the University to provide emergency services outside of their regular hours shall be remunerated at a rate per hour for providing service as follows:
- a) In-house services (Large Animal Clinic): \$250/hour
 - b) In-house services (Large Animal Clinic, production animals): \$150/hour
 - c) In-house services (Small Animal Clinic): \$300/hour
 - d) Field Service: \$150/hour.
- 53.28 Veterinarian Members in the AHL who are required by the University to provide emergency services outside of their regular hours shall be remunerated at \$150/hour spent directly involved in providing the service.

Benefits

- 53.29 All existing benefit plans available to eligible Members as at June 30, 2017 shall continue unchanged, except as modified by this Agreement.
- 53.30 Other plans or programs, such as, but not limited to, Employee Assistance Program, Athletic Fee Subsidy, etc. shall continue unchanged, except as modified by this Agreement.
- 53.31 For purposes of the Extended Health and Dental benefits, "spouse" means the Member's spouse by marriage or under any other formal union recognized by law, or a person of the opposite or same sex who is living with, and has been living with, the Member in a conjugal relationship.
- 53.32 Members who continue to hold Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing or Contractually Limited Appointments beyond their normal retirement date are entitled to receive the same benefits coverage as they held at their normal retirement date.
- 53.33 Notwithstanding the provisions of 53.29 of this Article, Long Term Disability benefits and Life Insurance end at a Member's normal retirement date.

Post-Retirement Benefits

- 53.34 Members who are employed on or after July 1, 2008 are eligible for post-retirement benefits if they have at least ten (10) years of pensionable service with the University.

Tuition Waiver

53.35 Tuition assistance will be available to all full- and part-time tenured/continuing appointment and tenure-track/continuing appointment-track Members. A maximum of two course credits offered by the University of Guelph will be eligible per semester, with a maximum of 4.0 courses per calendar year. In addition, currently employed Members will be eligible for tuition rebates of 90% of the tuition fees for off campus courses up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year.

53.35.1 Under this plan, the taking of credit or non-credit courses at the University or the taking of off campus courses, must complement Member's present or possible future responsibilities to the University or career path. The tuition waiver assistance will require approval of the Dean (for Faculty Members and Veterinarians in the OVC-HSC and OAC), the University Librarian (for Librarians), and the AVPR (for Veterinarians in the AHL).

Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR)

53.36 Each eligible Member may claim reimbursement of eligible expenses up to a value of:

July 1, 2017: \$2,000
July 1, 2018: \$2,050
July 1, 2019: \$2,100
July 1, 2020: \$2,150

53.37 The pool of monies for allocation for PDR for a particular year (May 1st to April 30th), will be taken as of September 15th. To be eligible for PDR, a Member must hold a:

- a) Tenure-track/continuing appointment-track or tenured/continuing appointment position;
or
- b) Contractually limited appointment of one year or more.

53.38 For Contractually Limited Members and all other Members who are on an approved reduced workload NOT related to medical or human rights reasons, PDR shall be pro-rated in accordance with the Member's percentage workload.

53.39 For newly appointed Members hired after September 15th, a pro-rated amount calculated as: (Months remaining to April 30th from Date of Hire/12) x (Annual PDR Allocation) shall be made for the initial PDR fund allotted.

53.40 Members who are retiring or resigning shall receive in their year of retirement a pro-rated amount calculated as: (Number of months worked in final PDR year/12 x Annual PDR Allocation).

General Terms and Procedures:

53.41 PDR funds will be distributed to Members as per the terms of this Article.

53.42 Each eligible Member is allotted the sum (effective May 1 of each year for the duration of the Agreement) for Professional Development Reimbursement per fiscal year (May 1 to April 30). Reimbursement charged to this allotment must be for actual expenses incurred and must be supported by actual receipts consistent with established University reimbursement procedures. The use of these funds must relate directly to the Member's teaching, scholarship, service, or professional practice activities under his/her general University responsibilities.

- 53.43 The exception to this is that one annual transfer to trust/research accounts will be permitted; however, the transfer must be for allowable expenses according to the current policy and a transfer must specify the items for which the funds have been expended.
- 53.44 Items purchased with these funds that have a continuing value remain the property of the University.
- 53.45 Items for which reimbursement may be claimed are restricted to the following:
- a) Books, Journal subscriptions;
 - b) Research equipment and instruments (including computer software or maintenance, personal computers and ancillary equipment, and typewriter or computer repairs and maintenance.);
 - c) Tuition/training fees which are related to the professional discipline of the Member;
 - d) Memberships in professional associations or learned societies;
 - e) Conference registration fees and travel;
 - f) The premium cost of property insurance (such as that offered by CAUT) to protect professional material and equipment.;
 - g) The purchase cost of personal computers and ancillary equipment needed in the pursuit of University related professional activities;
 - h) Up to \$100 may be used as a flexible allowance for out-of-pocket expenses associated with University recreational facilities. (If used, this reimbursement is considered a taxable benefit by Canada Revenue Agency.)
 - i) the cost of home internet provider services as an eligible expense subject to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations.

Timing and payment of PDR:

- 53.46 Due to administrative costs it is hoped that Members would, whenever possible, submit one claim for the PDR, but no more than 2 claims per fiscal year. Other variations regarding timing and payment of PDR include the following:
- a) Unused PDR up to a maximum of two year's full PDR may be carried forward to the next year so that a maximum of three year's PDR be available at any one time. At the start of any fiscal year (May 1), any unused PDR exceeding the two-year maximum will be allocated to the Library's acquisition budget.
 - b) Each eligible Member may submit up to two claims for reimbursement within a fiscal year (May 1 to April 30) up to the maximum PDR, subject to the maximum carry-over provision. Such claims must be for actual University-related business expenses incurred and must be supported by actual receipts consistent with established University reimbursement procedures. Where eligible actual expenses exceed the PDR allocation in any fiscal year, individual Members may submit the residual expense amount consistent with established University reimbursement procedures in only the following fiscal year.
 - c) Single purchase expenses (i.e., one time out-of-pocket equipment or similar large expenses that exceed the annual PDR) may be carried forward for a maximum of three

years for reimbursement. (Departments will maintain appropriate carry-forward records/receipts.)

- d) Two or more Members may submit a combined application for reimbursement, provided the specific uses of the funds are covered by this policy. Such a submission may be up to a maximum of $N \times \$PDR$ (N = the number of submitters)
- e) Subject to the approval of the appropriate Department Chair, Supervisor, or Director, Members may transfer to a colleague his/her entitlement for a particular year. Such a transfer must be based on the agreement that it will be reversed within a three-year period.

Pension

53.47 Plan text amendments (except those required by legislation) for the Professional Pension Plan that would modify the benefit levels for the plan for Members shall require the written agreement of UGFA.

Member Contributions

53.48 Schedule of Rate Changes

The Parties agree that the maximum contribution rates of Members shall be adjusted as follows:

Date	Below YMPE	Above YMPE
July 1, 2017*	7.78%	9.48%
July 1, 2018	8.18 %	9.88%
July 1, 2019	8.58%	10.28%
July 1, 2020	8.99%	10.69%
*current rates		

53.48.1 The rates listed above are established as maximum Member contribution rates under this Agreement. The Employer contribution rates will continue to be determined by the Plan Actuary, but in no case shall be less than the Member rates. Precise determination of any adjustments to Member contribution rates will be made on the advice of the Plan Actuary with due consideration being given to the importance of recognizing earnings below and above the YMPE and any applicable legislative requirements. Member Rates will be approved by the Board of Governors Pension Committee through normal processes to change the Professional Plan's text necessary to reflect the new Member Rates.

53.48.2 Subject to the terms of the Letter of Understanding 10 (Agreement to Pursue Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP) Options for UGFA Members), the Parties agree in principle to pursue a negotiated framework for the sharing of Normal Actuarial Cost of Professional Pension Plan through collective bargaining. Under this framework, should the most current valuation report filed on prior to July 1 of each year show an increase in the University's Normal Actuarial Cost to a level above 100% of the Member contribution rates specified above, the University will meet with the Joint Working

Committee on Pensions (constituted under LOU 10) to review the applicable valuation results, including support for the Normal Actuarial Cost increase. This review will include documentation prepared by the Plan's actuary who certifies the new Normal Actuarial Cost requirements in respect of the UGFA Members, including a summary of the underlying UGFA membership data used to prepare the valuation results and all other relevant data reasonably required to make such determination.

53.48.3 Pending such certification of results by the Actuary, and the approval by the Board Pension Committee as described under 53.46.1, Member contribution rates will increase sufficient to fund 50% of that portion of the University's Normal Actuarial Cost above 100% of member contributions at the time of the valuation. Under this calculation, Member contributions will be subject to a maximum increase of up to 0.4%, to be implemented effective July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019, and a maximum increase of up to 0.41% to be implemented effective July 1, 2020.

Early Retirement Provisions

Phased Retirement for Tenured or Continuing Appointment Members

53.49 With the elimination of mandatory retirement and the desire to provide for position planning, the University has options that will create the opportunity to determine dates for voluntary retirements or resignations. This applies to Tenured Faculty, Librarians and Veterinarians with a Continuing Appointment.

53.50 Definitions:

- a) Normal Retirement: Under University pension plans, the normal retirement date is age 65(eligible for unreduced pension). An individual Member may choose to retire on either the first of the month following the month in which the individual turns 65 or the end of the semester in which the Member turns 65;
- b) Early Retirement: Members may be able to prior to the Normal Retirement age subject to the provisions of the University's pension plans.
- c) Postponed Retirement: is a retirement date effective after a Member's normal retirement date. Members postponing retirement will be expected to carry out the normal range of duties and responsibilities until they retire;
- d) Phased Retirement: Members may be able to commit to a period of Reduced Workload in accordance with Article 54: Reduced Workload, after which period of time they would retire or resign.

Phased Retirement Option

53.51 This is available to Members who hold full-time Tenured or Continuing Appointments (regardless of funding) who are between the ages of 55 and 67 (at the beginning of the period of Reduced Workload) and have completed ten (10) years or more of pensionable service at the University as at the date of application.

53.52 Under this option, a lump-sum payment is available equal to 75% of the nominal final salary at retirement plus a "phase-out" period (toward retirement) over a maximum of two (2) years. The retiring allowance would be payable at the end of the phase-in period.

- 53.53 During the phase-out period, the maximum workload in any year is 50% of a full-time appointment and the total workload over a two (2) year period may not exceed 75% of a full-time appointment in total (minimum workload in any one year is 25% of a normal full-time appointment). The actual salary during the phase-in period will be pro-rated on the basis of the percentage workload appointment in each year.
- 53.54 During the phase-out period it is expected that the Member would perform a range of duties as outlined in his/her DOE, agreed to prior to the approval of a phased retirement, with the department Chair and Dean or University Librarian.
- 53.55 There are no special provisions in the pension plans associated with this option and pension or termination benefits (from the pension plans) will be determined in accordance with the current plan provisions. The commitment to retire at the end of the phase-out period is irrevocable.
- 53.56 Benefits, normally available, for the phase-out period will be provided based on the nominal (100% workload) salary, except for Long Term Disability. Member's cost sharing contributions, where applicable, will be based on the Member's actual salary using normal cost-sharing rates. The University will fund the difference in contributions.
- 53.57 Long Term Disability and Life Insurance are not applicable after the Normal Retirement Date (age 65).

Approvals

- 53.58 Acceptance for the voluntary resignation/early retirement or phased retirement requests under the options outlined above is conditional upon ensuring operational and academic priorities can be achieved.

The application by the Member requires signed support from the Department Chair as applicable, and signature approval by the Dean or University Librarian, with final approval by the Provost.

- 53.59 A decision to approve or not to approve will not be subject to Grievance. Reasons for the denial will be provided to the Member in writing.

Plan Representation

- 53.60 The Employer agrees that one of the two Professional Pension Plan members of the Board of Governors Pensions Committee shall be nominated by the Association for appointment by the Board. Such UGFA Member must be a member of the Professional Pension plan. The other Professional Plan member representative shall be a non-UGFA Member.
- 53.61 The Employer agrees to provide to the UGFA all financial documents and filings (including full and preliminary valuations of the plan) related to the Professional Plan in a timely fashion.

Article 54 - Reduced Workload

Reduced Workload

- 54.1 This Article applies to Full-Time Members with the exception of those holding Contractually Limited Appointments.
- 54.2 A Reduced Workload Appointment is one in which the appointment of a Full-Time Member is reduced from the Member's normal workload to less than full-time, on a regular basis.
- 54.2.1 Normally, Members will be expected to retain their agreed-upon DOE. The criteria for Promotion and Tenure or Continuing Appointment shall be the same as for Members not on Reduced Workload Appointments.
- 54.3 A Member seeking a Reduced Workload Appointment shall apply to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, for Reduced Workload. The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall consider the application, taking into account the circumstances of the applicant, the academic and service responsibilities, and, if applicable, any other factors relevant to the application.
- 54.4 Reduced Workload appointments require agreement of the Member and the University. The University shall not unreasonably deny a request for a Reduced Workload Appointment.
- 54.5 Members will apply in writing, normally at least six (6) months before any Reduced Workload Appointment may take effect. Applications made less than six (6) months before the proposed change will be considered only in cases of unforeseen circumstances/events.
- 54.6 The letter of application for a Reduced Workload Appointment shall include:
- a) the proposed date of commencement and the proposed term for the requested period of Reduced Workload;
 - b) the percentage of the Member's normal workload that the Member is requesting to carry during the period;
 - c) terms or conditions that the Member wishes to have associated with the Reduced Workload, including terms or conditions respecting activities that would be reduced more than others, or respecting the distribution of workload obligations within the period of Reduced Workload; and
 - d) any other documentation the Member deems relevant to the application, including any supporting statements from the Member.
- 54.7 If the Member and the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, agree on the provisions of the proposed Reduced Workload Appointment, those provisions shall be confirmed in writing and signed by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, and the Member. These provisions will include the period of Reduced Workload, the proportion of Reduced Workload to full-time responsibilities/duties during the period of Reduced Workload, extensions to probationary period, provisions for performance evaluation during and after the period of Reduced Workload, rate of accrual for Study/Research Leave, or Consultative Leave for Veterinarians, and benefits coverage.
- 54.8 An initial period of Reduced Workload shall run for part of, or all of, an academic year or for consecutive academic years up to three (3) years. An initial period may be followed by

additional periods of Reduced Workload. Application for such additional period(s) of Reduced Workload must be made in writing at least six (6) months in advance and shall be subject to the same review process followed in the initial application.

- 54.9 This proposed Reduced Workload Appointment shall be forwarded to the Provost for final review and approval on behalf of the University. Within twenty (20) days of receipt of the proposal for a Reduced/Workload Appointment, a decision will be made. Any decision by the Provost not to approve the proposal shall be accompanied by written reasons.
- 54.10 In the case of Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Members, if a 50% reduction has occurred for two (2) years or longer, the maximum length of the probationary period for Tenure shall be extended by one year (from six (6) to seven (7) years).
- 54.11 The level of salary shall be pro-rated to reflect the proportion of the Reduced Workload to full-time responsibility.
- 54.12 Vacation and Sick leave entitlements shall be as per Articles 46 and 47, except that the level of salary shall be pro-rated as per 54.11.
- 54.13 The amounts of any salary increase shall occur on a pro rata basis as in Article 54.11. Any percentage increases in salary shall be applied to the Member's pro-rated salary.
- 54.14 Eligibility for, and participation in, all group insurance plans, legislated plans and pension plans shall continue as is, or as amended from time to time, but coverage shall be on a pro rata basis, where appropriate, as in 54.11, except as specified in 54.15.

Pension and Benefits

- 54.15 Subject to Canada Revenue Agency, for those Members who are age 55 and over, and with ten (10) or more years of full-time service when beginning a period of Reduced Workload of not less than 50%, contributions by the University and Member to group insurance plans and pension and benefits received as a result shall be on the basis of the deemed continuance of the full-time salary, except in the cases of short and long-term disability.
- 54.16 If a Member reaches age 55 during the period of Reduced Workload, benefits shall continue on a pro rata basis as in 54.14 for the balance of the Reduced Workload.

Miscellaneous

- 54.17 A Member with a Reduced Workload Appointment may request that he/she resume a normal workload prior to the end of the agreed Reduced Workload Appointment. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, normally at least six (6) months prior to the date on which the resumption is intended to be effective. If approved, any such resumption of normal workload shall normally be effective on July 1 or January 1.
- 54.18 Members who are on a Reduced Workload Appointment will be considered eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave or Consultative Leave for Veterinarians after six (6) years of service. Salary paid while on leave will be on a pro rata basis as per 54.11.
- 54.19 Members on Reduced Workload shall be eligible for consideration for reappointment, promotion and, where applicable, Tenure or Continuing Appointment.

Article 55 - Financial Exigency

55.1 The University and the Association agree that the first duty of the University is to ensure that its academic priorities remain paramount. No Member shall be terminated or otherwise penalized with respect to terms and conditions of employment or rights and privileges relating to employment for reasons of Financial Exigency except in accordance with this Article.

Definition

55.2 A state of Financial Exigency is an extraordinary situation occurring when substantial and recurring financial deficits threaten the survival of the University as a whole, or substantial financial losses have been projected by generally accepted accounting principles to persist for more than two (2) years and threaten the continued functioning of the University.

55.3 This Article is invoked only in the event of a declaration of Financial Exigency in which the layoff of Members is proposed as part of the resolution to the situation.

55.4 The closure, cessation, merger, or elimination, in full or in part, of an academic program, based on academic reasons, is not Financial Exigency.

Declaring a Financial Exigency

55.5 When the financial situation of the University is severe enough that a bona fide state of Financial Exigency requiring layoffs exists, the President shall give written notice to the Board of Governors and the Association. As of the date of such notice, no new Members or Academic Administrators may be appointed.

55.6 Within ten (10) days of the notice specified in 55.5, the Parties will establish a Financial Commission described in 55.7 below.

Financial Commission

55.7 The Financial Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members, two (2) chosen by the University, two (2) chosen by the Association and a Chair chosen by both the University and the Association. If the Parties cannot agree on the Chair, the Chief Justice of Ontario shall be asked to select the Chair.

55.8 The Financial Commission shall meet to consider the Financial Exigency as specified in the President's formal notice and to determine whether a Financial Exigency exists.

55.9 The onus of proof shall be on the University to establish to the satisfaction of the Financial Commission that a state of Financial Exigency exists within the meaning of this Article.

55.10 The Financial Commission shall establish their own procedures and shall inquire into and answer each of the following questions:

- a) whether the University's financial position constitutes a bona fide budgetary crisis such that deficits projected by generally accepted accounting principles are expected to continue for more than two (2) years and to constitute a problem sufficiently grave that the University's continuing functioning is endangered;
- b) whether, in view of the primacy of academic goals at the University, the reduction of Members and/or the reduction in salaries and benefits of Members is a reasonable type

of cost-saving and whether all means of achieving cost-saving in all other areas of the University's expenditures have been explored and utilized;

- c) whether all reasonable means of improving the University's revenue position have been explored and taken into account;
- d) whether every effort has been made to secure further assistance from the Provincial Government;
- e) whether enrolment projections are consistent with the proposed academic staff complement;
- f) whether all reasonable means have been taken to reduce costs, such as Members' voluntary early retirement, voluntary resignation, or voluntary Reduced Workload;
- g) any other matters that it considers relevant to the proposed Financial Exigency.

55.11 The Financial Commission shall have access to any University documents, data, and records it considers relevant to its inquiries. The University shall cooperate with the Financial Commission in its deliberations and shall provide all documentation necessary to establish to the satisfaction of the Financial Commission whether a state of Financial Exigency exists within the meaning of this Article. The University shall provide a copy of such documentation to the Association at the same time it is provided to the Commission.

55.12 The Financial Commission shall conduct its inquiries, answering each of (a) to (f), as well as any other specific questions that arise under (g) above. Both the Association and the University shall make submissions to the Commission within (60) sixty days of the appointment of the Commission and the Commission shall report to the Parties within thirty (30) days after that. Such report shall be by receipted hand delivery.

55.13 If the Financial Commission finds that a state of Financial Exigency exists, its report shall specify the amount of reduction required, if any, in the budgetary allocation to salary and benefits for Members.

55.14 The Board of Governors, through the President, has the responsibility for implementing actions arising out of the report of the Financial Commission.

55.15 It shall be open to both Parties, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Agreement, to renegotiate provisions of this Agreement bearing directly on salaries and benefits or to reach other mutually acceptable emergency methods of reducing expenditures that could avert layoffs or decrease the number of layoffs.

55.16 When Financial Exigency has been confirmed, and no satisfactory provision can be made by the University for the continued employment of all Members, the President shall prepare a report that shall identify those Departments/Schools in which there are to be lay-offs. The plan shall be structured so that the University may continue to operate as far as possible in accordance with its mission and may propose across-the-board cuts, vertical cuts (involving Department/School closures), or some combination of across-the-board and vertical cuts.

55.17 The President shall present the report to the University Senate with a copy to the Association. Senate shall discuss the report, using its own procedures, and return it to the President within thirty (30) days, with comments and recommendations for revision. The President shall consider Senate's comments and recommendations as well as the comments and recommendations received, within the same thirty (30) day time frame, from the Association.

- 55.18 Subject to the areas of priority as identified in the President's Report (per 55.15 and 55.16), the following lay-off order shall apply:
- a) all contractually-limited appointments;
 - b) Members holding tenure-track/continuing appointment-track appointments;
 - c) all other Members, in accordance with 55.19.a) below.
- 55.19 Subject to the areas of priority as identified in the President's Report (per 55.15 and 55.16), the selection of persons to be laid off shall be on the basis of:
- a) quality of performance as determined in accordance with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty; Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members; and Article 33: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Veterinarians.
 - b) where two persons are considered substantially equal in the application of the factors listed in a), then the decision shall be made on the basis of length of full-time employment as a Member.
- 55.20 The following will apply to Members who are selected for lay-off:
- a) the University shall either provide to the Member at least twelve (12) months working notice, in writing, or the Member's regular salary and benefits in lieu thereof, and
 - b) the University shall pay the Member severance pay at the rate of one (1) month's Regular Salary for each Academic Year of service, subject to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months and a minimum of six (6) months.
- 55.21 Any layoffs under this Article shall occur only to the extent necessary to alleviate the Financial Exigency.

Article 56 - No Strike or Lockout

No Strike or Lockout

56.1 There shall be no Strikes or Lockouts during the term of this Agreement. Strike and Lockout bear the meanings used in the *Ontario Labour Relations Act*, 1995 S.O. 1995, c.1, Sched.A.

Essential Services

56.2 The Parties agree that proper care of animals will be maintained by Members of the Association in the event of a legal Strike or Lockout. For purposes of this Article, animals include animals in research, teaching, testing, wildlife, and client-owned animals.

56.3 Within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement, the University will identify a number of positions which it deems sufficient to provide for continuous proper care of animals and the maintenance of diagnostic services in the event of a legal Strike or Lockout. The Joint Committee will meet to finalize the list through the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement, and such Agreement shall be effective until such time as a new Collective Agreement is signed.

56.4 All persons so designated will be paid as per the Collective Agreement in effect immediately prior to the Strike or Lockout.

56.5 Only essential care duties will be assigned to designated Members.

Member Status

56.7 No Member shall be subject to disciplinary action solely for refusing to carry out the duties of an employee of the University who is on legal Strike, or of one who is prevented from performing duties by a Lockout.

56.8 The University shall not refuse to re-employ a Member solely as a consequence of exercising his/her right to strike as a result of a legal Strike declared by the Association, or as a consequence of a Lockout imposed by the University. There is no obligation on the University to extend a contract or re-employ if the term of a contract ended during a period of Strike or Lockout.

Article 57 – Research Ethics Appeal Board (REAB)

Mandate of the REAB

57.1 Advisory to the Provost, the REAB hears appeals of decisions of the Research Ethics Board and only when, in the opinion of the appellant, all other avenues of resolve have already been exhausted. The REAB has no jurisdiction to make a decision regarding the ethical acceptability of the research. The appointment process and composition of the REAB membership provides the opportunity to accommodate and fully recognize unique areas of research and emerging issues.

Structure of the REAB

57.2 The Research Ethics Appeals Board (REAB) shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom must be Members and one (1) of whom may be external to the University. The five members will be appointed as follows, with the Vice-President (Research), or designate, responsible for overseeing the nomination and appointment process. The Provost will be responsible for arranging orientation with respect to operating procedures and rules of order for the REAB, on an annual basis.

57.2.1 Members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term such that one-half (1/2) of the membership shall change each year. Members cannot congruently be members of the Research Ethics Board.

57.2.2 Membership of the REAB (voting members) shall be as follows:

- a) One (1) member nominated by the Vice-President (Research) plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Vice-President (Research);
- b) Two (2) members nominated by the Provost plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Provost;
- c) One (1) member nominated by the Faculty Association plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Faculty Association;
- d) the Chair of the REAB who shall also be appointed by the Provost.

57.2.3 In nominating members to the REAB, the following considerations will be made:

- a) knowledge of and demonstrated experience with research on human subjects;
- b) expertise in the philosophy of ethics relevant to human subjects;
- c) expertise in research methods relevant to human subjects;
- d) previous experience as a member of the REB and familiarity with the tri-council document and requirements.

57.3 Concerns related to the composition of the committee can be brought to the attention of the Provost at the time the membership is established and prior to the initiation of committee work. The Provost shall determine whether there are any changes required and will be responsible for making such changes. The Parties must agree on the membership of the committee.

Operating Procedures

- 57.4 The Chair of the REAB shall convene the board within ten (10) days of receiving an appeal. This date may be extended if a significant amount of material must be sent to members for reading prior to considering the appeal. Full membership of the Committee is required to reach quorum.
- 57.5 Members of the REAB must first acknowledge any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves accordingly.
- 57.6 The board shall review and discuss the original ethics application, the REB's comments and decision, and the researcher's appeal documentation. In the event of a study that was suspended or terminated, all the documentation about the reasons for suspending or terminating the project will be reviewed and discussed.
- 57.7 The REAB is advisory to the Provost and shall reach recommendation by way of majority vote. The recommendation of the board may consist of:
- a) Denying the appeal (upholding the decision of the REB);
 - b) Approval of the appeal without conditions;
 - c) Approval of the appeal with specific conditions attached to the approval or to the continuation of the study;
 - d) Suggested revisions (to the original ethics approval application) and resubmission to the REB.
- 57.8 The Chair of the REAB shall inform the Provost, in writing, of their recommendation with reasons, within two (2) days of reaching a recommendation.
- 57.9 Within five (5) days of receipt of the recommendation from the REAB, the Provost shall make a decision and write a formal letter to the Faculty Member outlining the decision and the reasons. This letter is to be copied to the Vice-President (Research), the Faculty Member's Dean, the current Chair of the REB, and each member of the REAB.

Letters of Understanding

Letter of Understanding 1 – CUPE Local 3913 Unit 2

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties recognize that, as per the provisions of the Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 3913 (Unit #2), CUPE 3913 is the bargaining agent for all persons employed under contract as "Sessional Lecturers" to teach in University degree credit courses.

Notwithstanding the previous recognition, the University affirms that it will not create new academic appointments at the rank of "Lecturer".

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Letter of Understanding 2 – Course/Teaching Evaluation

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Each Member has the option of choosing to be evaluated, during the student evaluation process, by use of either an electronic or paper (in class) evaluation instrument. Where more than one Member is associated with a particular course, there will be agreement amongst the Members as to whether the evaluation will be completed electronically or in class. Where agreement cannot be reached on one method of delivery, the Chair will decide. The Provost will establish the protocol by which student evaluations are conducted.

The results of teaching evaluations, including both detailed comments and numerical ratings, shall not be released publicly by the University, without prior written agreement of the Member. Each year in September, the Provost shall circulate a Memorandum to Members informing them as to their options to be evaluated in paper or electronically and to participate or not in the release of the results as per the terms of this Article. No Member shall be compelled to consent to the release of teaching evaluations.

Should a new course/teaching evaluation enterprise system be implemented during the life of the Collective Agreement, the parties will meet within ten (10) days of the request to meet to discuss and reach mutual agreement on amendments to this LOU.

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Letter of Understanding 3 – Sick Leave

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

It is understood between the Parties that this Letter applies to a Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track, Tenured or Continuing Appointment. When such Member has completed and submitted an application for Long Term Disability, with the assistance of Occupational Health and Wellness, and has not received a decision from the insurance carrier, and whose absence due to illness continues beyond ninety (90) calendar days of Sick Leave, the University may in its sole discretion continue Sick Leave to such Member until such time that the insurance carrier decision has been received.

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Letter of Understanding 4 – Teaching – Professional and Managerial Staff

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

1. The Parties acknowledge that, in each Academic Year, and on a limited basis, some Professional/Managerial Staff Members have teaching as part of their responsibilities.
2. The University affirms that it will not substantially increase the number of Professional/Managerial Staff Members who are teaching degree credit courses.

Annually, on or about November 1, the University will provide to the Association a list of Professional/Managerial Staff Members who are assigned teaching, including the courses and sections, broken down by semester.

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Letter of Understanding 5 – Human Rights and Health & Safety

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Where the Association alleges that either of these policies, as they may be changed from time to time, conflicts with, is inconsistent with, or interferes with the Collective Agreement, the Association may file a Policy Grievance.

It is further agreed and understood that before any changes are made to either of these policies the Association will be notified and a meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.

Any consultation process which may have taken place prior to the ratification of this Collective Agreement does not constitute or substitute for these discussions.

The Parties agree that if a Member is a named respondent to a Workplace Harassment complaint made pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, such complaint investigations shall be conducted by the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations (FASR) when a non-Human Rights based complaint, or by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights (DHR) when the complaint is Human-Rights based. The procedure for investigation, whether by FASR or DHR, shall be consistent with the formal procedure as outlined in the University of Guelph *Human Rights Policies and Procedures* and/or Article 39 of the Collective Agreement.

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Letter of Understanding 6 – Performance Review of Veterinarian Members by Director Outside of the Process indicated in Article 34

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Activity updates conducted by the Director will focus on the effectiveness of the Member at meeting University-established criteria and the general competence with which the duties and responsibilities of the position are carried out. The Director will meet individually with each Veterinarian Member to discuss his/her performance assessment. The Director will provide to the Member, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the meeting with the Member, an activity update report. The Member shall be provided with an opportunity to respond verbally and in writing. A copy of the Activity Update report from the Director and the response from the Member shall be placed into the Member's Official File (NOT the Member's Assessment File).

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Letter of Understanding 7 – Benefits

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Effective on the first day of the second month following ratification, the following amendments shall be made to the Extended Health Care plan:

- a) Increase the annual dollar allocation for psychological services from \$300 per calendar year to \$1,200 per calendar year. Coverage includes counselling services where provided by social workers, psychologists, psychotherapists, marriage and family therapists, or clinical counselors registered by the Provincial governing body in the Canadian province in which the services are provided;
- b) Include coverage for non-oral contraceptives as prescribed by a physician provided that the contraceptive has a drug identification number (DIN); and,
- c) Remove the requirement for a physician's referral for massage therapy.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Scholarship Plan offered to spouses/partners and dependents shall be amended such that the cap on scholarship payment amounts shall not exceed tuition fees for the Bachelor of Arts program.

Effective on the first day of the second month following ratification, the following amendment shall be made to the Long-Term Disability Plan: move the current cap of \$6,000 per month to a cap of \$12,000 per month.

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Letter of Understanding 8 – Essential Services

Further to Article 56 (NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT), the parties agree that the following essential services will be maintained by Members of UGFA in the event of a legal strike or lockout.

1) Medical Care of Animals

UGFA agrees that its Members will provide services of the OVC Health Sciences Centre on a basis analogous to that used for the Health Sciences Centre Holiday Schedule. Delivery of Ruminant/Swine Field Services is required as part of our contractual obligations to external clients and will be provided on a continuous basis as required.

2) Diagnostic Services provided through the Animal Health Lab

UGFA agrees that full services will be provided by UGFA Members in order to deal with the caseload in process at the designated date of a legal Strike or Lockout. Thereafter, the following designated UGFA Members will provide essential services to respond to emergencies.

Guelph: Two (2) mammalian pathologists; One (1) avian pathologist; One (1) clinical pathologist; One (1) Bacteriologist; One (1) Virologist

Kemptville: One (1) Pathologist

3) Clinical counseling services provided through the Couple and Family Therapy unit in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences under the Agreement with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. These services are provided to “at risk” individuals, largely women and children.

The University has identified that four (4) clinical Faculty Members are essential to provide for the delivery of these services.

All those designated to provide these essential services will be compensated on the basis of their salary and benefits in effect at the time of the designation.

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Letter of Understanding 9 – Article 18 and Changes to DOE

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Management may require a change to a Member's DOE without the Member's consent when all of the following conditions have been met:

- a) the change must be reasonable; and
- b) the newly assigned DOE is an appropriate combination of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service; and
- c) the newly assigned DOE considers the Faculty Member's career development and his/her contributions and performance over time;

AND where one of the following cases further justifies the change in DOE:

1. proven, and repeated, concerns about performance (i.e., documented concerns about performance under Art. 39.15); or
2. redeployment opportunity(ies) arising from the invocation of Article 24.4, in the context of operational requirements and the academic mission of the new unit and available work of the Bargaining Unit; or
3. transition from a Research Chair to a 'regular' faculty appointment where no pre-existing agreement is in place stipulating the change to DOE following the end of the Research Chair appointment.

Unless mutually agreed to continue the newly assigned DOE, an amendment to a Faculty Member's DOE under Case #1 or #2 shall not exceed a period of three (3) years. In such cases, the DOE shall revert back to the Member's prior DOE.

Any change to a DOE under this LOU will be subject to the restriction that the sum of the absolute values of the percentage changes to each of the three areas (Teaching, Scholarship, Service) will not exceed 30%. By way of example, a proposed change from 40/40/20 to 55/35/10 is permissible, since the sum is $15+5+10=30$; a change from 40/40/20 to 60/30/10 is not permissible; since the sum is $20+10+10=40$.

It is further agreed that should a grievance about a decision made through this LOU be forwarded to Arbitration, the Parties will agree on a mutually acceptable arbitrator.

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Letter of Understanding 10 – Agreement to Pursue Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP) Options for UGFA Members

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree to continue to meet as part of a Working Committee on Pensions for the duration of this Collective Agreement or, if earlier, for up until six (6) months following the effective date of the JSPP contemplated herein. The Association shall appoint three (3) persons and the University shall appoint three (3) persons to the Committee. The Joint Working Committee on Pensions will have three primary roles:

1. To receive updates on the Professional Plan and the UPP JSPP; and
2. To take an active local role in the UPP JSPP as outlined in this LOU so that members of the Professional Pension Plan will understand the nature of the JSPP as the communications and consent processes unfold.
3. Endeavour to ensure that the terms, processes, and details of the UPP JSPP (as they become known) and the transition from the Professional Plan to the UPP JSPP are clearly communicated to all members of the Professional Plan as part of any consent process involving the transfer to a JSPP.

The University shall ensure that this Committee is adequately resourced and that all relevant actuarial and financial information required by the Committee to fully execute tasks shall be provided to the Committee by the University in a timely fashion. The Committee will meet at least once per year. For clarity, the University shall provide to the committee at least once per year:

- a) The Professional Plan text and all amendments to the text.
- b) The most recent actuarial valuation report filed with the regulator for the Professional Plan, as well as any updates to the filed valuation, or completed but unfiled valuations.
- c) Any reports prepared internally or by external parties that are relevant to the objectives of the working group.
- d) An annual report of all the expenses associated with the Professional Plan.
- e) All relevant member data for active pension plan participants required for the computation of pension benefits to which the member is entitled, including pensionable salary and earnings history, gender, birth, hire and participation dates, and years of pensionable (credited) service. Any data provided shall be maintained by UGFA to respect the privacy of individuals.

All costs associated with the Joint Working Committee shall be the responsibility of the University. It is understood that there may be additional costs associated with data or studies that are required by one of the Parties that fall outside of the terms of reference of the Joint Working Committee. In such cases, the costs will be the responsibility of the respective Party.

During the term of this Collective Agreement, if and when there is a fully executed Milestones Agreement (or equivalent) to which the Association is a signatory, the Parties will meet and discuss all matters relating to the transition to the JSPP.

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Letter of Understanding 11 – Veterinarians Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

For the duration of this collective agreement, the review of Veterinarian Members at Ridgetown, or any other Veterinarian reporting through to the Dean of OAC, shall be reviewed as follows:

For the OAC: Dean (OAC) who shall chair the committee, Chair, Animal Biosciences; two elected Veterinarian from OAC, and one elected University MCA Veterinarian who shall serve on all MCA Committees.

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Letter of Understanding 12 – Exceptional Contractually Limited Faculty or Veterinarian Appointment

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

Notwithstanding Articles 19.5 and 32.2.1, in the exceptional circumstance in which the University is hiring a CL Faculty or Veterinarian Member to backfill the temporary absence of a Member in Clinical Studies due to an academic administrative appointment:

- a) The Association shall be informed of the intention to backfill an administrative appointment at Joint Committee prior to hire.
- b) The maximum length of the appointment, prior to conversion or termination shall be equal to the length of the administrative appointment plus any approved Transition and/or Study/Research Leave.
- c) Such Appointment shall not exceed one administrative renewal or 12 years, whichever is less.

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Letter of Understanding 13 – Joint Salary Review

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree that within six (6) months of ratification they will commence a Joint Salary Review. The purpose of the review will be to examine the issue of salary anomalies, if any, and make recommendation for correction of any identified anomalies. The work of this committee, including recommendations, will be completed no later than December 2018. The timeline may be extended by mutual agreement.

Note: the ongoing equity salary review will continue notwithstanding this Letter.

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Letter of Understanding 14 – Workload

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

A joint committee shall be established within 8 weeks of ratification of the Collective Agreement to review and make recommendations to the Joint Committee relative to the assigned workload of Members.

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**ONTARIO
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BETWEEN:

DR. BYRAM BRIDLE

Plaintiff

- and -

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, JEFFREY WICHTEL, LAURIE ARNOTT, CHARLOTTE YATES, SCOTT WEESE,
GLEN PYLE, ANDREW PEREGRINE, DOROTHEE BIENZLE, AMY GREER, DAVID FISMAN, NICK
DULEY, JANE OR JOHN DOE JUNIOR SCIENTIST**

Defendants

AFFIDAVIT OF SCOTT WEESE

I, Scott Weese, of the City of Guelph, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am one of the defendants in this proceeding, and, as such have knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose. The matters deposed to that are not within my direct knowledge have been derived from third parties or a review of documents and, in each of such cases, the source of the information is identified, and I verily believe such matters to be true. True copies of all exhibits referred to herein are attached.
2. I am a Professor in the Department of Pathobiology and Chief of Infection Control at the Ontario Veterinary College ("OVC") at the University of Guelph ("Guelph"). I am also a Zoonotic Disease/Public Health Microbiologist at Guelph's Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses.
3. Dr. Bridle is a high-profile critic of the COVID-19 public health response and advice. Commencing in or about August of 2020, he began participating in a series of speaking

engagements and interviews criticizing the safety and efficacy consensus of COVID-19 vaccines. His opinions were contrary to the overwhelming majority of scientific opinions at the time, including the opinions of myself and many of his other OVC colleagues, including Dr. Glen Pyle, Dr. Andrew Peregrine, Dr. Dorothee Bienzle and Dr. Amy Greer.

4. On June 28, 2021, I, along with Drs. Pyle, Peregrine, Bienzle and Greer, and 79 other colleagues, signed a letter stating that we disagreed with Dr. Bridle's public statements that COVID-19 vaccines were unsafe. The letter, entitled *Faculty and staff at the University of Guelph support SARS-CoV-2 vaccine safety*, stated:

We are a science-based faculty and staff at the University of Guelph who support evidence-based decisions and disagree with misinformation being circulated by a member of the faculty at the Ontario Veterinary College.

COVID-19 is an unprecedented pandemic due to a novel coronavirus. Nearly four million people globally have died as a result, and nearly two hundred million have been reported as infected. Many millions more have suffered and continue to suffer from physical and mental illness associated with the pandemic, isolation, poverty, and the long-term effects of the infection.

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Dr. Byram Bridle has stated on multiple platforms and numerous outlets that COVID-19 vaccines are unsafe. These statements are contrary to overwhelming scientific evidence. The S protein generated by or incorporated into vaccines is an effective immunogen but does not alter DNA, does not induce infertility or pass through breast milk, and is not a toxin. Adverse vaccine effects do occur but at a similar or lower frequency than for routine vaccines. In the face of this terrible pandemic, widespread vaccination is the best way out of the devastation we currently face. Many people have limited understanding of the complexities of immunization against infectious agents, and rely on scientists in epidemiology and immunology to share their knowledge and experience, especially at times such as these when fear is high. Misinformation spread by individuals such as Dr. Bridle targets uncertainty.

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Therefore, we wish to state publicly that as scientists, faculty, and /or staff of the University of Guelph we stand firmly against the continued spread of factually incorrect and misleading information

that is being disseminated by Dr. Bridle. We have confidence that the SARS-CoV-2 vaccines approved for use in Canada are safe and effective, and we wish to reassure the public that as members of the University of Guelph community we fully support evidence-based public health, which includes vaccination against COVID-19.

Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit A** to this my affidavit is a true copy of the letter dated June 28, 2021 [citations omitted].

5. The June 28, 2021 letter that I co-signed was not motivated by any malice or ill-will towards Dr. Bridle, but a good-faith effort to protect the public from misinformation in the midst of an unprecedented global pandemic. I was very concerned that the public statements being made by Dr. Bridle could lead individuals to ignore public health recommendations and measures designed to mitigate the risks of the pandemic and specifically, public health recommendations to be vaccinated and to wear masks in public. I had the same concern about other anti-vaccine activists expressing public sentiment about vaccines being unsafe.
6. I have an account on X (formerly Twitter), where I post public messages under my username, @weese_scott. I have approximately 2,840 followers. I use X as a platform to express my views on a number of topics, including to communicate my opinions on public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. Between May 29, 2021, and September 8, 2021, I responded to tweets posted by others addressing Dr. Bridle's work and/or public statements. They are as follows:
 - i. May 29, 2021: It's tough but misinformation has to be challenged. More misinformation and confusion during a pandemic are dangerous and causing harm.
 - ii. June 17, 2021: A far-right politician, anti-vaxxer and guy who compared public health measures to the Holocaust walk into a

press room...I wish there was an actual joke in there. The real story's too sad/frustrating/maddening. Misinformation kills. We need to address and remember that.

- iii. June 17, 2021: In response to a tweet attaching Dr. Bridle's new publication entitled *COVID-19 Vaccines and Children: A Scientist's Guide for Parents*, Dr. Weese posted a photo of workers shoveling manure and commented "Spreading it...".
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member continually causing substantial harm and fear. When will it be time to actually try to #ImproveLife?

- viii. September 21, 2021: It wasn't a paper, it was Pfizer's data. It wasn't spike proteins, it was lipid nanoparticles. It was in rats. It was >1000X the human dose. It was used to spin lies by Byram Bridle and friends.
- ix. September 29, 2021: Same old lies from Bridle. He's using misinformation to cause fear and drive an agenda. (His mastery of concise also parallels his mastery of accuracy).
- x. September 30, 2021: No, it's not. Misinformation is the toxin. These are likely the most scrutinized vaccines in history and are what is helping control the pandemic. Misinformation that slows vaccination down is killing people and prolonging the pandemic.

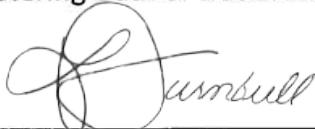
Attached as **Exhibit B** to this my affidavit are true copies of the aforementioned printouts from my X account.

- 8. My posts on X have not been restricted to Dr. Bridle. I have also commented on the anti-vaccination views of Steve Kirsch and the Canadian COVID Care Alliance in general.
- 9. In May and June of 2021, I received several emails from Dr. Bridle attaching materials from other anti-vaxxers or pertaining to his views. I requested that he stop including me on his email distribution list, but he ignored my requests and continued to do it.
- 10. On July 21, 2021, I learned of the encounter between Dr. Bridle and Dr. Pyle on campus and I became concerned for my own safety. I emailed Dr. Charlotte Yates, the president

of Guelph, Dr. Jeffrey Wichtel, the dean of OVC and Laurie Arnott, the Assistant Vice President of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations, and made an official complaint. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit C** to this my affidavit is a true copy of email to Dr. Yates dated July 21, 2021.

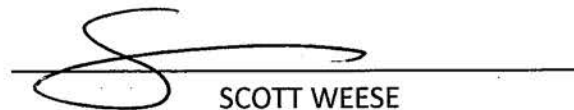
11. Following my complaint, I was asked to participate in a workplace investigation that Dr. Wichtel arranged. I was interviewed by Nick Duley of North Shore HR Consulting Inc. and provided him with a complete and honest account of the circumstances leading up to my complaint. My account was not motivated by any malice or ill-will towards Dr. Bridle.
12. I categorically deny that I at any time entered into a conspiracy with one or more of the other individually named defendants to defame Dr. Bridle and damage his reputation. Any public statements I have made regarding Dr. Bridle were made for the purpose of dispelling Dr. Bridle's public misinformation about vaccine efficacy.
13. All statements contained in this affidavit pertain to matters that I verily believe are subject to the Collective Agreement between Guelph and Guelph's Faculty Association (UGFA), of which both Dr. Bridle and I are members. UGFA is certified by the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The Collective Agreement that UGFA negotiated governs the conditions of employment for all of its members. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit D** to this my affidavit is a true copy of the Collective Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. This Collective Agreement was rolled over for one year due to COVID so it was actually in effect until June 30, 2022. The current Collective Agreement, effective July 1, 2022, is contained in this link [UGFA CA 2022 FinalPrint Nov20 2023.pdf \(uoguelph.ca\)](#).
14. I swear this affidavit in support of the relief sought and for no improper purpose.

SWORN REMOTELY by Scott Weese, stated as }
being located in the City of Guelph before me }
at the City of Burlington, on this 20 day of }
June, 2024 in accordance with O. Reg 431/20, }
Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely. }



D. LYNN TURNBULL

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits, etc.



SCOTT WEESE

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sworn before me June 20, 2024.

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Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

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June 28, 2021

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Turnbull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T" that extends over the rest of the name.

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relevant research about vaccine safety concerns.

Spread it, post research here.

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J Scott Weese @weese_scott · Jun 17



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J Scott Weese @weese_scott · 15h

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Just more misdirection.

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Patti @boobooobunster · 12h

I see your a colleague of Dr. Bridles. Are you in on the smear? And if so why? Is he not a credible scientist? And if not why are you all just coming forward now?

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J Scott Weese
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Replying to @boobooobunster @diana_c2021 and 3 others

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Vero the Recovered 🇨🇦 🇺🇸 @Veronikalzabela · Sep 8

Dr. Byram Bridle wrote a letter that says NO to vaccine mandates.

"....disbursement of any medical guidance that results in injury could carry legal liability. "

It's addressed to the Thames Valley District School Board. ••

Phone: (519) 452-2000

Attn: Joyce Bennett, Trustee; Peter Cuddy, Trustee; Sean Hunt, Trustee; Bill McKinnon, Trustee; Arlene Morell, Trustee; Lori-Ann Pizzoloto, Chair; Sheri Polhill, Trustee; Corrine Rahman, Trustee; Meagan Rudock, Vice-Chair; Jake Skinner, Trustee; Bruce Smith, Trustee; Barb Yeoman, Trustee; Carol Antone, Indigenous Trustee; Harini Satheeskumar, Student Trustee; Hanzala Subhani, Student Trustee; Nilgöni White-Eye, Indigenous Student Trustee

Dear members of the school board,

It has been brought to my attention that you are about to vote on a new policy requiring mandatory vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 for all eligible students, teachers, and other employees of the board. It is my professional opinion that adopting a policy of mandated vaccination will result in unnecessary adverse reactions and injuries to students, teachers, and other employees that you are obligated to protect. School board trustees should exercise great caution, in the absence of professional qualifications related to vaccinology, disbursement of any medical guidance that results in injury could carry legal liability.

I am an Associate Professor of Viral Immunology in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph. My research program focuses on the development of vaccines to prevent infectious diseases and treat cancers, as well as studying the body's immune response to viruses. I teach several courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels on the topics of immunology, virology, and cancer biology. The overall aim of my research efforts is to develop safe and effective new immunotherapies for people. Indeed, one of my previous cancer vaccine strategies progressed into four human clinical trials. I am also involved in training Canada's next generation of multidisciplinary researchers, especially in vaccinology. I received funding from the Ontario Government COVID-19 Rapid Research Fund, Ministry

- The risk of severe and potentially lethal COVID-19 in children, adolescents, and adults of child-bearing age is so low that we need to be very certain that risks associated with vaccination are not higher.
- Asymptomatic members of this population are not a substantial risk for passing COVID-19 to others; and
- There are effective early-treatment strategies for the very few who may be at risk of developing severe COVID-19. These are supported by a mountain of scientific evidence and include ivermectin, fluvoxamine, and budesonide, among others.

It is not appropriate to use an "experimental" vaccine in a population group unless the benefit of vaccination exceeds the risk of vaccination in that population group. With risk of severe COVID-19 illness in children, adolescents, and adults of child-bearing age already so low, the benefit of vaccinating these population groups with a vaccine for which neither the long-term safety nor efficacy is known cannot be concluded to exceed the risk. Indeed, recent evidence from Israel suggests that the effectiveness of these vaccines against the delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 may be less than the 50% required to maintain their authorization. It has also come to light that the duration of immunity conferred by these vaccines is a dismal 4.5-6 months, hence the new push for third doses. This is clear evidence that the vaccines are of low quality and are becoming outdated in the context of the new variants. Also, the vaccines, at best, only dampen the severity of illness and those who are double-vaccinated have been shown to be capable of shedding as much

the use of AstraZeneca's vaccine), along with two colleagues, wrote an open letter requesting that this vaccine not be used, in part on the grounds that it was being investigated for a link to potentially fatal blood clots in many European countries. I was accused by so-called "fact checkers" of providing misinformation. Less than two months later, Canada suspended the AstraZeneca vaccination program because it was deemed to be too unsafe as a result of causing blood clots that cost the unnecessary loss of lives of Canadians. More recently, I was heavily criticized for raising concerns in a short radio interview about a potential link between the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and heart inflammation in young people, especially males. This is now a well-recognized problem that has been officially listed as a side-effect of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. As such, I have a proven track record of accurately identifying concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines. Here is a brief summary of some of my current concerns:

Canada's mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccines (i.e. Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna) have been Authorized under an Interim Order by Health Canada for use in Canadians; for Pfizer BioNTech, as young as 12 years old. This comes with mandatory commitments for the monitoring of long-term safety and efficacy. Authorization under an Interim Order means additional information is needed on the safety, efficacy, and quality of the vaccines to support their future full market approval and licensing.

There is uncertainty regarding the long-term safety of these COVID-19 vaccines in all individuals, and especially in children, youth, and adults of child-bearing age. Indeed, some key safety studies appear to have been missed in the rush to roll out the vaccines, and more is being learned about the vaccines every day. For example, there was a previously wide-held assumption that vaccination with the mRNA vaccines is safe because it is a localized event in the body, with the vaccine remaining limited to the shoulder muscle following injection and triggering an immune response in the local lymph nodes. However, there is evidence that the mRNA vaccines do not remain at the injection site. In fact, once injected, the vaccine contents appear to travel extensively throughout the body, to the brain and other sensitive tissues, such as bone marrow, spleen, liver, adrenal glands, ovaries etc. Whether these body sites are involved in producing the spike protein is not known, as this has not been studied. Although there are some data that have been published about the immunological response, testimony and an opportunity for questioning on a future mutually-agreeable date.

Sincerely,

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They're quick to issue a statement about an honorary degree recipient but won't speak out publicly against a faculty member continually causing substantial harm and fear.

When will it be time to actually try to [#ImproveLife](#) ?



What's Up Canada? @WhatsUp_Canada · Sep 13

Urgent request to delay vote on vaccine mandate for students*

Bcc: members of the media and lawyers

Dear Trustees of the Ottawa-Carlton District School Board,

It has been brought to my attention that you are about to vote on a new policy requiring mandatory vaccination

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adverse reactions and injuries to your students that you are obligated to protect. School board trustees should exercise great caution. In the absence of professional qualifications related to vaccinology, disbursement of any medical mandates that result in injury could carry legal liability.

I am an Associate Professor of Viral Immunology in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph. My research program focuses on the development of vaccines to prevent infectious diseases and treat cancers, as well as studying the body's immune response to viruses. I teach several courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels on the topics of immunology, virology, and cancer biology. The overall aim of my research efforts is to develop safe and effective new immunotherapies for people. Indeed, one of my previous cancer vaccine strategies progressed into four human clinical trials. I am also involved in training Canada's next generation of multidisciplinary researchers, especially in vaccinology. I received funding from the Ontario Government (COVID-19 Rapid Research Fund, Ministry of Colleges and Universities) and Government of Canada (Pandemic Response Challenge Program, National Research Council of Canada) to develop vaccines against COVID-19. I also hold numerous grants in support of my cancer research and basic viral immunology research programs, including but not limited to the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Canadian Cancer Society, and Cancer Research Society. Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared, I have been actively involved in providing fact-based, balanced scientific answers to questions posed by the public to help them make fully informed decisions. This has included ~250 media engagements ranging from radio shows, published articles, and appearances



Covid vaccine: Fertility and miscarriage claims fact-checked
Posts claiming Covid vaccines cause miscarriages are not supported by scientific evidence.

[bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com)

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J Scott Weese @weese_scott · Sep 21

It wasn't a paper, it was Pfizer's data.
It wasn't spike proteins, it was lipid nanoparticles.
It was in rats.
It was >1000X the human dose.

It was used to spin lies by Byram Bridle and friends.



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Dear members of the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB),
It has come to my attention that the TVDSB has once again called for a vote on mandating vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 for all eligible members. It is imperative for the safety of your

However, it is my professional opinion that the risk-benefit profile of SARS-

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protect. TVDSB should exercise great caution. In the absence of professional qualifications related to vaccinology, the disbursement of any medical mandates that result in injury could carry legal liability.

My name is Dr. Byram Bridle and I am Associate Professor of Viral Immunology in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph. I am also the leader of the Vaccine Task Force of the COCA's Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee.

My research program focuses on the development of vaccines to prevent infectious diseases and treat cancers, as well as studying the body's immune response. There is uncertainty regarding the long-term safety of these COVID-19 vaccines in all individuals, and especially in children, youth, and young adults of child-bearing age. Indeed, some key safety studies appear to have been missed in the rush to roll out the vaccines, and more is being learned about the vaccines every day.

For example, there was a previously widely held assumption that vaccination with the mRNA vaccines is safe, because it is a localized event in the body, with the vaccine first believed to remain contained to the shoulder muscle following injection, causing the body to produce localized quantities of an antigenic viral spike protein that would then trigger an immune response in the local lymph nodes. However, research and clinical data have surfaced over the past few months that strongly suggest that the mRNA vaccines do not remain at the injection site. Rather, it is now suspected that once injected, vaccine contents may, in fact, be traveling extensively throughout the body, to the brain and other sensitive tissues, such as bone marrow, spleen, liver, adrenal glands, ovaries etc. Whether these body sites are involved in producing the spike protein is not known, as this was never studied. Nonetheless, new data have been published that, following vaccination, the spike protein produced by the body, can enter the circulatory system. Presumably, this means the spike protein can likewise travel extensively throughout the body.

Unanswered questions include:

- which organs in the body are producing the spike protein;
- what factors result in the spike protein entering the circulation;
- how long does the spike protein circulate; and

Here are two examples that illustrate my successful track record for accurately predicting adverse safety signals that were eventually heeded by federal agencies managing our Canada's COVID-19 vaccine program:

Example #1: When Health Canada authorized the use of AstraZeneca's vaccine, I, along with two colleagues, wrote an open letter requesting that this vaccine not be used, in part on the grounds that it was being investigated for a link to potentially fatal blood clots in many European countries. I was accused by so-called "fact checkers" of providing misinformation. Less than two months later, the vaccine was removed from the market due to concerns about the focus on the safety and pharmacokinetics and biodistribution of the vaccines and the vaccine-encoded spike protein can be conducted.

Avoiding mandating these vaccines can be done safely because:

- The risk of severe and potentially lethal COVID-19 in children, adolescents, and adults of child-bearing age is so low that we need to be very certain that risks associated with vaccination are not higher.
- Asymptomatic members of this population are not a substantial risk for passing COVID-19 to others; and
- There are effective early-treatment strategies for the very few who may be at risk of developing severe COVID-19. These are supported by a mountain of scientific evidence and include ivermectin, fluvoxamine, colchicine, and budesonide, among others.

The risk of Harm must not outweigh the extent of Benefit.

It is not appropriate to mandate a vaccine in a population group unless the benefit of vaccination exceeds the risk of vaccination in that population group. With the risk of severe COVID-19 illness in children, adolescents, and adults of child-bearing age already so low, the benefit of vaccinating these population groups with a vaccine for which neither the long-term safety nor efficacy is known, cannot be concluded to exceed the risk.

Indeed, recent evidence from Israel suggests that the effectiveness of these vaccines against the delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 may be less than the 50% required to maintain their authorization. It has also come to light that the duration of immunity conferred by these vaccines is a dismal 4.5 to 6 months,



J Scott Weese
@weese_scott

Replying to [@Wonteventweet27](#)

Same old lies from Bridle. He's using misinformation to cause fear and drive an agenda.

(His mastery of concise also parallels his mastery of accuracy).

7:29 AM · Sep 29, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Replying to @weese_scott and @wonderweelz

Many, many others are in "complete agreement" with Dr. Byram Bridle. The spike protein is a toxin, and the spike is not behaving or working as the 'vaccine' was intended. One thing for adults to "choose" to take. Quite another to use on our children.



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J Scott Weese @weese_scott · Sep 29



No, it's not. Misinformation is the toxin. These are likely the most highly scrutinized vaccines in history and are what is helping control the pandemic.

Misinformation that slows vaccination down is killing people and prolonging the pandemic.



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This is Exhibit "C" referred to in the Affidavit of Scott Weese
sworn before me June 20, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Turnbull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "T" that extends over the rest of the name.

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From: [J. Scott Weese](#)
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Given the repeated issues with Byram Bridle, his continued passive aggressive contacts with me despite being told to stop (again today) and the episode today where he yelled obscenities at a colleague on campus, I no longer consider the University of Guelph to be a safe workplace.

It is apparent that some people are fearful of coming to the Pathobiology building because of this. The University is not protecting its employees and creating a safe working environment. Should Byram cause any harm to someone on campus, I want to make it clear that the University was well informed and that multiple warning signs of his aggressive and unstable behaviour have been present for some time.

I understand the concerns about freedom of speech, but misrepresentation and lying cannot be protected. Through addressing this (with Byram and his supporters claiming the University is 'highly supportive of him',) I am subject to many online threats (including death threats) and abuses. I accept that as part of trying to reduce the substantial damage that he and others are doing, but believe that the University is bound to at least provide a safe working environment.

Scott

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Turnbull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial letter.

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between
The University of Guelph



and
The University of Guelph Faculty Association



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Article 1 - Preamble

- 1.1 The University of Guelph is a community of scholars, dedicated to the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge, the attainment of academic excellence, and the theoretical and practical extension of human capability. Members of our community are engaged in the individual and collective search for truth, for understanding, and for creative solutions to serious problems, through free, open, and critical enquiry in an environment that supports their intellectual, cultural, and physical development.
- 1.2 The relationship between the University and its various employee groups is intended to be one of respect, integrity, and fairness, characterized by transparent decision-and policy-making, regard for principles of due process and natural justice, and a recognition that both parties share the same goal: to contribute to the continuing success of the University.
- 1.3 It is the purpose of this Agreement to:
 - a) set out terms and conditions of employment for Members;
 - b) foster a working environment that enables Members to achieve the objectives and goals of the university;
 - c) foster and maintain collegial relations within the University of Guelph community;
 - d) ensure the fair and equitable treatment of Members through open and transparent procedures and practices;
 - e) provide a means for settling differences that may arise from time to time between the University and the Association.
- 1.4 The Parties agree to co-operate in encouraging a climate of freedom, collegiality, responsibility, and mutual respect in the pursuit of these objectives.
- 1.5 Nothing in this Agreement detracts from the continued right of Members to participate in the collegial governance of the University.

Article 2 - Definitions

- 2.1 **Academic Year** shall mean the period from September 1 to August 31.
- 2.2 **Administrative Stipend** shall mean compensation paid to a Member for assigned administrative responsibilities as Chair of a Department, Director of a School, or, in the case of the Library, an administrative appointment such as Manager.
- 2.3 **AHL** shall mean the Animal Health Laboratory.
- 2.4 **Association** shall mean the University of Guelph Faculty Association (UGFA).
- 2.5 **Bargaining Unit** shall mean all persons represented by the Association, as defined by the Certificate of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, dated August 18, 2006, as may be amended by the Ontario Labour Relations Board or by the Agreement of the Parties.
- 2.6 **Board of Governors** or **Board** shall mean the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph as established by the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.7 **CAP Committee** shall mean the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee for Librarians and Veterinarians respectively.
- 2.8 **Chair** shall mean the duly appointed Chair of a Department or Director of a School.
- 2.9 **College** shall mean an Academic College as constituted by the Senate and the Board of Governors.
- 2.10 **College Committee** shall mean, for Faculty Members, the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 2.11 **Continuing Appointment** shall mean an appointment of a Librarian or Veterinarian, without term.
- 2.12 **Contractually Limited** shall mean an appointment of a Member for a fixed term.
- 2.13 **Day(s)** or **day(s)** shall mean Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays and any other day the University is not open, unless otherwise specified in particular Articles of this Collective Agreement.
- 2.14 **Department/School** shall mean an Academic Department as constituted by the Senate and the Board of Governors.
- 2.15 **Department Committee** shall mean, for Faculty Members, the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 2.16 **DOE** shall mean Distribution of Effort.
- 2.17 **E-Learning** shall be understood to mean only University of Guelph courses with a suffix "DE".
- 2.18 **Faculty Member** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit who holds the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor.
- 2.19 **Library** shall mean all administrative units that report through to the University Librarian.
- 2.20 **Librarian** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit employed as a Librarian and who holds the rank of Assistant Librarian, Associate Librarian, or Librarian.
- 2.21 **Library Committee** shall mean the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee.
- 2.22 **Member** shall mean any member of the Bargaining Unit.
- 2.23 **OVC-HSC** shall mean Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre.

- 2.24 **Parties** shall mean the Parties to this Collective Agreement, namely, the University of Guelph and the Association.
- 2.25 **Provost** shall mean the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the chief academic officer of the University.
- 2.26 **Senate** shall mean the Senate of the University of Guelph, as established in the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.27 **Tenured** shall mean an appointment of a Faculty Member, without term.
- 2.28 **Tenure-track / Continuing Appointment-track** shall mean a Member appointment leading to consideration for the granting of Tenure or Continuing Appointment.
- 2.29 **University** shall mean the University of Guelph, as established by the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 2.30 **Veterinarian** shall mean a Member of the Bargaining Unit principally employed as a veterinarian at the University of Guelph.

Article 3 - Recognition

- 3.1 The University recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for Members of the Bargaining Unit. The Bargaining Unit includes all persons employed by the University of Guelph in the City of Guelph, at the Kemptville campus in the Municipality of North Grenville, at the Ridgetown campus in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at the Vineland Research Station in the Town of Lincoln, at the Simcoe Research Station in the Town of Simcoe, and at the University of Guelph-Humber campus in the City of Toronto as Faculty Members (including Librarians), holding tenure-track or tenured appointments on either a full-time or a part-time basis, together with those holding contractually limited appointments, and all persons employed as Veterinarians in the AHL and the OVC-HSC, save and except:
- a) President, Provost, Vice-Presidents, Vice-Provost (Guelph-Humber), Associate Vice-Presidents, Assistant Vice-Presidents, Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans;
 - b) University Librarian, Associate University Librarians;
 - c) Chief Information Officer;
 - d) Director of Teaching Support Services and the Director of the Arboretum;
 - e) Directors in all Administrative Units including, but not limited to, Real Estate, Hospitality Services, Office of Research, Student Affairs, Finance, and Administrative Services;
 - f) Directors in Laboratory Services Division (Analytical Services, AHL, Regulatory Services);
 - g) Director of the OVC-HSC;
 - h) Research Associates, Research Assistants, Post-doctoral Fellows;
 - i) Visiting Professors and persons, including Visiting Fellows, holding visiting appointments of one year or less, while on leave from another university, institution, firm or government agency, unless they:
 - 1) hold a faculty appointment at the University of Guelph;
 - 2) carry a full range of academic responsibility at the University of Guelph; and
 - 3) are on leave without salary from their home university, institution, firm or government agency.
 - j) Emeritus Professors who do not otherwise hold an appointment in the Bargaining Unit;
 - k) Retired faculty who do not otherwise hold an appointment in the Bargaining Unit;
 - l) Adjunct Professors;
 - m) Persons who hold internships in the OVC-HSC; and,
 - n) Persons for whom a trade union held bargaining rights at the University of Guelph as of the date of the application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Article 4 - Administrative Appointments

- 4.1 Members who are excluded from the Bargaining Unit because they hold an administrative position shall enter or re-enter the Bargaining Unit upon leaving the position excluding them, and shall then be entitled to the rights under this Agreement.
- 4.2 No Member shall be displaced from the Bargaining Unit by the entry or re-entry of an academic administrator into the Bargaining Unit.
- 4.3 When an academic administrator enters or re-enters the Bargaining Unit, his/her terms of appointment (including salary and rank) shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article 5 - Management Rights

- 5.1 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Association acknowledges the right of the University to operate and to manage the University in accordance with its commitments, responsibilities, and obligations as established in the *University of Guelph Act*, 1964, as amended from time to time.
- 5.2 In the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, the University shall exercise these rights fairly and equitably.

Article 6 - Association Rights and Privileges

Association Membership and Service

- 6.1 Every Member shall have the right to join the Association and, as a Member of the Association, participate in its activities. The University shall not interfere with Members of the Association attending Association meetings or attending to Association business, providing that such participation or attendance does not interfere with the performance of the Member's responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 6.2 No person shall be required to be a Member of the Association as a condition of employment.

Space and Services

- 6.3 The University shall continue to provide the Association with accessible services and maintained space under the current lease arrangements, as amended from time to time.
- 6.4 The Association may use all internal services, to be charged at the internal user rate. The Association shall continue to be provided with an internal billing code.
- 6.5 The Association shall have use of the internal campus mail service for Association business, without charge.
- 6.6 The Association shall have access to meeting rooms (including audio-visual equipment) on campus, for Association business, according to normal booking procedures and regulations.

Release Funds

- 6.7 Current practice will continue for provision of release funds.
- 6.8 Work in any year by Members on the Association's Executive Committee, Council, or other committees or sub-committees, shall be recognized as Service. The UGFA President, or designate, will provide written confirmation of the Member's specific participation in the work of the Union (i.e., the names of the committee(s)) to the Chair by August 15th of each year.

Article 7 - Academic Freedom

- 7.1 The Parties acknowledge that the common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge and its free exposition. Academic Freedom in universities is essential to both of these purposes in the scholarly pursuit of teaching and research.
- 7.2 The Parties agree to abide by the principles of Academic Freedom as expressed in this Article. Furthermore, the Parties recognize that universities are communities in which the right to criticize all aspects of society is valued and respected.
- 7.3 Academic Freedom is the right to examine, pursue, develop, and transmit knowledge and ideas through research, teaching, study, discussion, documentation, production, creation or writing. Academic Freedom specifically provides protection of:
- a) the pursuit of research, creative and scholarly activities, and publishing or making public the results thereof;
 - b) the ability to teach and discuss;
 - c) the creation or performance of works of art;
 - d) freedom in service to the University, discipline, or community through the application of professional or academic skills; and
 - e) freedom from institutional censorship; all without deference to prescribed doctrine.
- 7.4 Academic Freedom does not require neutrality on the part of the individual nor does it preclude commitment on the part of the individual. Rather, Academic Freedom makes such commitment possible.
- 7.5 Academic Freedom does not confer legal immunity in respect of opinions that may be expressed or activities that may be undertaken, nor does it diminish the obligations of Members to meet their duties and responsibilities to the University.
- 7.6 The Parties agree to uphold and protect the principles of Academic Freedom as specified herein and take necessary steps to protect Members from harassment, threats, or abuse intended to limit or inhibit the exercise of Academic Freedom.
- 7.7 The exercise of Academic Freedom as per this Article shall not be grounds for disciplinary proceedings.

Article 8 - Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment

Conflict of Interest

- 8.1 In this Article, relationship means any relationship of the Member to persons of his or her immediate family, whether related by blood, adoption, marriage, or common-law relationship, and any relationship (including with a student) of an intimate and/or financial nature during the preceding five years, any student-supervisor relationship, or any other past or present relationship that may give rise to a reasonable apprehension of bias.
- 8.2 An actual or apparent conflict of interest arises where a Member is in a situation where his/her financial or other personal interest, whether direct or indirect, or that of any person with whom the Member has or has had a relationship, conflicts or appears to conflict with the Member's responsibility to the University, or with the Member's participation in any recommendation or decision within the University.
- 8.2.1 An actual or apparent conflict of interest arises when a Member becomes involved in a sexual or otherwise intimate relationship with a student.
- 8.3 A Member has a responsibility to ensure that conflict situations, wherever and whenever they arise, are identified and disclosed in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 8.4 The existence of an actual or apparent conflict of interest does not necessarily preclude involvement in the matter which has given rise to the actual or apparent conflict; however, the Member shall disclose, in writing, such conflict to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, as soon as possible after becoming aware of it.
- 8.5 Following receipt of a notice of conflict, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall determine in a timely fashion whether a conflict, actual or apparent, exists and, if so, decide whether the Member may continue involvement in the matter giving rise to the conflict.
- 8.6 Where a conflict of interest has been asserted by a third party, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall immediately inform the Member concerned of the assertion, in writing, and give the Member an opportunity to respond before making a decision in the matter. Following this, the decision shall be communicated immediately, in writing, giving reasons to the Member and, where appropriate, to any third parties.
- 8.7 No Member shall knowingly participate in any decision, including academic decisions, that directly and preferentially benefits himself/herself or any individual with whom the Member stands to derive a financial benefit, or affects or benefits a person with whom the Member has or has had a relationship, as defined in 8.1.
- 8.8 Notwithstanding the conflict obligations as set out in this Article, an individual will not be denied an appointment solely on the grounds of family relationship.

Conflict of Commitment

- 8.9 With the acceptance of a full-time appointment at the University, a Member makes a professional commitment to the University. Members are expected to direct the primacy of their professional commitment to the University. Recognizing that external professional activities can bring benefits to, and enhance the reputation of, the University, and the capacity of Members, the University agrees that Members may engage in part-time professional activities, provided that such activities are not undertaken in conflict with this Agreement and do not conflict or interfere with the Member's responsibilities to the University as defined in this Agreement.
- 8.10 Members must refrain from any external activity which interferes with a Member's responsibilities to the University. A Member will not use his/her University position to promote and/or advance his/her private interests.
- 8.10.1 With the exception of 8.10.1.1, unless prior written approval has been provided by the Dean/AVPR, no Member shall engage in external employment within a 150 kilometer radius of OVC, in his/her area of specialty that is in direct competition with OVC or with analytical services provided by the AHL.
- 8.10.1.1 Continuing Appointment and Tenure-track Members employed in the OVC-HSC as of August 5, 2011 with a current appointment of less than 80% are exempted from the restrictions of 8.10.1.
- 8.11 If a Member plans to undertake an external activity that may interfere with some of the aspects of the Member's University responsibilities, the Member must disclose and seek, in writing, prior approval from the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director. The disclosure shall be in writing and shall include:
- a) a full description of the nature of the work or activity;
 - b) an estimate of the time required to perform the work or the time period during which the work will be performed;
 - c) the extent, if any, of the use of University facilities, supplies, support staff or students;
 - d) any other external activities that have already been approved in that year or that are continuing from an earlier year; and
 - e) the impact the activity will have on Teaching, Scholarship, and Service responsibilities.
- 8.12 The request for approval will be considered as soon as possible and a decision will be rendered in writing within ten (10) days. If approval is denied, or offered only on conditions, the Member shall be provided with reasons, in writing, for the decision.
- 8.13 Whenever the significant external activities of a Member change materially, the Member is obligated to inform the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, in writing. Members should disclose expected changes at least thirty (30) days before the activity is to commence and prior to the Member making a firm commitment to undertake the activities.
- 8.14 All information or reports disclosed in accordance with this Article will be confidential.

Article 9 - Employment in External Remunerative Activities

- 9.1 Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members are permitted to earn additional income from external activities, providing that all such activities are arranged so as not to conflict or interfere with their overriding commitment and primary professional loyalty to the University.
 - 9.1.1 The teaching of courses on Overload (as per Article 23) shall not be considered external remunerative activity.
- 9.2 A Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty Member will be alert to the possible effects of his/her outside activities on their obligations to the University and is responsible for consulting with his/her Dean before becoming involved in any outside activity that could lead to a conflict or the appearance of a conflict in accordance with Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment.
- 9.3 Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members may engage for up to twenty-five (25) days per year in appropriate external remunerative activities such as consulting, private contract work, entrepreneurship, or teaching at another institution, provided that timing of these activities does not conflict with their assigned academic responsibilities.
- 9.4 The scheduling of external remunerative activities will be arranged with the Dean and, where a major commitment of time is anticipated, recorded in a written agreement. If this is an ongoing commitment, the agreement and arrangements will be reviewed annually.
- 9.5 In all cases, the Faculty Member will undertake to ensure that the external remunerative activities will not conflict with his/her primary commitments to Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 9.6 In special cases, external remunerative activities in excess of twenty-five (25) days per year may be requested of and considered by the Dean. If there is an ongoing need for more than twenty-five (25) days, a part-time appointment or leave without pay will normally be appropriate.
- 9.7 By April 1 of each year, the Dean shall remind Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members of the requirement to complete a standard University form as per 9.8 below.
- 9.8 Before May 1 of each year, each Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Member will inform his/her Chair whether or not he/she has been engaged in external remunerative activities by completing a standard University form. For Faculty Members who have engaged in external remunerative activities, such form will indicate the nature and time devoted to these activities conducted within the previous calendar year.
- 9.9 The Faculty Member agrees that there will be no unapproved use of University facilities and/or resources associated with external remunerative activities. Such activities shall not use institutional facilities except for the library and/or a private office unless written approval of the Dean has been obtained. The Faculty Member agrees to pay for any University resources used in his/her external remunerative activities, such as computer time, laboratory equipment and supplies, telephone calls, secretarial services, reproduction services and outside mail services.
- 9.10 The Faculty Member may identify her/himself as an employee of the University of Guelph. The Member may not, however, state that he/she is a representative of the University of Guelph in such activities without prior written permission of the Provost or designate.
- 9.11 The provisions of this Article shall apply mutatis mutandis to Librarians.

Article 10 – Duration and Copies of the Agreement

Duration

10.1 The terms of this agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021.

Copies

- 10.2 The University and the Association will jointly prepare the master copy of the draft form of the Agreement needed for ratification, including those Appendices which the University and the Association agree should be distributed.
- 10.3 Subsequent to ratification, the University and the Association shall cooperate in preparing four (4) original signed copies of the Agreement. The process shall not delay the implementation or signing of the Agreement.
- 10.4 Within sixty (60) days of the preparation of the four (4) original signed copies of the Agreement by the Parties, the University shall make the Collective Agreement available on the Provost's website. The electronic version of the Agreement shall be fully searchable and have a Table of Contents with listed articles linked to the relevant text. Management shall provide the Association with a web-ready electronic version of the Collective Agreement. Management shall ensure there are sufficient hard copies of the Agreement available to provide a copy to those Members with accessibility issues, at no cost to the Member or the Association.
- 10.5 The University shall provide the Association with one hundred and twenty-five (125) additional copies of the Agreement at no cost to the Association.
- 10.6 The letter of appointment of a Member hired subsequent to the signing of this Agreement shall provide the address to access the electronic version of the Collective Agreement.

Article 11 - Dues Check-Off

- 11.1 The University shall deduct from the pay of every Member of the Bargaining Unit such fees, dues, or assessments as may be authorized from time to time, in writing, by the Association.
- 11.2 The Association shall advise the University in writing of any proposed change in the level of these dues at least one full month in advance of the month in which the proposed change would be effective. The Association shall limit the number of changes to no more than three (3) per calendar year.
- 11.3 The University shall remit the amounts deducted pursuant to Article 11.1 to the Association on or before the second pay of the month in which deductions have been made. When the amounts are remitted, the University shall inform the Association of the names, ranks and department numbers of Members from whose salaries deductions have been made, the amount so deducted from the Members' salaries, and the year-to-date totals.
- 11.4 The Association agrees to indemnify and save the University harmless from any claims or any liability arising out of deductions of money for dues made in accordance with the Association's instructions.

Article 12 - Joint Committee

- 12.1 A Joint Committee shall be established within one month of the ratification of this Agreement by the Parties.
- 12.2 The Joint Committee shall be composed of four (4) representatives of the Association (named by the Association) and four (4) representatives of the University (named by the University). At least two (2) representatives of the University and two (2) Members of the Association must be present at any meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 12.3 The Joint Committee shall review matters of concern arising from the application of this Agreement, excluding any dispute which is at that time being resolved under the Grievance and Arbitration procedures set out in Article 40. The Joint Committee shall attempt to foster effective communications and working relationships between the Parties and shall attempt to maintain a spirit of mutual co-operation and respect. In light of this objective, this Article does not preclude the occurrence of informal meetings between representatives of the Association and the University to attempt to resolve differences that may arise from time to time.
- 12.4 The Joint Committee shall meet once a month from September to June inclusive, and at other times as it decides. Regular meetings may be waived by agreement of both Parties. In addition, the Joint Committee shall convene a meeting within fifteen (15) days following receipt of written notice from either the Association or the University. Each member of the Joint Committee shall receive notice no less than five (5) days before the scheduled date of any meeting, and shall receive the agenda of each meeting at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting.
- 12.5 The Joint Committee shall not have the power to add to, or to modify, the terms of this Agreement.

Article 13 - Correspondence and Information

- 13.1 Except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, correspondence between the Association and the University arising out of this Agreement, or incidental thereto, shall pass between the Provost and the President of the Association, or their designates. Such correspondence may either be delivered directly in paper or electronic form, or forwarded through the University's internal mail service. Correspondence to the Association shall be copied to the Executive Officer or designate.
- 13.2 The University shall provide the Association with the following information in a mutually agreed-upon paper or electronic format:
- a) by the end of the calendar year, an annual list of all Members containing their names, date of hire, categories of appointment, ranks, years of appointment to current rank, birth dates, University addresses, genders, salaries, stipends, Departments, highest degrees obtained, and years of highest degree;
 - b) by the end of each semester, a list of the names of all Members whose employment has been terminated, the dates of such terminations and the categories of terminations, such as, but not limited to dismissal, expiration of contract, death, resignation, or retirement;
 - c) no later than thirty (30) days following the appointment of a new Member, a list containing the name, category of appointment, rank, salary, birthdate, gender, Department, DOE, and University address of such Member;
 - d) by July 1st of each year, an annual list of the names and new ranks of Members who have received Tenure and/or Promotion and the effective dates of such Tenures/Promotions;
 - e) by the end of the calendar year, an annual list of all Members who are on Leave during the present Academic Year and the type of Leave they are on;
 - f) by February 1st, an annual list of all credit courses taught by Members and non-Members for the preceding Academic Year, with the following information identified: course number, semester of the class, name of the instructor(s), number of students in the class; and
 - g) within ten (10) days of posting, copies of advertisements for external searches.
 - h) Copies of position descriptions shall be provided to the Association upon written request.
 - i) Copies of all health benefit contracts shall be provided to the Association upon written request.
 - j) Benefit usage rates shall be provided to the Association no more than once per year upon written request.
 - k) No later than February 15 of each year the University shall provide the Association with a list of Departments/Schools that have confirmed distribution of final teaching schedules (per Article 18.20) to Members.
- 13.3 The University shall provide to the Association the following information within one month of the information becoming available to the body or agent that normally receives the information, unless a different time is specified below. This requirement may be satisfied by publication of the following information on a University website to which the Association has access:

- a) when they have been approved by the Board, the University's annual audited financial statement and semesterly reports of the University, including all appendices, supplements and ancillary documents;
- b) a copy of the approved University budget;
- c) when they are distributed to Board members, notice, agenda, and accompanying exhibits for public sessions of the meeting of the Board of Governors, and after approval by the Board, minutes of the previous meeting;
- d) at the time of distribution, notice of meeting, agenda, and a copy of the public minutes of the Senate;
- e) at the time of election or appointment, the names and University addresses, if any, of all persons appointed or elected to positions on the Board of Governors and the Senate, together with the names of all persons appointed or elected to the Board of Governors or Senate committees, with any terms of reference for those committees; and
- f) such other information as may be set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

13.4 The Association agrees to provide the University with the following information:

- a) a list of all persons authorized to represent the Association to the University, updated within one week of any change;
- b) a list of the officers and other members of the Executive Committee of the Association, within one month of such membership being established;
- c) a copy of each Association newsletter or bulletin, at the time of issuance to Members;
- d) a copy of the current Constitution and By-laws of the Association, as amended from time to time; and
- e) such other information as may be set out elsewhere in this Agreement.

This information may be provided in whole or in part by publication on the Association's public website.

13.5 It is agreed that there may be additional information needs identified between the Parties. Such additional needs will be discussed through Joint Committee, and the Parties will attempt to mutually agree on what information is required and the dates on which such information might be provided.

13.6 Unless otherwise provided for by this Agreement, the University's internal mail shall be deemed adequate for correspondence between the Association and the University.

Article 14 - Member's Official File

General

- 14.1 The University shall maintain an Official File for each Member.
- 14.2 Maintenance of the Official File shall be the responsibility of the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 14.3 It is recognized that copies of some or all of these materials may be used for normal University administrative purposes. Copies of these documents may be filed elsewhere for such purposes. Official Files and any copies of documents shall be clearly marked as "confidential" and maintained in a secure manner. All restrictions specified in this Article that apply to the Official File apply equally to all copies of part, or all, of the File.

Contents

- 14.4 The Official File of each Member shall contain only materials pertaining to the employment of the Member.
- 14.5 The documents and materials retained may include, but are not limited to, materials such as:
- a) Member's curriculum vitae, supplied by the Member, as updated from time to time;
 - b) university transcripts;
 - c) Member's Letter(s) of Appointment;
 - d) salary and work history;
 - e) documentation arising from the application of the provisions of Article 39: Discipline;
 - f) assessments of the Member;
 - g) signed letters of commendation or complaint;
 - h) decisions and recommendations together with reasons arising from human resource decisions;
 - i) DOE and/or position description, if applicable;
 - j) correspondence; and
 - k) copies of materials reflecting professional development and achievement.
- 14.6 With the exception of aggregated student surveys/evaluations, including but not limited to course evaluations, and subject to Article 14.14, no anonymous material shall be kept in the Official File or submitted as evidence in any formal decision or action involving a Member.
- 14.7 A Member shall be notified in writing of any addition to, or removal from, his/her Official File, excluding routine financial information and material added pursuant to routine file maintenance carried out in the office where the File is maintained. Such notification shall occur within twenty (20) days of such addition or removal.
- 14.8 Any material removed from Official Files must be retained by the University for forty (40) days from the date that written notification is sent pursuant to Article 14.7. The University shall consider requests of Members for such material.

Access and Rights

- 14.9 Members have the right to examine, after giving two days' notice, the entire contents of their Official File during normal business hours. The examination shall be carried out in the presence of a person designated by the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director. Members may be accompanied by a colleague or an Association representative. Members shall not remove their Official File, or parts thereof, from the office where it is held, nor shall Members annotate, or in any way alter, the Official File during this examination.
- 14.10 A Member shall have the right to have included in his/her Official File his/her written comments on the accuracy, relevance, meaning, or completeness of any of the contents of his/her Official File. These comments may include supplementary documents considered relevant by the Member.
- 14.11 A Member may request in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, the removal from his/her Official File of any material that the Member contends is false, inaccurate or irrelevant to the purposes for which the Official File is kept.
- 14.12 The Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall decide within twenty (20) days whether or not to remove the impugned material. For any impugned material not removed, the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, shall render a decision in writing, stating the reasons for the decision.
- 14.13 A Member may, through written request, obtain a copy of any document in his/her Official File. Electronic copies, if available and requested, shall be provided free of charge. Other charges to Members for copies shall not exceed the per-page charge routinely levied for photocopying at the University.

Release of Information

- 14.14 None of the contents of the Official File shall be released or made available to any person without the express written consent of the Member concerned, except when required:
- a) for official University administrative purposes;
 - b) for Grievance and Arbitration purposes;
 - c) by this Agreement; or
 - d) by law.
- 14.15 Access to the contents of an Official File for official University administrative purposes, for Grievance and Arbitration purposes, or as allowed by this Agreement shall be accompanied by a formal statement informing those concerned of the confidential restrictions on the use of the File. Access to the contents of an Official File in the case of Article 14.14 (d) shall be granted only to individuals who show proof that such access is required by law. Such access shall be granted by the Provost or designate. The University shall notify the Member concerned, stating the person or persons granted access to the File and the legal reason for granting this access, unless such notification is prohibited by legal statute.

Assessment Files

- 14.16 Any files and associated materials created for assessment purposes as part of the Tenure and Promotion and Review deliberations shall be deemed to be the Assessment File and shall be part of the Official file.
- 14.17 Until documents are placed in the Official File, they shall not be used for assessment or evaluation of a Member.
- 14.18 Copies of all solicited letters of reference or assessments for Promotion or Tenure/Continuing Appointment considerations shall be placed upon receipt in the Official File of the Member without letterhead and with signature(s) blocked. Only the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, may retain the complete originals of such letters, in a file separate from the Official File.
- 14.19 All assessments concerning the evaluation of a Member shall be in writing, be signed, and be included in the Official File.

Article 15 - Maintenance of the Scholarly and Professional Environment

Faculty

- 15.1 The University acknowledges that a critical mass of full-time Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members engaged in Teaching, Scholarship, and Service, is essential to enable the University to achieve its academic mission. The Parties agree that work performed by Contractually Limited Faculty, while of value to the institution, does not satisfy this need.
- 15.2 While portions of the work of Faculty Members may be carried out by others, the complete scope of responsibilities as outlined in Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities shall only be assigned to Faculty Members. This clause does not apply to Faculty on the Board of Governors, Assistant and Associate Deans, Deans, Assistant Vice-Presidents, Associate Vice-Presidents, Vice- Presidents, and the President.

Librarians

- 15.3 The University agrees that the work performed by Librarians is essential to the success of the Library in meeting its academic mission. Librarian Members play a critical role in developing and delivering Library information services; assessing, selecting, and ensuring the preservation of information resources; managing staff and financial resources; planning technological infrastructure; information literacy instruction; fostering consortia and partnership initiatives; and strategic planning and goal setting within the Library and affiliated Units.

Veterinarians

- 15.4 The University agrees that the work performed by Veterinarian Members is of central importance to the success of the units in which they work. Veterinarian Members provide a range of clinical and professional services to the unit in which they work, the University, and external clients. Veterinarian Members make important contributions to the professional, scholarly and pedagogical environment of the University and the discipline of veterinary medicine.

Article 16 - General Liability Insurance

- 16.1 The University shall provide insurance coverage in respect of the liability of Members acting within the course of their employment, to the extent provided by the Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (CURIE) policies now in force.
- 16.2 A copy of the policies of insurance, as amended or substituted from time to time, shall be provided to the Association.
- 16.3 Members who determine that the insurance coverage provided by the University is not adequate to meet their individual needs may purchase additional insurance at their own expense.
- 16.4 Responsibility for the management of any claim covered by the University's insurance policies rests solely with the insurer.
- 16.5 Timely notice will be given to the University of any action or claim of which a Member has knowledge, or of any occurrence or situation that a Member ought reasonably to know might give rise to any action or claim.
- 16.6 Members will be informed by the University in a timely manner of a circumstance, investigation, inquiry, or complaint that will lead to legal action against the Member.
- 16.7 A Member who is a defendant in a civil action for damages because of acts done in the attempted performance in good faith of the Member's employment responsibilities shall be indemnified for any damages awarded against the Member and for the necessary and reasonable costs incurred in the defence of such action except where recklessness or willful neglect is established on the part of the Member.
- 16.8 This Article and any insurance obtained pursuant to it does not apply to legal action initiated by a Member nor to any civil or criminal proceedings that might be initiated by the University against a Member.
- 16.9 A Member who is charged with a criminal offence because of acts done in an attempted performance in good faith of the Member's employment responsibilities, and finally acquitted, or if the charge is dismissed, he/she shall be indemnified for the necessary and reasonable costs incurred in the defense of such charges.

Article 17 - Working Conditions

- 17.1 The University acknowledges a continuing responsibility to maintain an environment in which the academic and professional functions of Members may be effectively carried out.

Security

- 17.2 The University shall consider and respond in a timely manner to personal security concerns that a Member or the Association brings to the University's attention.
- 17.3 The Joint Committee shall discuss measures to deal with issues surrounding personal security brought to it by either Party.

Facilities

- 17.4 Consistent with a Member's responsibilities, the University undertakes to provide a reasonable level of facilities and support services, which include, but are not limited to: suitable office space and furnishings, a telephone, mail, and access to photocopying services and basic office supplies.
- 17.5 The University shall not be responsible for telephone charges other than those associated with assigned responsibilities.
- 17.6 Any reassignment or alteration of work space shall be discussed with the Member directly affected as soon as the need for reassignment or alteration has been determined.

Privacy and Data Protection

- 17.7 The Parties agree that Members have a reasonable right to privacy in their personal and professional communications and files, whether on paper or in an electronic form. The University of Guelph shall maintain a system of internal controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information systems established, supported, or used by the University are secured against loss and unauthorized use, access, destruction, or modification.

Software and System Changes

- 17.8 Where the University proposes or intends to implement the use of a software or a significant change to the systems environment that has the potential to significantly affect the terms and conditions of employment of a number of Members, it shall first hold meaningful consultations with the Association through Joint Committee prior to adoption.

Article 18 - Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities

General Duties

- 18.1 The duties of Members shall be an appropriate combination of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 18.2 A Faculty Member shall have Academic Responsibilities in each of the three areas as described in 18.5 to 18.9 of this Article, unless there is a written agreement between the Dean and the Faculty Member to the contrary. Any such agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of this Collective Agreement.
- 18.3 In fulfilling their Academic Responsibilities, Faculty Members are expected to adhere to regulations of Senate.
- 18.4 When a significant change in circumstances has occurred, the assigned responsibilities and/or DOE may be altered, on a short-term basis, at the request of either the Faculty Member or his/her Chair. In cases of disagreement between the Faculty Member and his/her Chair, the Dean or designate will decide, communicating his/her decision to the Faculty Member in writing. Such alterations to a Member's responsibilities and/or DOE shall continue on a short-term basis, not to exceed one (1) year.
- 18.5 A Faculty Member's responsibilities in the area of Teaching include some or all of the following:
- a) making available to students knowledge of the current state of the discipline;
 - b) participating in the design of the courses and programs of the University;
 - c) performing assigned teaching responsibilities;
 - d) assessing the academic work of students;
 - e) being available to students for consultations and academic advising;
 - f) being available as a supervisor and/or academic advisor and/or as a member of a graduate committee to students who are engaged in research and in the preparation and defense of theses or project reports; and
 - g) if applicable, supervising teaching assistants.
- 18.5.1 Where a Faculty Member is a Regular Member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, normally that Faculty Member is expected to play an active role in graduate education.
- 18.6 A Faculty Member's Responsibilities in the Area of Scholarship include some or all of the following:
- a) the creation of new knowledge, understandings, or concepts;
 - b) the creative application of existing knowledge;
 - c) the organization and synthesis of existing knowledge;
 - d) creative expression; and,
 - e) if applicable, mentoring graduate students to do some or all of a) through d).
- 18.7 These responsibilities require adherence to the ethical standards of the Member's academic discipline(s) and the recognized ethical standards of the national granting councils.

- 18.8 Each Member shall be entitled to, and expected to, engage in, and have time available for, research and creative and scholarly activities. Subject to Article 52: Intellectual Property, it is the right of the Member to make the results of such work accessible to the scholarly and general public through publication, conference presentations, lectures, public concerts or performances, and other appropriate means.
- 18.9 A Faculty Member's Responsibilities in the Area of Service:
- a) Members have the right and responsibility to undertake a fair and reasonable share of administrative responsibilities, including participation in the work of the University through membership on appropriate bodies (for example, Department, College, and Senate committees). Where participation in such bodies is by election or appointment, a Member shall be elected or appointed only with his/her consent. The Dean shall make every effort to ensure that Service commitments are equitably shared.
 - b) Members have the right to participate in the work of learned societies, relevant community service organizations, and professional organizations. A Member's service to such societies and associations shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service Responsibilities, and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University.
 - c) Members have the right to participate in the work of community organizations related to their discipline, including but not limited to, community based teaching (i.e., extension activities), community service where the Member has made an essentially non-remunerative contribution by virtue of special academic competence, and contributing to community projects related to the role of the University. Participation in such activities must not conflict with the fulfilment of the Member's responsibilities within the University.
- 18.10 The University shall make available transportation, at no charge, to any Member who is assigned duties at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Distribution of Effort (DOE)

- 18.11 A DOE for each Member shall be defined in his/her Letter of Appointment and as mutually negotiated in any subsequent agreements documented in the Member's Official File. The DOE defines the relative effort with respect to activities undertaken in fulfillment of his/her academic responsibilities in the areas of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 18.12 The DOE shall be the basis for the assignment of duties. The translation of DOE percentages into Teaching and Service assignments, while it may vary from Department to Department, must be clearly delineated for the Members of each Department. The DOE may only be modified through negotiation and agreement of the Dean and the Member.
- 18.13 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Dean and the Faculty Member, the default DOE shall be forty percent (40%) teaching, forty percent (40%) Scholarship, and twenty percent (20%) Service.

Amendments to the DOE

- 18.14 The DOE of a Faculty Member who is a Chair of a Department shall be adjusted at the time of the administrative appointment to recognize the adjusted proportion of Service.

- 18.15 A discussion regarding a change to a Faculty Member's percentage of effort in Teaching, Scholarship, and/or Service may be requested by one or more of the Faculty Member, the Chair, and his/her Dean. Every Faculty Member may request a meeting with his/her Chair to review his/her DOE. The meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request, or at a mutually agreed upon time.
- 18.16 Any arrangements that alter a Faculty Member's agreed upon DOE must be by mutual agreement, in accordance with the Faculty Member's career development within the context of Department operational requirements, and consistent with the provisions of this Agreement. It is understood that any such alternative arrangements shall only alter the allocation of responsibilities between Teaching, Scholarship, and Service and shall not alter the percentage workload of a Faculty Member. Requests for Reduced Workload are made in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload Appointment.
- 18.17 Following the meeting in 18.15, the Chair shall provide the written request for amendment to the Dean. The Dean, in consultation with the Chair, will decide whether to approve the request for amendment to the Faculty Member's DOE. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request, the Dean will notify the Faculty Member in writing of the decision and in the event of a negative decision will include reasons. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the Dean, a Faculty Member may appeal the decision of the Dean to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Faculty Member and Dean in writing, with reasons, of his/her decision.
- 18.18 A change to a Member's DOE will only be made with the consent of the Member.
- 18.18.1 The provisions of 18.18 may be modified by Letter of Understanding #9 within this Collective Agreement.

Workload

- 18.19 In recommending/determining a Member's teaching workload, the Chair and Dean shall use a fair, equitable, and transparent method. A Faculty Member's teaching assignments may vary from year to year in recognition of the needs of the University and when possible to reflect the interest and teaching strengths of the Faculty Member. These variations will be taken into account by the Dean when approving teaching assignments. The Dean will ensure that the teaching assignments of Faculty Members are as fair and equitable as is reasonably possible, both within the academic unit and across the College.
- 18.19.1 The Chair shall circulate a memo to all Members in his/her Academic Unit that seeks input (within the Member's allocated teaching effort (DOE)) with respect to required/core courses and elective courses the Member would like to teach. Members cannot claim ownership of a particular course.
- 18.19.1.1 The Member shall provide the Chair with a signed completed teaching request form outlining courses the Member wishes to teach. The teaching request form shall include an area where the Member may comment on past requests and assignments.
- 18.19.1.2 Through consultations (e.g., circulation of draft teaching assignments) with Members of the Academic Unit (e.g., through the Curriculum Committee and/or Chair's Council), the Chair makes a recommendation to the Dean on teaching assignment.

- 18.19.1.3 The Chair shall note, where applicable, issues that the Dean needs to resolve.
- 18.19.1.4 A copy of the signed Teaching Request Form shall be placed in the official file.
- 18.19.2 Each Department shall have a promulgated process for assigning teaching assistants (TAs) that is fair, equitable, and transparent. A Member's request for TA support may be made known to the Chair in response to the memo circulated as per 18.19.1 above.
- 18.19.3 Teaching workload norms in Departments/Schools shall be no more than those in effect as of the date of the Agreement. Where new academic units are created (including through amalgamation of existing unit(s)), the newly established teaching workload norms shall be established in the context of the operational requirements of the new unit. The norms shall come into effect only following a ratification in which 2/3 of affected Members vote in favour.
- 18.20 The Dean, or designate, on the recommendation of the Chair, shall finalize the Member's assigned teaching, including E-Learning courses, in writing at eight (8) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching. A copy of the finalized teaching schedule shall be provided to all Members in the Academic Unit by the Dean at least six (6) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching. This schedule shall include, for each course, the instructor, estimated enrollment, teaching assistant support, and the current DOE of each Member. Any change in a Member's assigned teaching made less than eight (8) months in advance of the commencement of the assigned teaching shall take place only when a significant change in circumstances has occurred and in consultation with the Member. Appeals regarding TA support shall be submitted to the Dean.
- 18.21 The University recognizes that the development of an E-Learning course may be more complex than that of a classroom-based course. No Member shall be assigned the development of an E-Learning course without his/her consent. When the development of an E-Learning course is part of the assigned workload of a Member, a written statement of the equivalency will be provided in advance, and the credit given shall be at least equivalent to the credit value of the course.
- 18.21.1 In assigning the teaching of an E-Learning course, the Dean shall take into consideration the complexity and the potentially greater level of preparation required for an E-Learning course as well as the Member's overall teaching workload. The Dean will also take into consideration the amount of technical support required. In all instances, a written statement of the equivalency of the E-Learning course to a classroom-based course will be provided in advance by the Dean. The teaching of a E-Learning course shall be considered equivalent to the teaching of a classroom-based course of the same credit weighting.
- 18.21.2 The Dean will ensure that the appropriate technical support and training are provided.
- 18.21.3 The weighting of an E-Learning Course for the purposes of Promotion and Tenure and Performance Assessment considerations shall be the same as that of a classroom-based course.
- 18.22 Unless indicated in the Letter of Appointment or through mutual agreement of the Faculty Member and the Dean, no Member shall be assigned teaching responsibilities at the Regional Campuses and/or Guelph-Humber.

- 18.23 Assigned Service shall take into account a Faculty Member's total Service commitments (Department, College, University, and External). A Member serving on an external agency or with extraordinary scholarly or contractual commitments may request an adjustment to his/her DOE.
- 18.24 When the University requests, and the Member consents, that a Member perform significant administrative duties or services, there shall be an adjustment in the Member's DOE commensurate with the additional administrative responsibilities.
- 18.25 The Dean is responsible for ensuring that every Department has a fair and transparent process for the equitable assignment of teaching assistants.

Procedures for Assigning Workload

- 18.26 Newly-appointed Members shall have at least 0.5 credit teaching release, at least once, in the first three (3) years of appointment.
- 18.27 Classes assigned to a Member shall be scheduled to permit twelve (12) hours to pass between the completion of teaching one day and the commencement of same on the next day, unless the Member agrees otherwise. No Member shall be assigned, on any day, a class schedule that requires more than three (3) consecutive hours of classroom contact, excluding labs. Exceptions for special circumstances (e.g., six week courses) may be made with the agreement of the Member.
- 18.28 Where a Member is assigned clinical service in the OVC-HSC, he/she will be required to provide no more than a proportionate share of duties. Assignment of clinical service shall be made with due regard to a Member's DOE and shall be fair, equitable, and transparent.
- 18.29 A Faculty Member's clinical service assignment will be scheduled by the Dean or designate in consultation with the Member and his/her Chair.
- 18.30 The Dean or designate will consult with a Member prior to making significant changes to his/her work schedule. This consultation will occur at least thirty (30) days in advance, except in cases of emergencies. Changes made under emergency circumstances shall be deemed to be temporary in nature until such time as the University has met its obligations to consult with the Member. The University shall implement such changes fairly and equitably.

Research and Development Semester

- 18.31 A Faculty Member holding a Full-time Tenured, Tenure-track or Contractually Limited appointment of one or more years and who has assigned teaching responsibilities for two semesters in an Academic Year will devote a third semester to research and scholarly activities, except as modified in 18.31.1, 18.31.2, or 18.32, where the R/D semester will be deemed to have been taken (i.e., there is no 'banking' of time for a R/D semester to be taken at a later date).
- 18.31.1 A Faculty Member may request to have assigned teaching responsibilities for three semesters in an Academic Year. Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Dean.
- 18.31.2 A Faculty Member with an agreed-upon effort of greater than or equal to 70% in the area of teaching may be assigned teaching responsibilities for three semesters in an Academic Year. In such cases, the assigned teaching for the third semester shall not

exceed a one-course assignment. In addition, teaching in the third semester may only occur on a biennial basis.

- 18.32 By mutual agreement, the Faculty Member and the Dean may choose to reschedule the timing of a Research and Development Semester so that teaching occurs in three (3) semesters.
- 18.33 With the exception of 18.31.1, 18.31.2, and 18.32, a Faculty Member may not be assigned teaching responsibilities for more than four (4) consecutive semesters or have more than two (2) consecutive semesters entirely as Research and Development Semesters.
- 18.34 In the case of a Faculty Member who plans to be absent during a Research and Development Semester, it will be the joint responsibility of the Chair and the Faculty Member to ensure that arrangements have been made for the execution of all normal responsibilities, including the supervision of any student or students for whom the Faculty Member is responsible. If the arrangements cannot be made to the satisfaction of the Chair and Faculty Member, the matter will be referred to the Dean for resolution.
- 18.35 The Dean, upon recommendation of the Chair, will approve the scheduling of the Faculty Member's Research and Development Semester.
- 18.36 Approved Leaves of Absence (e.g. Parental Leave, Study/Research Leave) will not result in any change to the normal scheduling of the Faculty Member's responsibilities. The normal pattern of the Faculty Member's Research and Development semesters will continue in the Faculty Member's absence.

Article 19 - Faculty Appointments

Definitions

- 19.1 All Faculty Members shall have an Appointment corresponding to one of the following types:
- 19.1.1 Tenure-track Appointment is an appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor leading to consideration for the simultaneous granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, or an Appointment at the rank of Associate Professor leading to consideration for the granting of Tenure.
- 19.1.2 Contractually Limited Appointment is an appointment for a specified period not to exceed five (5) years. See article 19.5 below. An appointee in such a position is eligible for consideration for promotion in rank, but is not eligible for consideration for the granting of Tenure. Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not constitute dismissal under the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.
- 19.1.3 Tenured Appointment is an appointment with rank and DOE involving Academic Responsibilities according to the provisions of Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities. Tenure may be conferred:
- a) following successful completion of a probationary period according to Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty; or
 - b) at the time of initial appointment, consistent with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion and Review of Faculty.
- 19.1.4 Tenured Faculty Members cannot be dismissed except, and only, for cause and in accordance with the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

Ranks

- 19.2 Faculty Members shall be appointed at one of the following ranks:
- a) Assistant Professor; or
 - b) Associate Professor; or
 - c) Professor
- 19.3 A Tenure-track Appointment of an Assistant Professor without completion of his/her terminal degree will be for a maximum of two (2) years, at which point the Appointment will be terminated unless all of the requirements for the terminal degree have been completed. In exceptional circumstances, the Provost may extend this period.
- 19.4 A Tenure-track Appointment shall be for a maximum period of six (6) consecutive years, unless approved otherwise by the Provost, and is subject to the relevant provisions of Article 21: Tenure, Promotion and Review of Faculty.

Contractually Limited Positions

- 19.5 For Contractually Limited Appointments, at the end of five (5) years, the University will decide to terminate the position or convert the position to Tenure-track. When the decision is to convert the position to Tenure-track, the Dean, on recommendation of the Chair, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Tenure-track Appointment, without a

search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final. If the decision is to deny the incumbent's Appointment to Tenure-track, the provisions of this Article will apply.

19.5.1 The University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Faculty that are 12 months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Search Committee

- 19.6 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted external and/or internal to the University. Through consultation with Department Members, the Dean will determine the qualifications and specific duties required to fill a vacancy. For searches spanning more than one Department, the Dean or Dean(s) must:
- a) identify the Department(s) that are willing to participate in the search;
 - b) seek broad input on qualifications and duties;
 - c) constitute Search Committees to reflect the scope of the position.
- 19.7 Subject to Article 19.5 all vacancies covered by the terms of this Agreement will, at a minimum, be posted on the University's Faculty Recruitment website.
- 19.8 In conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in the CAUT Bulletin and/or associated websites and other publications determined as appropriate by the University.
- 19.9 The information to be provided in the advertisement shall include, but not be limited to:
- a) the type of Appointment, as defined in this Article;
 - b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;
 - c) where applicable, rank;
 - d) any applicable equity provisions; and
 - e) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.
- 19.10 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training to address to address potential unconscious bias prior to the commencement of the advertisement and interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in this training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 19.11 The Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair; three (3) Members from, and elected by, the Department; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold tenure.
- 19.12 For joint appointments, the Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair of the major Department; three (3) Members from, and elected by, the major Department; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold tenure.
- 19.12.1 Exceptional Searches are rare appointments where the University cannot identify the eventual appointee's home Department at the time of the initiation of the search. The Search Committee shall consist of: the Chair of a Department (named by the Dean); four (4) Members elected from and elected by the Departments; and up to two (2) persons appointed by the Chair. At least three (3) of the four (4) elected Members must

hold tenure. Prior to the commencement of the search, the Association shall be advised.

- 19.13 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and acceptability by the standing Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 19.14 Notwithstanding Articles 19.11, 19.12, and 19.12.1, when the nature of the search warrants broadening the composition of the search committee, the University shall ensure that:
- a) The Search Committee is chaired by a Member (i.e., Chair or designate appointed by the Dean);
 - b) The majority of the members of the Search Committee are elected Members (at least two of whom must hold tenure);
 - c) When there is a University representative (e.g., Associate Dean), they will be limited to one (1) and will hold non-voting ex-officio status.

Prior to the broadening of the search committee, the Association will be advised.

- 19.15 To ensure the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative members from the designated groups.
- 19.16 Exceptions to search committee structures (per 19.11 – 19.14) shall be made only with prior approval of the Association.
- 19.17 If the Search Committee believes that an internal candidate is suitable, the chair of the Search Committee may recommend to the Dean and the Provost that the candidate be appointed without an external search.
- 19.18 The Search Committee will be an ad hoc committee whose final membership must be approved by the Provost.
- 19.19 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.
- 19.20 In accordance with the University's equity goals, the Parties acknowledge, recognize, and endorse the principle of employment equity and agree to cooperate in the identification and removal of artificial and/or systemic barriers.
- 19.21 Consistent with principles of employment equity, the Parties agree that:
- a) the primary criterion for appointment to positions in the University is academic and professional excellence; and
 - b) no candidate shall be recommended who does not meet the criteria for the appointment in question.
- 19.22 Members who serve on Search Committees shall maintain confidentiality regarding the Committee's deliberations, documents, consultations, and proceedings.
- 19.23 Pursuant to Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, should any member of the Search Committee, including the Committee's chair, have a conflict of interest, he/she shall declare it and withdraw from consideration of, and voting on, all relevant cases.

Candidate Assessment Procedures

- 19.24 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.
- 19.25 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the Dean with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 19.26 The Dean shall decide which of these candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 19.27 The Dean shall facilitate the seeking of input from members of the Department or in the case of Joint or Exceptional Searches, Departments.
- 19.28 After interviewing the short-listed candidates, the chair of the Search Committee shall make written recommendation(s) to the Dean. The recommendation(s) shall include a ranked order of the acceptable candidates. This recommendation(s) shall clearly state the reasons for the recommendation(s). If a member of the Search Committee requests a secret ballot vote on the recommendation(s), such vote shall occur.
- 19.28.1 For an Exceptional Search the respective Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will conduct a review of the Search Committee's recommended candidate(s) and will provide written recommendations to the Dean on whether the candidate(s) is recommended to be appointed to the Department, and if so, Rank and Tenure status.
- 19.29 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the standing Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Dean as to rank and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.
- 19.30 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.
- 19.30.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration for conversion of appointment to Tenure-track without a search as per 19.5.
- 19.31 While the Dean and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list of recommended candidates from the Search Committee (and the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee(s) for an Exceptional Search). The Dean and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Letters of Appointment

- 19.32 All offers of Appointment shall be issued by the Dean (following approval by the Provost), and will include, but not be limited to, the following:
- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
 - b) rank;
 - c) salary;
 - d) type of Appointment as defined in Article 19.1;

- e) Distribution of Effort;
- f) any credit for years of service for eligible benefits (e.g., Study/Research Leave);
- g) Campus, Department and/or Unit in which the Appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- h) if applicable, date of final consideration for the granting of tenure;
- i) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, consistent with the Agreement;
- j) a copy of guidelines respecting Tenure and Promotion expectations as per this Agreement; and
- k) contact information about the Association.

19.33 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

Joint Appointments

19.34 A Joint Appointment is an Appointment in two or more Departments, one of which shall be designated as the major Department for the Appointment.

19.35 The allocation of responsibilities among the respective units shall be set out in the Letter of Appointment.

19.36 The major Department shall be responsible for managing the joint assessment of performance and, where applicable, the Tenure and Promotion considerations, with input from the other Department.

19.37 A Joint Appointment of an existing Member may be reviewed, or a new joint appointment established, by the Dean concerned, with the agreement of the Member.

Article 20 - Appointments of Chairs/Directors of Schools

Chairs/Directors of Schools

- 20.1 For the purpose of this Article, Chair shall mean Chair of Department or Director of School. This Article does not apply to the OVC-HSC, AHL, or the Library.
- 20.2 A Chair shall be a tenured Member. Accountable to the Dean, the Chair is responsible for the orderly, effective, efficient, and collegial operation of his/her Department. The Chair has overall responsibility to ensure that Department practices and processes are formulated, promulgated, and followed, and that College and University policies and procedures are followed.
- 20.3 The Chair, through mentoring and facilitation, shall support each Member of his/her Department in the fulfillment of the Member's assigned responsibilities.
- 20.4 The Chair, through consultation with Members of the Department, formulates recommendations concerning policy or the matters of interest to the Department. Such recommendations shall be directed to the Dean.
- 20.5 The other responsibilities of the Chair are those assigned to the Chair in this Agreement and those in the Letter of Appointment, which shall be consistent with her/his status as a Member of the Bargaining Unit. Copies of the Letter of Appointment for Chairs, Acting Chairs, and Interim Chairs shall be provided to the Association. A Letter of Appointment is not required for a Deputy Chair.

Terms of Appointment of a Chair

- 20.6 The term of Appointment of a Chair shall normally be five (5) years. At the end of five (5) years, the term may be renewed once in accordance with this Article.
- 20.7 A Member who is a Chair shall receive an annual stipend at the time of the appointment to the position of Chair in accordance with Article 53: Compensation. At the conclusion of his/her appointment as Chair, the Member shall no longer be eligible for the Chair's stipend.
- 20.8 The DOE of a Member who is appointed as Chair shall, after discussion with the Dean, be adjusted to reflect the percentage allocated to Service.

Terms of Appointment of Deputy and Acting Chairs

- 20.9 In the event a Chair is going to be absent from campus for a period of less than one (1) month, the Chair may recommend, and the Dean, at his/her discretion, may appoint, a Deputy Chair. A Deputy Chair is not eligible to receive the administrative stipend. A Member shall not be appointed Deputy Chair without his/her consent.
- 20.10 In the event a Chair is going to be absent from campus for a period of one (1) month or longer, the Dean will appoint an Acting Chair who will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of the Acting appointment, on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 20.10.1 The term of an Acting Chair shall normally not exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed Acting Chair without her/his consent.

Terms of Appointment of Interim Chairs

- 20.11 Each Department shall normally have a Chair. In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant due to illness, or an extended search process continues beyond the end of the Chair's term of appointment, the Dean may appoint an Interim Chair. The term of an Interim Chair shall not normally exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed Interim Chair without her/his consent. An Interim Chair will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of the appointment on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 20.12 The appointment of an Interim Chair is not meant to replace the initiation of a search process. In the event that the position of Chair becomes vacant, a search committee will be struck as per Article 20.16 as soon as is practicable.

Renewal of a Chair for a Second Five (5) Year Term

- 20.13 The Dean will make his/her recommendation to the Provost. If the Provost decides the incumbent Chair will not be renewed for a second term, a Search Committee will be struck.

Search Committee for the Position of Chair

- 20.14 At the time of a search for a Chair, the Dean, in consultation with the Provost, shall convene a Search Committee.
- 20.15 The composition of the Search Committee shall be:
- a) two (2) Members designated by the Dean from outside the Department, one (1) of whom must be a Department Chair;
 - b) two (2) non-Members affiliated with the Department, designated by the Dean;
 - c) three (3) Members elected by the Department. At least two (2) of the three elected Members must hold tenure; and
 - d) the Dean, who will act as chair.
- 20.16 The Dean, in consultation with the Search Committee, may recommend to the Provost that an internal search be conducted.
- 20.17 If conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in the CAUT Bulletin or associated website, University Affairs, and other publications as determined by the University.

Assessment Procedures

- 20.18 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall compile a short list of recommended candidates to be interviewed. The Dean and Provost shall decide which candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 20.19 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be confidential.
- 20.20 The Dean will seek input from Department members and will facilitate input from members of the University community.
- 20.21 After interviewing the candidates, the Dean, on the advice of the Search Committee, shall provide to the Provost a ranked list of candidates determined to be appointable. While the Dean and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be

made from this list. The Dean and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Transition Leave

- 20.22 Upon completion of five (5) years or more in the position of Chair, the Member is eligible for two semesters of Transition Leave. However, the Chair is entitled to request Transition Leave with salary for up to one (1) of these semesters during a term of Appointment. If a Leave of more than one (1) semester is required during a term of Appointment, the incumbent will be expected to resign from his/her administrative appointment. A period of Transition Leave, at the end of the term of the appointment, is not considered to be part of the term of the appointment.
- 20.23 Transition Leave is intended to provide a Chair with sufficient time to re-establish or enhance his/her research and/or teaching skills to prepare him/her for return to the professoriate. So long as recognized scholarly objectives are being sought, both study and research activities, whether singly or in some combination, should be regarded as eligible to satisfy the purposes of the Transition Leave.
- 20.24 Transition Leave will be paid leave.
- 20.25 The two semesters of Transition Leave shall be continuous unless combined with a Research and Development Semester in accordance with Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities. Transition Leave shall normally commence on either September 1 or January 1, immediately following the completion of the term of Chair, except by mutual agreement of the Member and the Dean.
- 20.26 A period of Transition Leave can be combined with a Research and Development Semester in accordance with Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities, during which time no teaching is assigned, as long as the total period does not exceed twelve (12) months, except by mutual agreement of the Member and the University.
- 20.27 Credited service toward eligibility for Study/Research Leave will be accumulated at the rate of one semester of credited service for each year served as Chair.

Transition Leave for Deputy, Acting, and Interim Chairs

- 20.28 An appointment to Chair of less than five (5) years or a part-time Chair, or to Deputy Chair, Acting Chair, or Interim Chair shall accrue Transition Leave as follows:
- 20.28.1 A Chair of less than five (5) years, or a part-time Chair, shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.28.2 Deputy Chairs (per 20.9) are not eligible to accrue credit toward Transition Leave.
- 20.28.3 Acting Chairs (per 20.10) shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.28.4 Interim Chairs (per 20.11) shall accrue credit toward Transition Leave on a pro-rata basis.
- 20.29 A written request for Transition Leave will be made to the Dean and will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) an activity plan;

- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) where applicable, the results of the previous Leave; and
- e) in the case where the Transition Leave occurs during the term of Appointment, a plan of how duties and responsibilities will be carried out.

20.30 Normally, requests are submitted to the Dean at least nine (9) months prior to the intended starting date of the Leave. A decision, in writing, to approve or deny the Leave will be communicated to the applicant at least six (6) months prior to the intended starting date of the Leave.

Article 21 - Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty Members

- 21.1 This Article applies to Tenure, Promotion, and Review decisions of Faculty Members who hold Tenured or Tenure-track Appointments and to Promotion and Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Faculty Members.
- 21.2 *The University of Guelph Act*, 1964 empowers the Board of Governors to promote and confer Tenure on Faculty Members on the recommendation of the President. The University will promote Faculty Members and grant Tenure to Faculty Members only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 21.3 The Dean will meet with each Member in the Faculty Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor.
- 21.4 The Dean will notify the Member on an annual basis that both the Dean and the Chair are available to mentor the Member. In addition, the Dean shall meet with each Tenure-track Faculty Member before the end of April of each year of the probationary period to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for Tenure and Promotion.
- 21.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 21.4 signed by both the Dean and the Tenure-track Member, shall be placed in the Tenure-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the Dean and the Faculty Member are agreeing that it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 21.5 Faculty have the right to know explicitly what criteria are used for Tenure, Promotion, and Review purposes as well as reasons for decisions related to their Tenure, Promotion, and Review. The process must be transparent, fair, and equitable.
- 21.5.1 Approved Tenure and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the Department/School Website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 21.6 The conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor is a very important step in the relationship between the University and a Faculty Member and it should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor recognizes academic competence and maturity and significant scholarly achievement, demonstrated by contributions to the academic functions of the University and to the Member's discipline within and outside the University. The conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor obliges the University to support the career of the Member and it obliges the Member to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 21.7 Promotion to Professor recognizes long-term, established, and outstanding Scholarship. It is granted in recognition of academic competence, maturity, and, normally, an established international reputation for achievement and expertise in the Member's field.
- 21.8 Contractually Limited Faculty Members are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration for Tenure and therefore the granting of Promotion to Contractually Limited Members does not confer Tenure.

- 21.9 In considering a Member for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor, consideration will be given to the individual Member's life-time contribution in the areas defined in Article 18: Faculty Member Rights and Responsibilities.
- 21.10 Each candidate for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor is expected to establish a record of performance in each of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service.
- 21.11 Consideration of the DOE accorded to Teaching, Scholarship, and Service by a Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be subject to any arrangements described in the Letter of Appointment and any arrangements made under any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 21.12 While a candidate must have achieved a satisfactory record of performance in Service, the meritorious performance of these duties shall not compensate for an insufficiently strong performance in Teaching or Scholarship. However, an unsatisfactory record of performance in Service contributions may be an important factor in the denial of Tenure and/or Promotion.
- 21.13 The evaluation of a course taught by a Member on overload will be considered as part of the materials for Tenure, Promotion, and Performance Review.

Probationary Period

- 21.14 The maximum duration of a Tenure-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment from the date of the Tenure-track Appointment, exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave, and not counting periods of unpaid leave.
- 21.15 The maximum length of the Probationary period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 21.16 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Tenure and Promotion, or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Members of the Department and articulated in a Guidelines document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period under review. The criteria for Tenure, Promotion, and Review, including any amendments to the same, will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Members of the Department, and also by the College Committee and the Provost.
- 21.17 All Members are to be informed in writing by the Department Chair of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Departmental criteria that will be used for Promotion, Tenure, and Review purposes.
- 21.18 The Dean, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. Each Dean will consult with the College Tenure and Promotion Committee in the development of these templates:

Member Templates

21.18.1 Progress Template

A template for the purpose of Tenure and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, and applications for Tenure and Promotion) in which each Faculty Member in that College will document his/her relevant life-time scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Teaching, Scholarship, Service, and publication reprints.

21.18.2 Performance Assessment Template

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Faculty Member in that College will document his/her relevant scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Teaching, Scholarship, Service, and publication reprints.

Department Committee Templates

21.18.3 Performance Assessment – Biennial Year

A Department Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance. Such Report shall also include the performance rater for each individual area of effort and the overall performance rater.

21.18.4 Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year

A Department Committee Performance Progress Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance. Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than "Good."

21.18.5 Tenure-track Faculty – Progress Feedback

A Department Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's progress toward the granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

21.18.6 Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor – Application or Final Year Consideration

A Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's Application or final year consideration for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor.

21.18.7 Promotion to Professor – Application

A Department Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the Department Committee's report to the College Committee on its overall assessment of the Faculty Member's application for the granting of Promotion to Professor.

21.18.8 The Member Templates, which must conform with the Collective Agreement and approved Department Guidelines, will define the document structure, solely giving recommended headings and sections, and must allow for the Member to include any information that the Member feels is relevant for consideration by the Tenure and Promotion committees. The Template shall be protected from further changes once completed and submitted by the Member, except as specified in 21.18.8.1.

21.18.8.1 Members have the right to update their submission by August 31st with information that could not reasonably have been provided by the original submission deadline.

Where a Member believes the eCV system precludes him/her from completing his/her Member Template in accordance with approved Department Guidelines and the Collective Agreement, he/she shall raise the issue with the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations. Should no resolution be reached, the Faculty Member shall have the option of appeal to the Dean. The Dean shall provide a written response, with reasons, within ten (10) days.

21.19 The Department Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 21.18.3 and 21.18.4) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

21.20 All Department Committee Progress Reports (as per 21.18.5) and Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Reports (as per 21.18.6) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Tenure and Promotion has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

21.21 The Department Committee Promotion Report (as per 21.18.7) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Tenure and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessors

21.22 Written opinions of the Member's research and other scholarly activities by experts in the Member's field are required to support a recommendation for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and for Promotion to Professor. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative. The Provost, in consultation with the Deans, and through consultation with the College Tenure and Promotion Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the conferring of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and the granting of Promotion to Professor within the College. The following principles will apply:

- a) Normally, External Assessors will be persons who have an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of this University;
- b) The normal number of external assessments to be obtained will be three (3);
- c) The Department Chair and the Member will agree upon which individuals are acceptable Assessors and will forward this list to the Dean. If agreement cannot be reached, the Department Committee will decide on the acceptable Assessors;
- d) The Dean will be responsible for communicating with Assessors as per c). The information sent to the Assessors will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the Dean of the Faculty Member's College;
- e) All assessments will be in writing;
- f) The following information will be made available (see also Article 21.26.1 and 21.63.1) to the External Assessors:
 - 1) applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Tenure and Promotion;
 - 2) the Faculty Member's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) a copy of the Member's DOE;
 - 4) a selection of reprints of the Faculty Member's published work, chosen by the Faculty Member; and
 - 5) any other evidence of Scholarship as determined by the Faculty Member.
- g) It is the responsibility of the Dean to ensure that external assessment letters are provided to the Chair prior to the commencement of the Department Committee deliberations process; and
- h) It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that external assessment letters are included in the Faculty Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

Department Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.23 The role of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be the following:

- a) assess the Faculty Member's performance and complete a Department Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee;
- b) assess the Faculty Member's progress toward the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and complete a Department Committee Progress Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the feedback to the Faculty Member;
- c) assess the Faculty Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and complete a Department Committee Tenure and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the Tenure and Promotion decision;
- d) assess the Faculty Member's application for Promotion to Professor and complete a Department Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the College Tenure and Promotion Committee as part of the promotion decision;

- e) consider external assessments for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor.

21.24 The composition of each Department Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be:

- a) The Chair of the Department, who will act as chair of the committee and who will be provided a second vote to break a tie;
- b) Four tenured Faculty Members in the Department, elected for a two year term by the Faculty Members in the Department;
- c) One full-time Tenured Faculty Member from within the College. The College Member shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty Members in the College, and will be a non-voting member.

Election of Department Members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.25 Every tenured Faculty Member in the Department is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) The Department Member of the College Committee,
- d) The College Member,
- e) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- f) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

21.25.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Department and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Chair's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.25.2 The election of Members to the Committee will be conducted by the Chair or his/her designate and the most recently appointed Assistant Professor available within the Department, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Department of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Department Members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected each year.

21.25.3 All Faculty Members in the Department holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.

21.25.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the Chair will have the deciding vote.

21.25.5 Each Department Member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as a Department Member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.25.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Department Member of

the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.25.1-21.25.6 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.

- 21.26 With the exception of Article 21.43 and 21.44, it is the Faculty Member's responsibility to confirm his/her eCV by August 15th to be considered by the Tenure and Promotion Committees.
- 21.26.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Tenure and/or Promotion Processes, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions that are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 21.27 The Chair shall ensure the Faculty Member is informed in writing when information relevant to the current Tenure, Promotion, and Review period is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Member will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten 10 days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.
- 21.28 The Chair shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Faculty Member's DOE, teaching/course evaluations, and letters of external assessment (where applicable), are properly included in the Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.
- 21.29 The Chair shall ensure that Members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Tenure and Promotion Guidelines document.

College Tenure and Promotion Committee

- 21.30 The role of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be to:
- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Tenure and Promotion;
 - b) assess the Faculty Member's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor at the College level;
 - c) consider the Departmental assessment and recommendation;
 - d) ensure the Departmental assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and standards of performance established by the Department;
 - e) consider external assessments for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor;
 - f) consider the Dean's written assessment of service as chair, for Chairs. Such assessment shall be provided to the Chair at least ten (10) days prior to the college meeting so as to allow the opportunity for the Chair to append a written response, should he/she so wish;
 - g) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and Promotion to Professor to the President for decision;

- h) submit all recommendations to the Provost; and
- i) issue a letter to the Faculty Member communicating the College Committee's assessment and recommendation according to the provisions of 21.46.

21.31 The composition of each College Tenure and Promotion Committee shall be:

- a) the Dean of the College, who will act as chair of the Committee and who will vote a second time to break a tie;
- b) a tenured Faculty Member from each Department, elected for a two-year term by the Faculty Members of the Department, and who is not also a member of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee; and
- c) one full-time Tenured Faculty Member from within the College who is also serving on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee.

Election of Department Members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee

21.32 Every tenured Faculty Member in the College is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the College Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) The College Member,
- d) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- e) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

21.32.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Department and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Chair's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.32.2 The election of Members to the Committee will be conducted by the Chair or his/her designate and the most recently appointed Assistant Professor available within the Department, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Department of the results. In a case where there is no Assistant Professor, the most recently appointed Associate Professor shall serve.

21.32.3 All Faculty Members in the Department holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.

21.32.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the Chair will have the deciding vote.

21.32.5 Each Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as the Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.32.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Department Member of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of

the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.32.1-21.32.5 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.

Election of the College Member

- 21.33 Every tenured Faculty Member in the College is eligible to be nominated to serve as the College Member except:
- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
 - b) Those who are already members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee,
 - c) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committees,
 - d) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
 - e) The College Representative and Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.
- 21.33.1 Nominations for the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the College and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Dean's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.
- 21.33.2 The election will be conducted by the Dean or his/her designate, who will also serve as the enumerator and who will inform the College of the results.
- 21.33.3 All Faculty Members in the College holding tenured, tenure-track, or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 21.33.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 21.33.5 The College Member will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as the College Member.
- 21.33.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the College Member will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committees, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.33.1-21.33.5 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 21.34 The Chair of the Department Committee will ensure the transfer to the College Committee of the Assessment File considered by the Department Committee. The Dean may request that a Chair appear before the College Committee as part of the deliberation process.
- 21.35 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the Department Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report(s) from the Department Committee. The Assessment/Progress Report(s) from the Department Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Faculty Member's performance in relation to expectations set out in the approved Tenure and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations

- 21.36 The Faculty Member's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File and therefore accessible to the Faculty Member prior to the meeting of the Department Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).
- 21.37 The decisions of the Department and College Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to the consideration of and decision on a particular case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.
- 21.38 Where a Chair of a Department wishes to be considered for Promotion, the procedure shall be followed as for any other Faculty Member except that for the purpose of consideration of the Promotion, the Department Committee will choose one of its own Members in the Department to act as chair of the Committee while the matter is dealt with.

Review of Progress Towards Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

- 21.39 Each year, Tenure-track Faculty Members at any rank will submit a completed Progress Template to the Chair according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor of all Tenure-track Faculty Members will be considered by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees. Feedback in the form of a written Progress Report will be provided by the Dean to the Faculty Member.
- 21.40 The Chair shall, prior to the commencement of the Department Committee deliberations, meet with each Tenure-track Faculty Member to review his/her Assessment File. The Dean shall, upon written request by the Faculty Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Faculty Member to review his/her Assessment File.

Granting of Tenure

- 21.41 Failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 21.18.1 and 21.26.1) to the Chair by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.
- 21.41.1 In the final year of candidacy for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 21.18.1 and 21.26.1) to the Chair by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in the termination of the Faculty Member's Tenure-track Appointment.
- 21.42 In the final review of tenure-track Members, consideration for the granting of Tenure and Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor will occur. The decision will be either to grant Tenure and confer Promotion to Associate Professor or not to grant Tenure and terminate the Faculty Member's appointment.
- 21.43 Further to Article 21.39, a Faculty Member may apply for the early granting of Tenure and conferring of Promotion to Associate Professor in either the third, fourth or fifth year of

appointment. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) External Assessors, shall be made in writing by the Faculty Member to the Dean through the Department Chair by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 21.22 (f) (2, 3, 4, and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean by June 8. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion to Professor

21.44 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Professor will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) External Assessors, shall be made in writing by the Faculty Member to the Dean through the Department Chair by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 21.22 (f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

21.45 The Department Committee will assess each Faculty Member's performance and make a recommendation to the chair of the College Committee with respect to the granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor. The Department Committee will complete the appropriate Report (as per 21.18) for each Faculty Member who has been considered. The Report will be signed by all Members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the chair of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.

21.46 Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of Tenure and Promotion considerations at the College Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Dean will provide, to each Faculty Member being considered, a letter (signed by all members of the College Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Tenure-track Faculty Members: An assessment of progress toward Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor;
- b) for all Faculty Members who were considered for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor or Promotion to Professor: the recommendation of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

21.47 For Faculty Members considered for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, the letter from the Dean will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Tenure be granted and Promotion to Associate Professor be conferred;
- b) that the Tenure-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Tenure not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor, the Committee is limited to the decisions outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 21.50, and to contact the Association.

21.48 The College Tenure and Promotion Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to the recommendations.

21.49 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant tenure immediately or to deny tenure, and will communicate his/her decision to the Faculty Member immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of tenure, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

21.50 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean, the Faculty Member may appeal a negative recommendation of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee to the chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

21.51 The appellant Faculty Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File, which includes the signed Report(s) (as per article 21.18) from the Department Committee. Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the Dean without attribution and with any personally identifying information removed.

University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee

21.52 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost, who will act as Committee Chair. All Members of the Appeals Committee must have Tenure and must have either held the rank of Associate Professor for a minimum of five (5) years or hold the rank of Professor. Membership of the Committee shall consist of one representative and one alternate representative from each College of the University elected for a two-year term by the Members of that College. Membership shall be staggered so that one half of the body of representatives and one half of the body of alternate representatives is elected each year.

21.53 No Member may serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms. A Member may be eligible for re-election to the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee after an absence of one term.

21.54 Every tenured Faculty Member in each College is eligible to be nominated to serve as the College Representative or Alternate on the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- b) Those who are already members of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee,
- c) The College Member,
- d) Any Chair,
- e) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years.

21.54.1 Nominations to the Committee must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the College and by the nominee and must be submitted to the Dean's office on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

21.54.2 The election will be supervised by the Assistant Vice-President (Faculty and Academic Staff Relations) who with the Dean or his/her designate will be enumerators and will inform the College of the results.

- 21.54.3 All Faculty Members in the College holding tenured, tenure-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote for the Representative and Alternate from the College.
- 21.54.4 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 21.54.5 The College Representative and Alternate will be elected for a two-year term. They will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection to the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.
- 21.54.6 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that both the College Representative and Alternate will be unable to attend the meetings of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Faculty Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 21.54.1-21.54.6 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 21.55 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the College Committee.
- 21.56 The Faculty Member may choose to appear before the Appeals Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials (which may be new) in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor and to terminate the appointment. The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 21.57 The Committee may request the Faculty Member, the Chair, the Dean, or any other member of the Department or College Tenure and Promotion Committees to appear before it.
- 21.58 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the College Tenure and Promotion Committees and will make its recommendation to the President.
- 21.59 The Provost may, where he/she considers it appropriate, extend the Faculty Member's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the Department and College Committees.

Decision of the President

- 21.60 Following the hearing of all appeals, the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Faculty Member and the Department Committee Chair in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Review

- 21.61 *Faculty*

Members will be considered biennially by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.

- 21.62 The biennial performance review of tenure-track or tenured Faculty Members and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Faculty Members provide to each Faculty Member a rating of either “Unsatisfactory,” “Improvement Required/Developmental,” “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Outstanding” in each of area of effort: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Faculty Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member’s DOE during the review period.
- 21.63 Each Faculty Member must submit his/her completed and confirmed eCV Performance Assessment Template to the Chair by August 15th. The Chair will provide a written reminder to each Faculty Member of the deadlines for submission of documentation.
- 21.63.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member’s contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Performance Assessment Process, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental material. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member’s contributions that are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 21.64 Failure to confirm the eCV Performance Assessment Template to the Chair by August 15th, without prior approval from the Dean and Provost, will result in an “Unsatisfactory” performance assessment.
- 21.65 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 21.61, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:
- a) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty Member that is less than “Good,” that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the Department and College Tenure and Promotion Committees for the purpose of providing feedback on performance. No performance raters will be determined.
 - b) The performance of all Contractually Limited Faculty Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (per 21.62 above).
- 21.66 The Department Committee will assess each Faculty Member’s performance and will complete a Performance Assessment Report for each Faculty Member who has been considered. The Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The Department Committee will not rank order Faculty Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Report will be signed by all Members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Performance Assessment Report will be sent to the chair of the College Tenure and Promotion Committee.
- 21.67 Following consideration by the College Committee, the Dean will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the College Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Faculty Member’s performance. The letter to the Member will include explicit

mention of the Member's right to appeal the assessment, as per Article 21.68, and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

21.68 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean, a Faculty Member who has received an overall performance rating of less than "Good" may appeal to the chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee.

21.68.1 A Tenure-track Faculty Member may appeal to the Chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.

21.69 The appellant Faculty Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File, which includes the signed Performance Assessment Report from the Department Committee.

21.70 The University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee may request the Faculty Member, the Chair, the Dean, and any other Member of the Department and/or College Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.

21.71 A Faculty Member who has received a performance assessment of less than "Good" may choose to appear before the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.

21.72 The Faculty Member is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee by a representative of the Association.

21.73 The chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Faculty Member within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting at which the Faculty Member's appeal was heard.

Grievance

21.74 Any grievance of this decision shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 22 - Study/Research Leave for Faculty

- 22.1 Study/Research Leave with salary is an essential means of enabling Faculty Members to maintain and enhance their quality as scholars. Such Leave enables the University to maintain and enhance excellence through the Faculty Member's subsequent contributions to his/her teaching and research programs. To satisfy the purpose of this Leave, it is necessary that scholarly objectives are being sought and that both study and research activities, whether singly or in some combination, are consistent with these objectives.
- 22.2 Full-time Faculty Members are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of continuous faculty service (or its equivalent) since appointment at the University. Only tenured Faculty Members may take a Study/Research Leave.
- 22.3 A Tenured Faculty Member holding a Reduced Workload Appointment or Part-time Appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload, is eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of active employment with the University. The procedures and conditions that apply are those outlined in the remainder of this Article, adjusted to accommodate the reduced workload/part-time appointment.
- 22.4 Prior eligible service for leave with salary as a Faculty Member at another university or acceptable institution may be counted in determining eligibility to apply for Study/Research Leave with salary. Credit will be calculated on the basis of one year for every two (2) years of full-time academic service at another institution, to a maximum of three (3) years. This equivalent amount of leave to be credited will be specified by the Dean in the Letter of Appointment as per Article 19: Faculty Appointments.
- 22.5 Following return from each Study/Research Leave, tenured Faculty Members are entitled to apply for one semester of Study/Research Leave after three (3) years of active employment, or for two (2) semesters after six (6) years of active employment.
- 22.6 Faculty Members who have held an academic administrative appointment since a previous Study/Research Leave are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave when the sum of years of active employment both prior and subsequent to the term of administrative appointment (and excluding any period of academic administrative leave after the term of appointment) is equal to six (6) years.
- 22.7 A Faculty Member who has served in an academic administrative position may claim one semester of credit for each year of service toward Study/Research Leave.
- 22.8 A minimum of one year must have elapsed between a Transition Leave and a Study/Research Leave, unless otherwise approved by the Dean and the Provost.

Application for Leave

- 22.9 Application for Study/Research Leave must be in writing to the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee through the Chair of the Department. Such application will be submitted at least one year prior to the intended start date of the Study/Research Leave.
- 22.10 The written application for Leave will include:
- a) statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity;

- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae; and
- e) a plan of how contractual research responsibilities (including OMAFRA) will be handled during the period of leave.

Decision Procedures

- 22.11 The Department Committee will consider all written applications for Study/Research Leave as soon as is practicable following their receipt.
- 22.12 The Department Committee will assess applications on the basis of their merit and their consonance with the statement of goals of the Study/Research Leave. A Faculty Member's record of using previous Study/Research Leave for scholarly purposes and the report from the previous Leave will be components in the assessment of the application.
- 22.13 The Department Committee, through the Chair, will make its recommendations to the Dean within twenty (20) days of receipt of the application.
- 22.14 The Dean will inform the Faculty Member and the Department Chair in writing of his/her decision to approve or deny the Leave within twenty (20) days of receipt of the Departmental recommendation. Reasons for denial or for the need to delay the commencement of such a Leave, where applicable, will also be given in the Dean's letter.
- 22.15 Under exceptional conditions determined by Department needs and priorities, and with the approval of the Dean, an approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years. The date to be used in establishing eligibility for a subsequent period of Study/Research Leave will be the date of return that would have occurred had the Leave not been delayed.
- 22.16 Under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Dean, the start date of a Faculty Member's approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed, by the Member, for up to two (2) years. Any entitlement towards the next Leave accrued during such a delay is not jeopardized.
- 22.17 A Faculty Member whose application for Study/Research Leave has not received approval from the Dean may appeal to the Provost. Appeals are restricted to consideration of the academic merits of the case, and may not relate to a requirement to delay the Leave. An appeal cannot introduce new material that has not been seen by the Department Committee and the Dean.

Duration of Leave

- 22.18 Faculty Members who qualify under this Article may apply for a period of Leave of one or two semesters duration with salary and benefits. A Study/Research Leave will include the annual vacation entitlement appropriate to the length of the Leave.
- 22.19 On the completion of a period of Study/Research Leave, the Faculty Member will assume the responsibilities that would normally have been scheduled for that particular semester.

Conditions of Study/Research Leave

- 22.20 The scheduling of a Study/Research Leave is to be granted independently of any other Leave entitlement. Where University Service commitments will be affected by the granting of a Research/Study Leave, the Chair and Dean, in consultation with the Faculty Member, will be responsible for making any necessary administrative arrangements to enable the Leave.
- 22.21 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave, the Faculty Member will provide a written report describing what has been accomplished, in relation to the plan submitted. The report will be provided to the Chair and made available to the Department Committee and Dean.
- 22.22 It is expected that a Faculty Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one year following a period of Study/Research Leave.

Article 23 - Overload Teaching

- 23.1 When the University determines a need for more courses or sections than can be mounted by available Faculty Members within the limits of normal teaching commitments, the Chair will initially provide an opportunity to qualified Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty Members to teach such offerings on an overload basis. Such arrangements shall be subject to the approval of the Dean.
- 23.2 A Faculty Member who, subject to approval in writing by the Dean, teaches more than his/her normal workload, shall be paid an overload stipend.
- 23.3 Compensation for Overload Teaching shall be consistent with the rates as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 23.4 A Faculty Member may teach, with approval of the Dean, a maximum of one course on Overload per Academic Year. Approval to teach more than one course on Overload per academic year must be based on extenuating circumstances and is subject to approval by the Dean.
- 23.5 Faculty Members on Reduced Workload Appointments or with approved release time (i.e., current workload in teaching is less than departmental norm for the Member's agreed-upon percentage effort in teaching) from teaching are not eligible for Overload Teaching.
- 23.6 The Association shall be notified of the names and Departments of the Faculty Members engaged in Overload Teaching and the level(s) of remuneration provided.

Article 24 – Transfers, Redeployment or Buyouts of Faculty and Librarian Members Due to Restructuring or Academic Program Reorganization

Transfers

- 24.1 Members may request to be transferred to Departments other than those to which they were originally appointed, subject to the mutual consent of the Member and the University.
- 24.2 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Faculty Member(s).

Restructuring

- 24.3 In response to substantive changes in curriculum, strategic direction, and/or structure of the Department/School that are not addressed through Article 24.4, the Provost, in consultation with the Association, shall decide whether to make the provisions of Article 24.13 available to the affected Members.

Program Reorganization

- 24.4 When the University approves a reorganization that involves the closure, reduction, amalgamation, or transfer of an academic program or programs that may lead to the transfer of one or more Members, a Redeployment Advisory Committee will be struck by the Provost to provide advice on measures needed to effect the reorganization, including (where applicable) redeployment, buyout, or retirement.

Redeployment Advisory Committee

- 24.5 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will be comprised of the Dean or University Librarian (as appropriate) and one Tenured Faculty Member from each Department within the College, or for Librarian Members, two (2) Librarians with Continuing Appointment, jointly named by the Association and the University.
- 24.6 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will prepare a plan that includes a list of those Members who are or may be affected. This plan will be submitted to the Provost within thirty (30) days of the Committee being struck.

Redeployment Process

- 24.7 The Provost will convene a meeting with the President of the Association to provide notification that a program redundancy will be effected and will provide the names of the affected Faculty Members. The Provost will provide this notification in writing to the President of the Association at this meeting.
- 24.8 Following this meeting and within ten (10) days, the Dean or University Librarian will meet individually with each of the affected Member(s) to inform him/her of the impending reorganization and discuss options available for individual Members. The Dean or University Librarian will discuss with the affected Member(s) his/her individual career goals and perceived fit with other academic units (for Faculty Members), or other existing opportunities (for Librarian Members). The Dean or University Librarian will then make a written recommendation to the Provost on the most likely academic Department for the transfer of the Faculty Member or existing opportunity for the transfer of the Librarian Member. The Provost shall inform the

Member in writing of the decision on transfer and the reasons for the decision. The Member may be accompanied by another Member or a representative of the Association at this and subsequent meetings.

- 24.9 Within thirty (30) days, the Member must accept the transfer or request, in writing, that a buyout or retirement option (per 24.13) be initiated.
- 24.10 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Member(s).
- 24.11 A Member may not be transferred from the University of Guelph main campus without his/her consent.

Buyout or Retirement Option

- 24.13 A Member shall be offered a minimum buyout or retirement option that provides for one month's salary for each year of service with a minimum buyout of six (6) months up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.

Article 25 - Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians

General

25.1 The Librarian Members' work and qualifications are academic in nature and as such, Librarian Members are partners with the Faculty in the realization of the University's academic goals and mission. A Librarian holds an academic appointment within the University that encompasses the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians as defined in this Article.

Academic and Professional Responsibilities of Librarians

25.2 Librarian Members shall hold the following minimum academic qualifications:

- a) an undergraduate degree from a university recognized by the University of Guelph, and;
- b) a postgraduate degree from a school of library and information studies or equivalent body accredited by the American Library Association.

25.3 For the purposes of this Article, "Manager" shall mean the person to whom the Member directly reports.

25.4 The duties and responsibilities of a Librarian Member shall be an appropriate combination of:

- a) Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship;
- b) Scholarship: research, study, professional development, scholarly and creative activities; and,
- c) Service: University service and academic or professional service.

25.5 A Librarian Member shall have Academic and Professional Responsibilities in each of the three areas as described in Articles 25.9 through 25.13, unless there is a written agreement to the contrary as per Article 25.19.

25.6 Librarian Members shall have a year-round involvement in the work of the University, exclusive of vacation, reduced workload agreements as per Article 54: Reduced Workload, and approved Leaves.

25.7 Each Librarian Member shall have a written position description that outlines the Professional Practice responsibilities of his/her position.

25.8 Each Librarian Member shall be entitled to, and expected to, engage in, and have time available for, Scholarship and Service in accordance with the Scholarship and Service Proposal provision in 25.18 of this Article. Subject to Article 52: Intellectual Property, it is the right of the Member to make the results of his/her scholarly activities accessible to the scholarly and general public through publication, conference presentations, lectures, public performances, and other appropriate means.

Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship

25.9 The Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship will include one or more of the following activities:

- a) development, management and evaluation of information resource collections;

- b) provision of subject-specialized and general reference services;
- c) appraisal, acquisition, bibliographic control, storage, preservation, and conservation of information resources and collections;
- d) management of human and material library resources, including administrative or managerial performance for those Librarian Members holding administrative appointments;
- e) development, implementation, and management of information systems designed to enable access to library services and resources, build digital collections, and facilitate scholarly communication;
- f) provision of information literacy and curriculum support, including programming, collaboration, instruction, and teaching;
- g) faculty outreach and liaison, including participation in research and support for scholarly communication;
- h) evaluation, measurement, and analysis of user needs and library services and resources;
- i) research services, extension, and other activities related to programs under contract to the University; and
- j) any other function performed by professional librarians.

Scholarship: Research, Study, Professional Development, Scholarly and Creative Activities

25.10 A Librarian Member's responsibilities in the area of Scholarship, research, study, professional development, and scholarly and creative activities, hereinafter referred to as "Scholarship," include:

- a) the creation of new knowledge, understandings, or concepts;
- b) the creative application of existing knowledge;
- c) the organization and synthesis of existing knowledge;
- d) the pursuit of knowledge through formal study and/or pursuit of further academic credentials related to the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians;
- e) creative expression; and
- f) professional development through the planning of, implementation of, and/or participation in workshops, conferences, coursework, or, professional exchange or other educational programs.

25.11 These responsibilities require adherence to the ethical standards of the Member's academic discipline(s) and the recognized ethical standards of the national granting councils.

Service: University Service and Academic or Professional Service

25.12 Librarian Members have the right and responsibility to undertake a fair and reasonable share of administrative responsibilities, including participation in the work of the University through membership on appropriate bodies (e.g., Library, Senate and University committees). Where participation in such bodies is by election or appointment, a Member shall be elected or

appointed only with his/her consent, except where such service commitment is outlined within the Member's position description.

- 25.13 Librarian Members have the right to participate in the work of professional associations, learned societies, and relevant community service. A Member's service to such societies and associations shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service responsibilities, and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University. When a Member's Service to such societies, associations, agencies, or organizations conflicts with scheduled responsibilities or administrative duties, the Member shall make appropriate arrangements in discussion with his/her Manager to ensure that his/her scheduled responsibilities are fulfilled.

Distribution of Effort (DOE)

- 25.14 A Librarian Member's DOE defines relative effort with respect to activities undertaken in fulfillment of his/her academic and professional responsibilities in the areas of Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service, as defined in this Article. The DOE and written position description shall be the basis for the assignment of duties.
- 25.15 A DOE for each Librarian Member shall be defined in his/her Letter of Appointment and may be modified as mutually negotiated by subsequent arrangements made under the provisions of this Article and documented in the Member's Official File.
- 25.16 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the University Librarian and the Member as per this article, the default DOE for the academic and professional responsibilities of Librarians shall be seventy (70%) for Professional Practice and thirty percent (30%) for a combination of Scholarship and Service (where Scholarship must be a minimum of 10%). Any such agreement shall be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

Workload and the Assignment of Responsibilities

- 25.17 The University Librarian, or designate, in consultation with the Librarian Member's Manager, will ensure that the assigned responsibilities of Professional Practice and University Service for Members are distributed as fairly and equitably as is reasonably possible. The exact distribution of these responsibilities may vary among areas within the Library and among individuals, in recognition of the needs of the Library and University, the type of appointment, and, when possible, to reflect the interests and area(s) of expertise of the Member.
- 25.18 It is agreed and understood that Members shall be allowed time during normal working hours for Scholarship, provided that the timing of such activities can be accommodated within the obligations of the Unit and do not unduly affect the performance of assigned duties.
- 25.18.1 The University recognizes the importance of each Librarian Member's contributions in the areas of Scholarship and Service. In order to fulfill substantial and ongoing commitments, based on the DOE, the Member shall develop a Scholarship and Service Proposal in consultation with his/her Manager for submission to the University Librarian, or designate, that identifies his/her activities in these areas of academic responsibility and the time allocation proposed to achieve them. The University Librarian, or designate, shall approve the request for dedicated time for the pursuit of Scholarship and Service, based on the operational needs of the Library. Time provided under the Scholarship and Service Proposal shall not affect entitlement to any other Leave provisions available to a Member under this Agreement.

- 25.19 When a significant change in circumstances has occurred, the assigned responsibilities and/or DOE may be altered, on a short-term basis, at the request of either the Librarian Member or his/her Manager. In cases of disagreement between the Member and his/her Manager, the University Librarian, or designate, will decide, communicating his/her decision to the Member in writing. Such alterations to a Member's responsibilities and/or DOE shall continue on a short-term basis, not to exceed one (1) year.
- 25.20 In conformity with the current workload and hours-of-work standards within a Librarian Member's unit, it is recognized that Librarian Members have a fixed number of scheduled work hours. Scheduling of Members shall be made with due regard to a Member's DOE and the provisions of this Agreement.

Amendments to DOE for Librarians

- 25.21 A discussion regarding a long-term change to a Member's percentage of effort in Professional Practice, Scholarship, and/or Service, may be requested by the Member, his/her Manager, or the University Librarian, or designate. The Member may request a meeting with his/her Manager to review his/her DOE. The meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the request, or at a mutually agreed-upon time.
- 25.22 The DOE of a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment may be adjusted to reflect the nature of his/her responsibilities. The provisions of this Article shall be used for this adjustment.
- 25.23 Any arrangements which alter a Member's agreed-upon DOE must be by mutual agreement, in accordance with the Member's career development, within the context of operational requirements of the Library, and consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 25.24 It is understood that any such alternative arrangements shall only alter the allocation of responsibilities between Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service and shall not alter the overall workload of a Member. Requests for Reduced Workload are made in accordance with the provisions of Article 54: Reduced Workload Appointments.
- 25.25 Following the meeting in 25.21, the Librarian Member's Manager shall provide the Member's written request for amendment to the University Librarian. The University Librarian, or designate, in consultation with the Member's Manager, will decide whether to accept the proposal for amendment to the Member's DOE. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the proposal, the University Librarian, or designate, will notify the Member in writing of the decision, and, in the event of a negative decision, provide reasons. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the University Librarian, a Member may appeal the decision of the University Librarian to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Member and the University Librarian of his/her decision in writing, with reasons.
- 25.26 Any change to a Librarian Member's DOE will not be done without the consent of the Member.

Article 26 - Librarian Appointments

Definitions

26.1 All Librarian Members shall have an Appointment corresponding to one of the following types:

a) *Continuing Appointment-track Appointment*

Librarian Member Appointment at the rank of Assistant Librarian leading to consideration for the simultaneous granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian, or an Appointment at the rank of Associate Librarian leading to consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment.

b) *Contractually Limited Appointment*

An Appointment for a specified period, not to exceed five (5) years (see 26.4). A Librarian Member appointee in such a position is eligible for consideration of Promotion in rank, but is not eligible for consideration for the granting of a Continuing Appointment. Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not constitute dismissal under the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

c) *Continuing Appointment*

Librarian Member Appointment with rank and DOE involving the Academic and Professional Responsibilities according to the provisions of Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians. Continuing Appointment may be conferred according to the following:

- 1) Successful completion of a probationary period according to Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members; or
- 2) At the time of initial Appointment, consistent with Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members.

Librarian Members cannot be dismissed except, and only for, cause and in accordance with the provisions of Article 39: Discipline.

Ranks

26.2 Members shall be appointed at one of the following ranks:

- a) Assistant Librarian;
- b) Associate Librarian; or
- c) Librarian.

26.3 A Continuing Appointment-track Appointment shall be for a maximum period of six (6) consecutive years, unless approved otherwise by the Provost, and is subject to the relevant provisions of Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarians.

Contractually Limited Appointments

26.4 For Contractually Limited Appointments, at the end of five (5) years, the University will decide to terminate the position or convert the position to Continuing Appointment-track. The University Librarian, on a recommendation of the Manager, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, without a search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final. If the decision is to deny the incumbent's appointment to Continuing Appointment-track, the provisions of this Article will apply.

26.4.1 For Contractually Limited Appointments, The University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Librarians that are 12 months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Search Committee

26.5 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted external and/or internal to the University. In consultation with the Manager, the University Librarian will determine the qualifications of and the specific duties required to fill a vacancy. For Appointments that span service or program areas, input on qualifications and duties will be sought more broadly, and Search Committees will be constituted to reflect the scope of the position.

26.6 Subject to 26.4, 26.24 and 26.25, all other vacancies covered by the terms of this Agreement will, at a minimum, be posted on the University's Faculty Recruitment website.

26.7 In conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in publications determined as appropriate by the University.

26.8 The information to be provided in the position advertisement shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) the type of Appointment as defined in this Article;
- b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;
- c) where applicable, rank;
- d) any applicable equity provisions; and
- e) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.

26.9 The Search Committee will be an ad hoc committee whose final membership must be approved by the Provost.

26.10 The Search Committee for Librarians shall normally consist of three (3) elected Members in addition to the chair of the Committee. The University Librarian may appoint one (1) additional person who is a Member of the broader University community. The chair shall normally be the Manager to whom the appointee will directly report. At least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold a Continuing Appointment. In the event that the Manager in the unit concerned cannot assume this role, another Librarian Member will be appointed by the University Librarian.

26.11 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and appointability by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee.

- 26.12 To ensure that the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative member(s) from the designated groups.
- 26.13 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training prior to the commencement of the interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in this training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 26.14 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.
- 26.15 In accordance with the University's equity goals, the Parties acknowledge, recognize, and endorse the principle of employment equity and agree to cooperate in the identification and removal of artificial and/or systemic barriers.
- 26.16 Consistent with principles of employment equity, the Parties agree that:
- a) the primary criterion for appointment to positions in the University is academic and professional excellence; and
 - b) no candidate shall be recommended who does not meet the criteria for the appointment in question.
- 26.17 Members who serve on Search Committees shall maintain confidentiality regarding the Committee's deliberations, documents, consultations, and proceedings.
- 26.18 Pursuant to Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment, should any member of the Committee, including the Committee's chair, have a conflict of interest, he/she shall declare it and withdraw from consideration of, and voting on, all relevant cases.

Candidate Assessment Procedures

- 26.19 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.
- 26.20 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the University Librarian with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 26.21 Subject to 26.20, the University Librarian shall decide which of these candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 26.22 The University Librarian shall facilitate the seeking of input from members of the Library.
- 26.23 After interviewing the short-listed candidates, the chair of the Selection Committee shall make written recommendation(s) to the University Librarian. The recommendation(s) shall include a ranked order of the acceptable candidates. This recommendation(s) shall clearly state the reasons for the recommendation(s). If a member of the Selection Committee requests a secret ballot vote on the recommendation(s), such vote shall occur.
- 26.24 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee shall make a written recommendation to the University Librarian as to rank and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.

26.25 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.

26.25.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration of conversion of appointment to Continuing Appointment-track without a search (per 26.4).

26.26 While the University Librarian and Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list. The University Librarian and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Letters of Appointment

26.27 All offers of Appointment shall be issued by the University Librarian (following approval by the Provost), and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
- b) rank;
- c) salary;
- d) type of Appointment as defined in Article 26.1;
- e) Distribution of Effort;
- f) any credit for years of service for eligible benefits (e.g., Study/Research Leave);
- g) Campus, Department and/or Unit in which the Appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- h) if applicable, date of final consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment;
- i) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, consistent with the Agreement;
- j) a copy of guidelines respecting Continuing Appointment and Promotion expectations as per this Agreement; and
- k) contact information about the Association.

26.28 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

Joint Appointments

26.29 A Joint Appointment is an Appointment in two or more Departments/Library, one of which shall be designated as the major Department for the Appointment.

26.30 The allocation of responsibilities among the respective units shall be set out in the Letter of Appointment.

26.31 A Librarian Member holding a Joint Appointment shall be considered for Promotion and performance assessment by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and shall be expected to undertake the Academic and Professional Responsibilities of Librarians as outlined in Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians.

26.32 A Joint Appointment of an existing Member may be reviewed, or a new Joint Appointment established, by the Dean concerned or the University Librarian, with the agreement of the Member.

Outside Appointments of Librarian Members

26.33 An Outside Appointment refers to a Librarian Appointment that does not report through to the University Librarian. Outside Appointments will be made on the following basis and in accordance with the search provisions of this Article.

26.33.1 The University Librarian, or designate, will be consulted before such a position is defined and will provide input to ensure the duties of the position are consistent with Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians. The University Librarian, or designate, may consult with other library staff as appropriate.

26.33.2 The Librarian Member shall normally hold a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment.

26.34 All the provisions of this Agreement applicable to Librarians shall apply equally to an Outside Appointment. Members holding an Outside Appointment shall only be appointed and reviewed in accordance with Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members.

26.35 The person to whom the Librarian reports will be expected to provide the same type of documentation as that required from the person to whom a Librarian within the Library directly reports.

26.36 A Librarian Member holding an Outside Appointment will be eligible for election or appointment to any committees governed by this Agreement, and will be eligible to attend all Librarians' meetings dealing with this Agreement or the Continuing Appointment and Promotion criteria Guidelines Document, and to vote on these documents.

Article 27 - Administrative Appointment of Librarian Members

- 27.1 Administrative Appointments of Librarian Members are made at one of three levels: Administrative Librarian I, Administrative Librarian II, and Administrative Librarian III.
- 27.1.1 The University Librarian determines the appropriate level for the Librarian Administrative Appointment based on the position description and a balance of factors relating to impact and responsibility of the position, including:
- a) Staff: a measure of the Managers who report to this position, direct staff-reports, and total number of staff who report through this position;
 - b) Financial Accountability: a measure of the scope of fiscal responsibility and accountability of the position;
 - c) Complexity and Scope: an overall assessment of the level of difficulty of the role and the skill requirement for the position. This may be reflected in such characteristics as: the diversity of responsibilities; requirement for specialized knowledge; accountability (across Library units, within the University, or with external partners or agencies); the degree of change experienced or anticipated; or legal accountability;
 - d) Overall Accountability and Authority: the degree to which the incumbent has influence on, and responsibility for, the Library as a whole, including authority regarding the role of the Library within the University and with outside agencies.
- 27.1.2 Any significant changes to the assigned responsibilities of the Administrative Appointment (e.g. number of staff reporting, scope of financial responsibilities) shall result in a re-evaluation of the position level by the University Librarian. The University Librarian will communicate his/her decision on the outcome of the re-evaluation to the incumbent, in writing, providing the reasons for the decision.
- 27.2 Librarian Members with Administrative Appointments shall hold either a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment in the Library.
- 27.3 Librarian Members with Administrative Appointments are responsible for the effective and efficient operation of their unit(s) or service/program and for ensuring that Library practices and processes are formulated, promulgated, and followed, and that University policies and procedures are followed.
- 27.4 Administrative Appointments may have supervisory responsibilities for other individual Librarian Members and/or non-academic employees. The Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment shall, through mentoring and facilitation, support each Member of his/her service/program in the fulfillment of the Member's assigned responsibilities.
- 27.5 The Librarian Member with an Administrative Appointment, through consultation with the members of his/her unit(s) or service/program, formulates operational and strategic planning recommendations, recommendations concerning policy on the matters of interest to his/her unit(s) or service/program; and such recommendations shall be directed to the University Librarian, or designate.
- 27.6 The other responsibilities of a Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment are those outlined in this Agreement, the position description and those in the Letter of Appointment, which shall be consistent with her/his status as a Member of the Bargaining Unit. This letter

shall include the determined administrative level of the position (including stipend). Copies of the Administrative Letter of Appointment and Position Description shall be provided to the Association.

Terms of a Librarian Administrative Appointment

- 27.7 The term of office of an Administrative Appointment of a Librarian Member shall normally be five (5) years. At the end of five (5) years, the term of office may be renewed once in accordance with this Article.
- 27.8 A Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment shall receive an annual stipend from the time of appointment as per Article 53: Compensation. At the conclusion of his/her Administrative Appointment, the Librarian Member shall no longer be eligible for the administrative stipend.
- 27.9 The DOE of a Librarian Member who is appointed to an administrative position may, after discussion with the University Librarian, or designate, be adjusted to reflect the Librarian Member's change in responsibilities.
- 27.10 In the event that a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment is going to be absent for a period of one (1) month or longer, the University Librarian will appoint an individual on an acting basis, who will be provided an administrative stipend for the period of his/her acting appointment on a pro-rata basis as per Article 53: Compensation.
- 27.10.1 Only in extraordinary circumstances shall the term of an Acting Administrative Appointment exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. A Member shall not be appointed in an Acting Administrative Appointment without her/his consent.
- 27.11 Each unit shall normally have a Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment. In the event that the position of Administrative Appointment becomes vacant due to illness, or an extended search process continues beyond the end of the Administrative Appointment's term of appointment, the University Librarian may appoint a Librarian Member to an Interim Administrative Appointment. Only in extraordinary circumstances shall the term of an Interim Administrative Appointment exceed a period of one (1) year from the date of appointment. In no case shall an Interim Administrative Appointment be renewed more than once. A Member shall not be appointed to an Administrative Appointment without her/his consent.
- 27.12 An Interim Administrative Appointment is not meant to replace the initiation of a search process. In the event that the position of a Librarian holding Administrative Appointment becomes vacant, a search committee will be struck as per Article 26.5 as soon as is practicable.

Search Committee

- 27.13 At the time of a search for an Administrative Appointment, the University Librarian, in consultation with the Provost, shall convene a Search Committee.
- 27.14 The Search Committee shall normally consist of:
- a) Three (3) elected Librarian Members in addition to the chair of the Committee, where possible one Librarian from within the unit/service area and one from without; at least two (2) of the three (3) elected Members must hold a Continuing Appointment;
 - b) Two (2) non-Members, one of whom shall be a non-professional staff member from the unit/service area;

- c) Chair: The Associate University Librarian to whom the position reports, or, for Joint or Outside Appointments, the person to whom the position reports.

- 27.15 The Associate University Librarian, in consultation with the Search Committee, may recommend to the University Librarian and Provost that an internal search be conducted.
- 27.16 If conducting an external search, the University shall advertise the position in publications and websites determined to be appropriate by the University.

Assessment Procedures

- 27.17 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall compile a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed. The University Librarian and Provost shall decide which candidates, if any, will be interviewed by the Search Committee.
- 27.18 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be confidential.
- 27.19 The University Librarian, or designate, shall seek input from members of the Library and facilitate input by members of the University community.
- 27.20 After interviewing the candidates, the University Librarian, on the advice of the Search Committee, shall provide to the Provost a ranked list of candidates determined to be appointable. While the University Librarian and the Provost are not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, any appointment must be made from this list. The University Librarian and Provost have the option of continuing the search.

Renewal for a Second Five (5) Year Term

- 27.21 An incumbent Librarian Member who holds an Administrative Appointment may indicate, in writing, to the University Librarian, an interest in being considered for renewal for a second term at least six (6) months prior to the anticipated end of his/her term.
- 27.22 The University Librarian, or designate, will seek input from members of the Library and facilitate input from the University community about the renewal consideration. The University Librarian, or designate, shall then decide whether to recommend the reappointment of the Member to the Administrative Appointment.
- 27.23 The University Librarian will make his/her recommendation to the Provost. If the Provost decides that the incumbent will not be renewed, a Search Committee will be struck.

Transition Leave

- 27.24 Upon completion of five (5) years or more in an Administrative Appointment, the Librarian Member is eligible for up to eight (8) months of Transition Leave. However, the administrative Librarian Member is entitled to request Transition Leave with salary for up to four (4) months during a term of Appointment. If a Leave of more than four (4) months is required during a term of Appointment, the incumbent will be expected to resign from his/her Administrative Appointment. A period of Transition Leave, at the end of the term of the Appointment, is not considered to be part of the term of the Appointment.
- 27.25 Transition Leave is intended to provide Administrative Librarian Members sufficient time to re-establish or enhance their Scholarship and/or Professional Practice of Academic Librarianship. So long as recognized scholarly or professional objectives are being sought, both study and Research/Scholarship activities, whether singly or in some combination, should be regarded as

eligible to satisfy the purposes of the Transition Leave.

27.26 Transition Leave will be leave with salary.

27.27 The period of Transition Leave shall be continuous and shall begin immediately upon completion of the term as an Administrative Librarian Member except by mutual agreement of the Librarian and the University Librarian.

27.28 A period of Transition Leave can be combined with a Study/Research Leave for Librarian Members in accordance with Article 29: Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians as long as the total period does not exceed twelve (12) months, except by mutual agreement of the Librarian Member and the University.

27.29 An Administrative Appointment of less than five (5) years or a part-time Administrative Appointment (including on an interim or acting appointment) will accrue entitlement to Transition Leave on a pro rata basis.

27.30 A written request for Transition Leave will be made to the University Librarian and will include:

- a) a statement of goals;
- b) an activity plan;
- c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken;
- d) where applicable, the results of the previous Leave; and
- e) in the case where the Transition Leave occurs during the term of Appointment, a plan of how duties and responsibilities will be carried out.

27.31 Normally, requests are submitted to the University Librarian at least nine (9) months prior to the intended starting date. A decision, in writing, to approve or deny the Leave will be communicated to the applicant at least six (6) months prior to the intended starting date.

Article 28 - Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members

- 28.1 This Article applies to the Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Librarian Members who hold Continuing or Continuing Appointment-track appointments, and to Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Librarian Members.
- 28.2 Promotion and the conferring of a Continuing Appointment are very important steps in the relationship between the University and a Librarian Member and they should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The University will promote Librarian Members and grant Continuing Appointment to Librarian Members only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 28.3 The University Librarian will meet with each Librarian Member during the Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian.
- 28.4 The University Librarian will notify the Member, on an annual basis that both the University Librarian and the Associate University Librarians are available to mentor the Member. In addition, the University Librarian shall meet with each Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Member before the end of April to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for Continuing Appointment and Promotion.
- 28.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 28.4, signed by both the University Librarian and the Continuing Appointment-track Member, shall be placed in the Continuing Appointment-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the University Librarian and the Librarian Member are agreeing that it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 28.5 Librarian Members have the right to know explicitly what criteria are used for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, and Review purposes, as well as reasons for the decisions. The process must be transparent, fair, and equitable.
- 28.5.1 Approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the Library website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 28.6 Promotion to Associate Librarian and the granting of Continuing Appointment to a Librarian Member recognizes professional and academic competence and maturity, as exemplified by the Member's contribution to the academic functions of the University and by related activity within and outside of the University. The conferral of Continuing Appointment obliges the University to support the career of the Librarian Member and it obliges the Librarian Member to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 28.7 Promotion to Librarian recognizes long-term, established, and outstanding performance in Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service. It is granted in recognition of academic competence, maturity, and an established and widely acknowledged reputation for achievement and expertise in the Librarian Member's field.

- 28.8 Contractually Limited Librarian Members are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration of Continuing Appointment and therefore granting of Promotion for Contractually Limited Members does not confer Continuing Appointment.
- 28.9 Consideration for the conferring of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian will be given to the Librarian Member's life-time contribution in the areas defined in Article 25: Rights and Responsibilities of Librarians.
- 28.10 Each candidate for Promotion and/or the granting of Continuing Appointment is expected to establish a record of performance in each of Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.
- 28.11 The DOE accorded to Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service by a Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee shall be subject to any arrangements described in the Letter of Appointment and any arrangements made under any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Probationary Period

- 28.12 The maximum duration of a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment from the date of the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, not counting periods of unpaid leave, exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave.
- 28.13 The maximum length of the Probationary Period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 28.14 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Librarian Members and articulated in a Guidelines Document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period under review. The criteria for Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review, including any amendments to the same, will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Librarian Members, and also by the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and the Provost.
- 28.15 All Members are to be informed in writing by the University Librarian of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Guidelines Document stipulating the criteria that will be used for Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review.
- 28.16 The University Librarian, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. The University Librarian will consult with the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee in the development of these templates.

Member Templates

28.16.1 Each Librarian Member shall have a review of her/his performance in the area of Professional Practice written by the person to whom the Librarian reports (e.g. her/his Manager). Such Report shall form part of the Member's Assessment File.

28.16.2 *Progress Template*

A template for the purpose of Continuing Appointment and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and applications for Continuing Appointment and Promotion) in which each Librarian Member will document his/her relevant life-time scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.

28.16.3 *Performance Assessment Template*

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Librarian Member will document his/her relevant scholarly contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service.

Continuing Appointment Committee Templates

28.16.4 *Performance Assessment – Biennial Year*

A Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance. Such Report shall also include the performance rater for each individual area of effort and will also include the overall rater.

28.16.5 *Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year*

A CAP Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance. Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than "good."

28.16.6 *Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Members – Progress Feedback*

A CAP Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian.

28.16.7 *Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian – Application or Final Year Consideration*

A CAP Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's Application or final year consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian.

28.16.8 *Promotion to Librarian*

A CAP Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the CAP Committee's report to the Library Committee on its overall assessment of the Librarian Member's application for the granting of Promotion to Librarian.

28.16.9 The Member Templates, which must conform with the Collective Agreement and approved CAP Guidelines, will define the document structure, solely giving recommended headings and sections, and must allow for the Member to include any information that the Member feels is relevant for consideration by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion committees. The template shall be protected from further changes once completed and submitted by the Member, except as specified in 28.16.9.1.

28.16.9.1 Members have the right to update their submission by August 31st with information that could not reasonably have been provided by the original submission deadline.

Where a Member believes the eCV system precludes him/her from completing his/her Member Template in accordance with approved CAP Guidelines and the Collective Agreement, he/she shall raise the issue with the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations. Should no resolution be reached, the Member shall have the option of appeal to the University Librarian. The University Librarian shall provide a written response, with reasons, within ten (10) days.

28.17 The CAP Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 28.16.4 and 28.16.5) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

28.18 *All CAP Committee Progress Reports (as per 28.16.6) and CAP Committee*

Continuing Appointment and Promotion Reports (as per 28.16.7) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

28.19 The CAP Committee Promotion Report (as per 28.16.8) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessment and References

- 28.20 Written opinions from external assessors of the Member's Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service activities are required to support a recommendation for promotion to Librarian. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative.
- 28.20.1 Letters of Reference, as identified by the Member or the chair of the CAP Committee, may be obtained to support a Librarian Member's achievements significant to the application and/or recommendation for Continuing Appointment. Such Letters are not required for an application for Continuing Appointment and, while providing useful information, are similarly not determinative. Letters of Reference shall be in writing, signed by the referee, and indicate clearly the nature of the relationship between the Member and the referee and the achievements or activities commented upon.
- 28.21 The Provost, in consultation with the University Librarian and through consultation with the CAP Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the granting of Promotion within the Library. The following principles will apply:
- a) For promotion to Librarian, external assessors will normally be persons with an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of this University;
 - b) The normal number of external assessments to be obtained for promotion to Librarian will be three (3);
 - c) The chair of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and the Member will agree which individuals are acceptable assessors and will forward this list to the University Librarian. If agreement cannot be reached, the CAP Committee will decide on the acceptable assessors;
 - d) The University Librarian will be responsible for communicating with external assessors as per c). The information sent to the external assessor will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the University Librarian;
 - e) All external assessments will be in writing; and
 - f) The following information will be made available (see also Art. 28.25.1 and 28.60.1) to the External Assessors:
 - 1) Applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
 - 2) The Librarian Member's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) A copy of the Librarian Member's DOE;
 - 4) Any other evidence of Professional Practice, Scholarship, or Service as determined by the Librarian Member.
 - g) It is the responsibility of the University Librarian to ensure that external assessment letters are provided to the Chair of the CAP Committee prior to the commencement of the CAP Committee deliberations process; and
 - h) It is the responsibility of the chair of the CAP Committee to ensure that external assessment letters are included in the Librarian Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (CAP)

28.22 The role of the CAP Committee shall be to:

- a) assess the Librarian Member's performance and complete a CAP Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee;
- b) assess the Librarian Member's progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and complete a CAP Progress Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee as part of the feedback to the Librarian Member;
- c) assess the Librarian Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and complete a CAP Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the Library Committee as part of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion decision;
- d) assess the Librarian Member's application for Promotion to Librarian and complete a CAP Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the Library Committee as part of the promotion decision;
- e) consider external assessments for the granting of Promotion to the rank of Librarian.

28.23 The composition of the CAP Committee shall be:

- a) four (4) Librarian Members holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by all Librarian Members;
- b) the chair of the CAP Committee shall be elected by the members of the CAP Committee annually. The chair will be provided with a second vote to break a tie.

Election of Members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee

28.24 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve as a Department Member on the Department Tenure and Promotion Committee except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,
- d) A Librarian serving on the Library CAP (LCAP) or Library Appeals Committees.

28.24.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period. The CAP Committee election shall be held during January and the Librarians will be informed of the results of the election prior to elections for the Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee.

28.24.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.

- 28.24.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the CAP Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.24.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually- limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.24.5 Voting will be by secret ballot and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. The Chair of the CAP Committee is also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the current chair of CAP will have the deciding vote.
- 28.24.6 Each Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for reelection as a Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee.
- 28.24.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Member of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.24.1-28.24.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.25 With the exception of Article 28.41 and 28.42 it is the joint responsibility of the Librarian Member and his/her Manager to confirm his/her eCV by August 15th to be considered by the CAP and LCAP Committees.
- 28.25.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Continuing Appointment and/or Promotion, and/or Performance Assessment Processes, a Member, may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials as a PDF. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions which are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.
- 28.26 The chair of CAP shall ensure the Librarian Member is informed in writing when information, which is relevant to the current Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review, is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Member will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten (10) days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.
- 28.27 The chair of the CAP Committee shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Librarian Member's DOE, and the submitted file and letters of external assessment (where applicable) are properly included in the Librarian Member's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.
- 28.28 The chair of the CAP Committee shall ensure members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (Library Committee)

28.29 The role of the Library Committee shall be to:

- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- b) assess the Librarian Member's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and Promotion to Librarian;
- c) consider the CAP Committee assessment and recommendation;
- d) ensure the CAP Committee assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and standards of performance established by the Library;
- e) consider external assessments for Promotion to Librarian and, if applicable, letters of reference for applications for Continuing Appointment;
- f) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and Promotion to Librarian to the President for decision;
- g) submit all recommendations to the Provost;
- h) issue a letter to the Librarian Member communicating the Library Committee's assessment and recommendation according to the provisions in 28.44.

28.30 The composition of the Library Committee shall be:

- a) the University Librarian, who will act as Chair of the Library Committee and who will vote a second time to break a tie;
- b) two (2) Librarian Members with Continuing Appointment, elected for a two (2) year term by all Librarian Members; and
- c) one Associate University Librarian.

Election of Members of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (LCAP)

28.31 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve on the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (LCAP) except:

- a) Those who are already members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee,
- b) Those who will be unavailable for the meetings of the Committee,
- c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years,

28.31.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

28.31.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the

Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.

- 28.31.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the LCAP Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.31.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.31.5 Voting will be by secret ballot, and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. Librarian Managers are also eligible to vote. In the case of a tie, the sitting Chair of CAP will have the deciding vote.
- 28.31.6 Each Librarian Member of the LCAP Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for re-election as the LCAP Committee.
- 28.31.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that the Librarian Member of the LCAP Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.31.1-28.31.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.32 The Chair of the CAP Committee will be responsible to ensure the transfer to the LCAP Committee considered by the Library Committee. The University Librarian may request that the Chair of the CAP Committee and/or a Manager appear before the Library Committee as a part of the deliberations process.
- 28.33 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the CAP Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report(s) and relevant recommendation from the CAP Committee. The Assessment/Progress Report(s) and recommendation from the CAP Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Librarian Member's performance in relation to the expectations set out in the approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations and Election to Committee

- 28.34 The Librarian Member's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File, and therefore accessible to the Librarian Member prior to the meeting of the CAP Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).
- 28.35 The decisions of the CAP and Library Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to consideration and decision on a particular case. A Member shall withdraw prior to consideration of his/her case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.

28.36 Where the chair of the CAP Committee wishes to be considered for promotion, the procedure shall be followed as for any other Librarian Member except that for the purpose of consideration of the Promotion, the CAP Committee will choose one of its own members to act as chair of the Committee while the matter is dealt with.

Review of Progress Towards Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian

28.37 Each year, all continuing appointment-track Librarian Members will submit a completed Progress Template to the Chair of the CAP Committee according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards continuing appointment and promotion towards Associate Librarian of all Continuing Appointment-track Librarians will be considered by the CAP Committee and the Library Committee; feedback in the form of a written Progress Report will be provided by the University Librarian to the Member and copied to his/her Manager.

Granting of Continuing Appointment

28.38 The Manager shall, prior to the submission of the assessment file to the Chair of the CAP Committee, meet with each continuing appointment-track Librarian Member to review his/her file and performance review. The University Librarian shall, upon written request by the Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Member to review his/her assessment file.

28.39 Failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 28.16.2 and 28.25.1) to the Chair of the CAP Committee by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the University Librarian and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.

28.39.1 In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian, failure to submit the completed and confirmed eCV Progress Template (as per 28.16.2 and 28.25.1) to the chair of the CAP committee by the timelines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the University Librarian and Provost will result in the termination of the Librarian Member's Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

28.40 In the final review for Continuing Appointment-track Members, consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian will occur and the decision will be either to grant Continuing Appointment and confer Promotion to Associate Librarian or to not grant Continuing Appointment and terminate the Librarian Member's Appointment.

28.41 Further to Article 28.37, the Librarian Member may apply for the early granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Librarian in either the third, fourth or fifth year of appointment. Such application shall be made, in writing, by the Member to the University Librarian through the chair of the CAP Committee May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21 (f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion to Librarian

28.42 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Librarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Librarian Member to the University Librarian through the chair of CAP by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21(f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Promotion for Contractually Limited Librarians

28.42.1 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Associate Librarian or Librarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Librarian Member to the University Librarian through his/her Manager by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 28.21(f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the University Librarian by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member by August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

28.43 The CAP Committee will assess each Librarian Member's performance and make a recommendation to the Chair of the Library Committee on the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian and the conferring of Promotion to Librarian. The CAP Committee will complete the appropriate Report (as per Article 28.16) for each Librarian Member who has been considered. The appropriate Report and relevant recommendation will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the Chair of the Library Committee.

28.44 Within fifteen (15) days following completion of performance assessment, Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review considerations at the Library Committee, the University Librarian will provide to each Librarian Member being considered a letter (signed by all members of the Library Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Continuing Appointment-track Members: an assessment of progress toward Continuing Appointment and Promotion in each of the three areas of responsibility;
- b) for all Members who were considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Librarian or Promotion to Librarian: the recommendation of the Library Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

28.45 For Librarian Members considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, the letter will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Continuing Appointment be granted and Promotion to Associate Librarian be conferred;
- b) that the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Continuing Appointment not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment, the Committee is limited to the decisions

outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 28.48, and to contact the Association.

- 28.46 The Library Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to those recommendations.
- 28.47 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant continuing appointment immediately or to deny continuing appointment, and will communicate his/her decision to the Librarian Member immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of continuing appointment, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

- 28.48 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the University Librarian, the Librarian Member may appeal a negative recommendation of the Library Committee to the Chair of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.
- 28.49 The appellant Librarian Member may request to see his/her Official File, Assessment File, and the signed Report(s) (as per Article 28.16) from the CAP Committee(s). Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the University Librarian without attribution and with any personally identifying information removed.

Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Appeals Committee (Library Appeals Committee)

- 28.50 The Library Appeals Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost, who will act as committee Chair. The Library Appeals Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee and will make its recommendation to the President.
- 28.51 The membership of the Library Appeals Committee shall be:
- a) The Provost, who will act as Chair of the committee;
 - b) Two (2) Librarian Members holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by Librarian Members.
- 28.52 Every Librarian Member who holds Continuing Appointment is eligible to be nominated to serve on the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee (Library Appeals) except:
- a) Those who are already members of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) Committee,
 - b) Those who are already members of the Library Continuing Appointment and Promotion (LCAP) Committee,
 - c) Those who have served two consecutive terms over the past four years.
- 28.52.1 Nominations must be signed by a proposer and a seconder from within the Library, and by the nominee, and be submitted to the Nominating Committee on or before the end of a two-week nomination period.

- 28.52.2 All elections for the CAP Committee, Library Committee and the Library Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Librarian Member and the University Librarian, or designate. One Librarian Member is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Librarian Members. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.
- 28.52.3 The election will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the University Librarian's office, who will also both serve as the enumerators and who will inform the Library of the results. The election will be organized so that half the Members of the Library Appeals Committee will be elected each year.
- 28.52.4 All Librarian Members holding continuing appointment, continuing appointment-track or full-time contractually-limited appointments of more than 12 months shall be eligible to vote.
- 28.52.5 Voting will be by secret ballot, and will be conducted by transferable voting, where the voter is asked to indicate the rankings of the candidates of his/her choice. In the case of a tie, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will have the deciding vote.
- 28.52.6 Each Member of the Library Appeals Committee will be elected for a two-year term. He/she will be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and then must take an absence of one term before being eligible for re-election as a Member of the Library Appeals Committee.
- 28.52.7 If through illness, or for any other reason, it appears that a Librarian Member of the Library Appeals Committee will be unable to attend the meetings of the Committee, then the Member will be replaced by the 'runner-up' Librarian Member. In the event that there is no such Member, an election adhering to the process of Articles 28.52.1-28.52.7 will be held to find a replacement Member to fill the remainder of the term.
- 28.53 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the Library Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation from the Library Committee.
- 28.54 The Librarian Member may choose to appear before the Library Appeals Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials, which may be new, in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Continuing Appointment, and to terminate the appointment as per Article 28.45 (c). The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 28.55 The Library Appeals Committee may request the Librarian Member, his/her Manager, the Chair of the CAP Committee, the University Librarian, or any other member of the CAP or Library Committees to appear before it.
- 28.56 The Provost may, where he/she considers it appropriate, extend the Librarian Member's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the CAP Committee and Library Committee.

Decision of the President

28.57 Following the hearing of all appeals, the Library Appeals Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Librarian Member in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Review

28.58 All Librarian Members will be considered biennially by the CAP Committee and Library Committee for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.

28.59 The biennial performance review of Librarian Members with continuing appointment-track or continuing appointment and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Librarian Members provide to each Member a rating of either "Unsatisfactory", "Improvement Required/Developmental", "Good", "Very Good", or "Outstanding" in each area of effort: Professional Practice, Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Librarian Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member's DOE during the review period.

28.60 Each Librarian Member must submit his/her completed and confirmed eCV Performance Assessment Template (as per 28.16.3) to the Chair of the CAP Committee by August 15th. The Chair of the CAP Committee will provide a written reminder to each Librarian of the deadlines for submission of documentation.

28.60.1 If, despite the good faith efforts of the Member, eCV cannot appropriately capture the Member's contributions for the review period and the Member is therefore concerned that he/she may be disadvantaged through the Continuing Appointment and/or Promotion, and/or Performance Assessment Processes, a Member may, in addition to the eCV, attach supplemental materials as a PDF. In the supplemental materials, the Member shall include only those components of the Member's contributions which are not able to be appropriately captured in the eCV.

28.61 Failure to confirm the eCV Performance Assessment Template (as per 21.16.3) by August 15th, without prior approval from the University Librarian and Provost, will result in an "Unsatisfactory" performance assessment.

28.62 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 28.58, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:

- a) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a Librarian holding a continuing appointment-track or continuing appointment that is less than "Good", that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the Continuing Appointment and Promotion (CAP) and Library Continuing Appointment (LCAP) Committees for the purpose of providing feedback on performance (i.e., no performance raters will be determined).
- b) The performance of all Contractually Limited Librarian Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (as per Article 28.59 above).

- 28.63 The CAP Committee will assess each Librarian Member's performance and will complete a Performance Assessment Report for each Member who has been considered. Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The CAP Committee will not rank order Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Assessment Report will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report will be sent to the Chair of the LCAP Committee.
- 28.64 Following consideration by the Library Committee, the University Librarian will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the Library Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Librarian Member's performance to the Member and also copy it to his/her Manager. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the assessment and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

- 28.65 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the University Librarian, the Librarian Member who has received an overall performance rating of less than "Good" may appeal to the Chair of the Library Appeals Committee.
- 28.65.1 A Continuing Appointment-track Librarian Member may appeal to the Chair of the Librarian Appeals Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.
- 28.66 The appellant Librarian Member may request to see his/her Official File/Assessment File which includes the signed Performance Assessment Report from the CAP Committee.
- 28.67 The Library Appeals Committee may request the Librarian Member, the Manager, the University Librarian and any other member of the CAP or Library Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.
- 28.68 The Librarian Member who has received a performance assessment of less than "Good" may choose to appear before the Library Appeals Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.
- 28.69 The Librarian Member is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the Library Appeals Committee by a representative of the Association.
- 28.70 The Chair of the Library Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Librarian Member within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting when the Member's appeal was heard.

Grievance

- 28.71 Any grievance of this decision shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 29 - Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians

Study/Research Leave

- 29.1 Study/Research Leave is regarded as an essential means of enabling Librarian Members to maintain and enhance their quality as scholars and professionals. Such leave enables the University to maintain and enhance excellence through the individual Member's subsequent contributions to its learning, teaching, and research/scholarship programs. To satisfy the purpose of this Leave, it is necessary that scholarly or professional objectives are being sought and that both research and study activities, whether singly or in combination, are consistent with these objectives.
- a) Full-time Librarian Members are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave to commence after six (6) years of continuous service (or its equivalent) since Appointment at the University of Guelph. Only Members holding a Continuing Appointment may go on a Study/Research Leave.
 - b) A Librarian Member with a Continuing Appointment holding a Reduced Workload Appointment or Part-time Appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Article 54, is eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave, to commence after six (6) years of active employment with the University. The procedures and conditions that apply are those outlined throughout the remainder of this Article, adjusted to accommodate the Reduced Workload/Part-time Appointment.
 - c) Prior eligible service for leave with salary as a Librarian at another university or acceptable institution may be counted in determining eligibility to apply for Study/Research Leave. Credit will be calculated on the basis of one (1) year for every two (2) years of full-time academic service at another institution, to a maximum of three (3) years. This equivalent amount of leave to be credited will be specified by the University Librarian in the Letter of Appointment per Article 26: Librarian Appointments.
- 29.2 Following return from each Study/Research Leave, Librarians with Continuing Appointment are entitled to apply for four (4) months Study/Research Leave after three (3) years of active employment, or for eight (8) months after six (6) years of active employment.
- 29.3 Librarian Members who have held an Academic Administrative Appointment since a previous Study/Research Leave are eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave when the sum of years of active employment both prior and subsequent to the term of Administrative Appointment (and excluding any period of Transition Leave after the term of Appointment) is equal to six (6) years.
- 29.3.1 A Librarian Member who has served in an Academic Administrative Appointment may claim one semester of credit for each year of service towards Study/Research Leave.
- 29.3.2 A minimum of one (1) year must have elapsed between a Transition Leave and a Study/Research Leave, unless otherwise approved by the University Librarian and the Provost.

Application for Study/Research Leave

- 29.4 Application for Study/Research Leave must be submitted in writing by the Librarian Member to the CAP Committee, after consultation with the person to whom he/she reports. Such application will be submitted at least one year prior to the intended start date of the Study/Research Leave.

- 29.5 The written application for leave will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity;
 - c) an indication of when and where the leave is expected to be taken;
 - d) an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae.

Study/Research Leave Decision Procedures

- 29.6 The CAP Committee will consider all written applications for Study/Research Leave as soon as practicable following their receipt.
- 29.7 The CAP Committee will assess applications on the basis of their merit and their consonance with the stated goals of the Study/Research Leave. A Librarian Member's record of using previous Study/Research Leave for scholarly purposes and the report from the previous Leave (where applicable) will be a component in the assessment of the application.
- 29.8 The CAP Committee, through the chair, will make its recommendations to the University Librarian within twenty (20) days of receipt of the application.
- 29.9 The University Librarian will inform the Librarian Member and the person to whom he/she reports, in writing, of his/her decision to approve or deny the leave within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the CAP recommendation. Reasons for denial, or for the need to delay the commencement of such a leave, if applicable, will also be given in the University Librarian's letter.
- 29.10 Under exceptional conditions determined by Library needs and priorities, and with the approval of the University Librarian, an approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years. The date to be used in establishing eligibility for a subsequent period of Study/Research Leave will be the date of return from Leave had the Leave not been delayed.
- 29.11 Under exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the University Librarian, the start date of a Librarian's approved Study/Research Leave may be delayed for up to two (2) years. Any entitlement towards the next Leave accrued during such a delay is not jeopardized.
- 29.12 A Librarian Member whose application for Study/Research Leave has not received approval from the University Librarian may appeal to the Provost. Appeals are restricted to consideration of the academic or professional merits of the case, and may not relate to a requirement to delay the Leave. An appeal cannot introduce new material that has not been seen by the CAP Committee and University Librarian.

Duration of Study/Research Leave

- 29.13 Librarian Members who qualify under this Article may apply for a period of leave of four (4) or eight (8) months duration. A Study/Research Leave will include the annual vacation entitlement appropriate to the length of the Leave.
- 29.14 Upon completion of a period of Study/Research Leave, the Librarian Member will assume his/her regular academic and professional responsibilities.

Conditions of Study/Research Leave

- 29.15 The scheduling of a Study/Research Leave is to be granted independently of any other Leave entitlement. Where University Service commitments will be affected by the granting of Study/Research Leave, the manager and University Librarian, in consultation with the Librarian Member, will be responsible for making any necessary administrative arrangements to enable the Leave.
- 29.16 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave period, the Librarian Member will provide a written report describing what has been accomplished, in relation to the plan submitted. The report will be provided to the person to whom the Member reports and be made available to the CAP Committee and University Librarian.
- 29.17 It is expected that the Librarian Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one year following a period of Study/Research Leave.

Development Leave

- 29.18 Any Librarian Member (with or without a Continuing Appointment) who expects to be taking on significantly different duties may apply for a Development Leave of one (1) to four (4) months for the purpose of acquiring knowledge and/or skills to enable him/her to perform the new duties better. Where appropriate, the Development Leave may extend an approved Study/Research Leave to a maximum of twelve (12) months.
- 29.19 An application for Leave must be made to the University Librarian, in writing, six (6) months prior to the expected start date of the Leave, and the Leave must be taken within six (6) months of commencing new duties.
- 29.20 The University Librarian shall write to the Librarian Member within twenty (20) days of application with his/her decision. The application will be assessed on its merits and consonance with the stated goals of the Leave. The decision of the University Librarian may be appealed to the Provost. The Provost shall notify the Member and the University Librarian of his/her decision in writing, with reasons.

Article 30 - Responsibilities of Veterinarians

- 30.1 For the purposes of Articles 30 to 37 inclusive, Director shall mean, “Director, Animal Health Laboratory and Co-Executive Director, Laboratory Services Division” or “Associate Dean, Administration and Chief Operating Officer of the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre” and “Dean (OAC) for Veterinarians at the Regional Campuses.”
- 30.1.1 For the purposes of Articles 30 to 37 inclusive, Dean shall mean “Dean OVC” for issues relating to Veterinarians in the OVC or OVC-HSC, or “Dean OAC” for issues relating to Veterinarians at the Regional Campuses.
- 30.2 Veterinarian Members have the right to know explicitly the guidelines and criteria used for review purposes.
- 30.3 Veterinarian Members provide a range of clinical and professional services to the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), the University and external clients. Veterinarians’ responsibilities shall include some combination of:
- a) Professional Practice, including some or all of: clinical teaching, clinical diagnostic and consultative practice, supervision of staff, and support for research programs of the University; and
 - b) Professional Development; and may include
 - c) Research/Scholarship; and/or
 - d) Service to the University, profession, and community.
- 30.4 The exact distribution of responsibilities may vary from time to time and from individual to individual. Each Veterinarian Member shall have a written Position Description that outlines his/her responsibilities. It is understood that, for all Veterinarian Members, the principal duties shall be those noted in 30.3 (a) above.

Professional Practice

- 30.5 Responsibilities performed under Professional Practice by the Veterinarian Member will vary, depending on the responsibilities defined by his/her Position Description. Assignment of responsibilities shall be made with due regard to a Member’s Position Description, and shall be fair and equitable within each veterinary service. Changes to the composition of responsibilities shall be determined by the Director after discussion with the Member.
- 30.5.1 Veterinarian Members in the OVC-HSC shall be notified in writing of the number of weeks assigned, by the Director or designate, to clinical service, and any on-call provisions (where applicable).
- 30.6 The University and Veterinarian Member are jointly responsible for ensuring that the clinical and laboratory services provided are timely and of the highest quality, to maximize the confidence and ongoing financial support from existing and future clients, including referring veterinarians.
- 30.7 Clinical Teaching responsibilities, when performed by a Veterinarian Member, may include participation in clinical rotations, laboratories, continuing education, and undergraduate and post-graduate instruction, as determined by the Member’s Position Description.

Professional Development and Research/Scholarship

30.8 Veterinarian Members are expected to develop and maintain their professional competence and effectiveness. This may be achieved through such activities as individual study; attendance/participation at conferences and workshops; taking specialized courses or programs; and scholarly contributions to a discipline, such as publication, reviewing papers for scholarly journals, serving on an editorial board of a journal, giving workshops/presentations at conferences, or participation in scholarly and/or professional organizations.

Service: University, Professional and Community Service

30.9 Veterinarian Members may participate in University governance through election or appointment to committees and councils. No Member may be appointed to a University Committee without his/her consent except where such Service commitment is outlined within the Member's Position Description.

30.10 Veterinarian Members are encouraged to participate in the work of professional and learned organizations and relevant community service, including, but not limited to, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association and the College of Veterinarians of Ontario. A Member's Service shall be considered in the assessment of his/her Service responsibilities and shall be treated in the same way as similar duties performed within the University.

30.10.1 When membership in the College of Veterinarians of Ontario is required for a Veterinarian Member to perform his/her duties, this licensing fee shall be paid for by the University.

30.11 When a Veterinarian Member's Service to such societies, associations, agencies or organizations conflicts with scheduled responsibilities or administrative duties, the Member shall make appropriate arrangements in discussion with his/her Director to ensure her/his scheduled responsibilities are fulfilled.

Article 31 - Workload and Hours of Work for Veterinarians

Workload

- 31.1 A Veterinarian Member's normal workload involves, in varying proportions, an appropriate balance of duties as set out in Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.
- 31.2 The workload of Veterinarian Members shall be established with due regard for assigned duties and responsibilities. Members' duties and responsibilities will be determined by the Director in discussion with the Member and, where necessary, with other Departments and Units with which they directly interact on a regular basis.
- 31.3 Veterinarian Members may accept additional duties provided that these would not prevent them from fulfilling their regularly assigned clinical and/or diagnostic duties and provided that such activities are in keeping with the provisions of Article 8: Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment.

Scheduling

- 31.4 The Veterinarian Member's hours of work will be scheduled by the Director in consultation with the Member.
- 31.4.1 The University will consult with a Member prior to making significant changes to his/her work schedule. The University shall implement such changes fairly and equitably. Consultation will occur at least thirty (30) days in advance of any change, except in case of emergency. Changes made under emergency circumstances shall be deemed to be temporary in nature and shall remain in effect only until such time as the University has met its obligations to consult with the Member.
- 31.4.2 It is agreed and understood that Members shall be allowed time during normal working hours for professional development, provided that the timing of such activity can be accommodated within the obligations of the Unit and does not unduly affect the performance of assigned duties.
- 31.5 If, because of extenuating circumstances (e.g. outbreaks, epidemics, etc.), and with the prior approval of the Director involved, a Veterinarian Member must work significantly more hours per week than normal, for a sustained period of time, the Director shall, within a reasonable period, ensure that the Member is granted equal time off, or, at the Director's option, pay the Member for the extra time worked.

Emergency Clinical Services Workload

- 31.6 Veterinarian Members who provide emergency services shall be required to provide no more than their proportionate share of such service as determined by the Director. Such proportionate shares shall be determined by and reflect the staffing levels and relative responsibilities of the members of each clinical service.

Position Description

- 31.7 All Veterinarian Members shall have a written Position Description.

- 31.8 For all Veterinarian Members employed at the time of signing of this Agreement, the Position Description shall correspond to the present assigned duties.
- 31.9 All new Veterinarian Members shall be provided with a Position Description as part of their Letter of Appointment. This Position Description shall detail their responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement.

Amendments to Position Descriptions

- 31.10 A Veterinarian Member may request a change to his/her Position Description. The Member shall forward his/her proposal for amendment to the Director, in writing.
- 31.11 The Director will decide whether to accept the proposal for amendment to the Veterinarian Member's Position Description. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the proposal, the Director will notify the Member in writing of the decision, and, in the event of a negative decision, provide reasons.
- 31.12 Within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision from the Director, a Member may appeal the decision to his/her respective Dean, or for AHL Member(s) to the Vice-President (Research). The respective Dean or Vice-President (Research) shall notify the Member and Director of his/her decision, in writing, providing reasons for the decision.

Article 32 - Appointments of Veterinarians

Types of Appointment

32.1 There are three types of Appointments for Veterinarian Members:

- a) Contractually Limited Appointment;
- b) Continuing Appointment-track Appointment; and
- c) Continuing Appointment.

32.2 Contractually Limited Appointments

- a) are Appointments established for a specific period of time that shall not exceed an uninterrupted period of five (5) years;
- b) may be extended or renewed, but the total length of the uninterrupted appointment may not exceed five (5) years;
- c) do not imply that the appointee is on probation for a Continuing Appointment, nor is there any implied expectation of continued employment beyond the period specified.

32.2.1 Once a Veterinarian Member has served an uninterrupted period of five (5) years in the same or a substantially similar term position, the Member's Appointment shall be terminated or the position converted to Continuing Appointment-track Appointment. In the case where the decision is to convert the position to Continuing Appointment-track, the Dean or VPR, on the recommendation of the Director, may recommend to the Provost that the current incumbent be appointed to the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, without a search. The Provost's decision to appoint without a search will be final.

Continuing Appointments

- 32.3
- a) Continuing Appointment shall mean an appointment of a Veterinarian Member without term.
 - b) Veterinarian Members given a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment will assume a Continuing Appointment following successful completion of a probationary review as per Article 33.
 - c) Upon successful completion of the probationary period, a Veterinarian Member holding a Continuing Appointment cannot be dismissed except for just cause, or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Search Process

32.4 The University will decide when there is an open position and will determine whether a search will be conducted. The University will consult with Members about the qualifications of, areas of competence required for, and responsibilities of, the position. The University will determine the qualifications of and the specific duties required to fill a vacancy.

32.5 The information to be provided in the advertisement shall include, but is not limited to:

- a) the type of appointment;
- b) the qualifications, education, and skills required;

- c) any applicable equity provisions; and
- d) the University of Guelph's employment equity statement.

- 32.6 In conducting a search, the University shall advertise the position in publications determined as appropriate by the University.
- 32.7 If the Search Committee believes that an internal candidate is suitable, the chair of the Search Committee may recommend to the Dean or Vice-President (Research) that the candidate be appointed without an external search.
- 32.8 Qualified Members, as determined by the Search Committee, who apply shall be placed on the short list and be interviewed for the position.

Search Committee

- 32.9 Candidates shall be evaluated through a Search Committee. Composition of the Search Committee will be determined by the Director but shall include at least two (2) veterinarian and/or Veterinarian Members.
- 32.10 Academic partner accommodation appointments must be reviewed for rank and appointability by the Members Continuing Appointment Committee.
- 32.11 To ensure the Search Committee is reflective of the diversity of the University, the composition of the Search Committee will include one or more representative members from the designated groups.
- 32.12 The University will ensure that all members of the Search Committee have received orientation/training prior to the commencement of the interview process. No Member shall be required to participate in training more than once during the term of this Agreement.
- 32.13 The University will provide all candidates who are interviewed with the contact information for the Association.

Assessment Procedures

- 32.14 After reviewing the complete file of each candidate and seeking input from all Committee members, the Search Committee shall provide the Director with a recommended short list of candidates to be interviewed.
- 32.15 The evaluation and ranking of the candidates by the Search Committee will be in confidence and consistent with employment equity principles.
- 32.16 Where the Director determines it to be appropriate, the interview process shall allow for input by members of the Unit.
- 32.17 After interviewing the short-listed candidates and, if appropriate, seeking input from members of the Unit, the Search Committee shall make its recommendations to the Director. While the Director is not constrained by the ranking of the candidates, an appointment must be made from this list. The Director has the option of continuing the search.
- 32.18 In the case of an academic partner accommodation appointment, the Members Continuing Appointment Committee shall make a written recommendation to the Dean/AVPR as to rank

and whether the candidate is acceptable. This recommendation shall clearly state the reasons for the Committee's recommendation.

32.19 Academic partner accommodation appointments shall only occur at the time the other academic partner is appointed through an open search and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) years.

32.19.1 Academic partner accommodation appointments are not eligible for consideration for conversation of appointment to Continuing Appointment-track without a search (per 32.4).

Letters of Appointment

32.20 All Letters of Appointment shall be issued by the Director, and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) date of commencement and, where appropriate, date of termination of the Appointment;
- b) salary;
- c) type of appointment as defined in Article 32.1;
- d) Unit in which the appointment is made, including the position to whom the candidate will report;
- e) Position Description;
- f) if applicable, the description of any special duties or conditions that may apply, provided that these are consistent with this Agreement.

32.21 The University shall provide a copy of the signed-back Letter of Appointment, including any attachments, to the Association.

32.22 For Contractually Limited Appointments, the University shall use reasonable efforts to offer Contractually Limited Appointments for Veterinarians that are twelve (12) months or more in duration. Contractually Limited Appointments shall be expressed in increments of complete months.

Article 33 - Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Veterinarians

- 33.1 This Article applies to Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review decisions of Veterinarians who hold Continuing or Continuing Appointment-track appointments, and to Renewal decisions for Contractually Limited Veterinarians.
- 33.2 Promotion and the conferring of a Continuing Appointment is a very important step in the relationship between the University and a Veterinarian and should be decided upon only after careful consideration and attention to due process. The University will grant Continuing Appointment to Veterinarians only in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- 33.3 The Director will meet with each Member, within the Member's first semester of appointment and will discuss the approved criteria with respect to the granting of Continuing Appointment.
- 33.4 The Dean/Associate VPR will notify the Member, on an annual basis, that both he/she and the Director are available for Mentoring. In addition, the Dean/AVPR shall meet prior to the end of April with each Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Member to discuss the Member's progress towards and the possibility of application for continuing appointment and promotion.
- 33.4.1 A record of the discussion mandated in 33.4, signed by both the Dean/AVPR and the Continuing Appointment-track Member, shall be placed in the Continuing Appointment-track Member's Official File. In signing the document, the Dean/AVPR and the Veterinarian Member are agreeing it is an accurate accounting of the discussion that occurred at the meeting, and may reflect differences in opinion and/or perspective.
- 33.5 Veterinarians have the right to know explicitly the criteria that are used for Continuing Appointment and Review purposes, as well as reasons for the decisions. The process must be transparent, fair and equitable.
- 33.5.1 Approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guideline documents shall be posted on the department/school website. A copy of all approved Guideline documents shall be provided to the Association within thirty (30) days of approval.
- 33.6 The granting of Continuing Appointment and promotion to Associate Veterinarian recognizes professional and academic maturity, as exemplified by his/her contribution to the clinical and professional services to the OVC and the University, and by related activities within and outside the University as defined in Article 30.3. The conferral of Continuing Appointment obliges the University to support the career of the Veterinarian and it obliges the Veterinarian to continue to perform in a manner deserving of that support.
- 33.6.1 Veterinarians shall hold, either Board certification in a relevant specialty or an advanced degree in a relevant discipline (in addition to a DVM) in order to meet the requirements for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian.
- 33.6.2 The provisions of Article 33 shall not apply to those Veterinarians hired on or before August 5, 2011 or where Board Certification is not a requirement of the position.
- 33.7 The specific requirement of a position to hold Board certification or an additional advanced degree shall be determined by the University at the time of advertisement for the position. Such requirement shall be included in both the job posting and noted in the successful incumbent's

letter of appointment. Where such a requirement exists, a continuing appointment-track appointment of an Assistant Veterinarian without completion of his/her Board certification or additional advanced degree will be for a maximum of two (2) years, at which point the Appointment will be terminated unless all of the requirements for the Board certification or additional advanced degree have been completed however, the University shall provide support to the Member so that he/she may be able to meet the requirement of the position In exceptional circumstances, the Provost may extend this period.

33.7.1 To facilitate the completion of the Board specialty or advanced degree for those Members hired without the requisite credential, the University shall provide up to two (2) months paid leave free from regularly assigned duties to the Member for the purposes of preparation, study and testing. Such leave may be taken in contiguous blocks, regularly scheduled days or hours within a work day as agreed to by the Member and his/her Director over the course of the continuing appointment-track appointment. Consideration will be given by the Director and not unreasonably withheld with respect to the expressed preference of the Member regarding timing of the leave.

33.7.2 No Veterinarian will be required to obtain more than one Board specialty or additional degree as a condition of his/her employment.

33.8 Promotion to Veterinarian recognizes long-term, established and outstanding contributions to the University and the profession. A Veterinarian must be Board Certified in a relevant specialty or, where no applicable designation exists, have attained the highest terminal degree relevant to her/his position. It is granted in recognition of professional competence and maturity and normally an established national record of service to the profession.

33.9 Contractually Limited Veterinarians are eligible for consideration for promotion in rank as per the provisions of this Article. Contractually Limited Members are not eligible for consideration of granting of Continuing Appointment.

33.10 Consideration for the conferring of Continuing Appointment will be based on the Veterinarian's lifetime contribution in the areas as defined in Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.

33.10.1 Each candidate for Promotion and the granting of Continuing Appointment is expected to establish a record of performance in each area of responsibility as outlined in his/her position description and consistent with the provisions of Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians.

Probationary Period

33.11 The maximum duration of a Continuing Appointment-track Appointment is six (6) consecutive years of full-time employment (with five full reviews), exclusive of extensions granted for other reasons, such as Maternity/Parental Leave, and not counting periods of unpaid leave, from the date of the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

33.12 The maximum length of the Probationary Period for part-time appointments shall be seven (7) years for appointments with a workload of 75-99% of a full-time appointment and eight (8) years for appointments with a workload of 50-74% of a full-time appointment.

Guidelines and Documentation Templates for Assessment Purposes

- 33.13 The exact nature of information considered relevant in the consideration of Members for Continuing Appointment or for Review of Members, is to be decided upon by the Veterinarians and is articulated in the Guidelines Document. The criteria must be consistent with the Articles of the Collective Agreement and shall be those in effect prior to the period being reviewed. The criteria for Review, Promotion and Continuing Appointment, including any amendments to the same will be subject to approval, by secret ballot, by no fewer than two-thirds (2/3's) of the Veterinarians, and also by the University Continuing Appointment Committee and the Provost.
- 33.14 All Members are to be informed in writing by the Director/AVPR of any amendments to these criteria. All Members, at the time of initial appointment, are to be given a copy of the approved Guidelines Document stipulating the criteria and established and promulgated benchmarks for Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review.
- 33.15 Each Veterinarian shall have a review of her/his performance in the area of Professional Practice written by the person to whom the Veterinarian reports (her/his Director). Such Report shall form part of the Member's Assessment File. The Veterinarian Member shall be provided an opportunity to respond verbally and in writing.
- 33.16 The Dean/AVPR, in consultation with the Provost, will develop standard documentation templates. The Dean/AVPR will consult with the Members Continuing Appointment Committee in the development of these templates:

Member Templates

33.16.1 Progress Template

A template for the purpose of Continuing Appointment and Promotion considerations (i.e., progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, and applications for Continuing Appointment and Promotion) in which each Veterinarian Member will document his/her relevant life-time professional, scholarly and service contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, and in those cases where it is applicable a research and/or teaching/clinical dossier.

33.16.2 Performance Assessment Template

A template for the purpose of performance assessment in which each Veterinarian Member will document his/her relevant professional, scholarly and service contributions, activities, and accomplishments. This completed template will be included in the Member's Assessment File with, among other things, additional information about Professional Practice, and in those cases where it is applicable research and/or teaching/clinical dossier.

Continuing Appointment Committee Templates

33.16.3 Performance Assessment –Biennial Year

A MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee's report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member's performance. The written review shall focus on the effectiveness of the Member at meeting University established criteria (that have been

promulgated) and the general competence with which the duties and responsibilities of the position are carried out. The review will include the overall rater.

33.16.4 *Performance Assessment – Non-Biennial Year:*

Performance assessment in a non-biennial year is for the purpose of feedback only for Members whose overall performance in the previous year was assessed as less than “good.” A MCA Committee Performance Progress Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s performance.

33.16.5 *Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Members – Progress Feedback*

A MCA Committee Progress Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s progress toward the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to the rank of Associate Veterinarian.

33.16.6 *Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian – Application or Final Year Consideration*

A MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s Application or final year consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian.

33.16.7 *Promotion to Veterinarian – Application*

A MCA Committee Promotion Report, which will form the basis of the MCA Committee’s report to the UCA Committee on its overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member’s application for the granting of Promotion to Veterinarian.

33.17 The MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report (per 33.16.3 and 33.16.4) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until completion of the current Performance Assessment Process (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that Assessment year have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

33.18 All MCA Committee Progress Reports (as per 33.16.5) and MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Reports (as per 33.16.6) will be retained in the Official File of the Member until such time that Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian has been granted or the appointment of the Member has been terminated, and all applicable appeals, arbitrations, and remedies have been concluded, at which time they shall be removed from the Assessment File and the Official File.

33.19 The MCA Committee Promotion Report (as per 33.16.7) will be retained in the Assessment File of the Member until the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion deliberations are completed (i.e., until such time that all appeals, arbitrations, and remedies for that year of deliberations have been concluded), at which time it shall be removed from the Assessment File and Official File.

External Assessors

33.20 Written opinions of the Member's activities, as outlined in his/her Position Description and consistent with Article 30: Responsibilities of Veterinarians, by experts in the Member's field are required to support a recommendation for the granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and for Promotion to Veterinarian. External assessments are very important as part of the deliberations process but are not determinative. The Provost, in consultation with the Dean/AVPR, and through consultation with the University Continuing Appointment Committee, will devise the process by which external assessment will be sought for the conferring of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and the granting of Promotion to Veterinarian.

However, the following principles will apply:

- a) normally, External Assessors will be persons who have an 'arm's length' relationship to the Member and who are not members of the candidate's Department/Unit;
- b) the normal number of external assessments to be obtained will be three (3), at least one (1) of whom must be external to this University;
- c) the Chair of the Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA) and the Member will agree as to which individuals are acceptable Assessors and will forward this list to the Dean/AVPR. If agreement cannot be reached, the Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA) will decide on the acceptable Assessors;
- d) for consideration of Members in the OVC-HSC, the Dean will be responsible for communicating with assessors as per c) above and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR will be responsible for communicating with assessors as per c) above. The information sent to the Assessor will be accompanied by a standardized University of Guelph cover letter, developed and approved by the Provost, from the Dean/AVPR;
- e) all assessments will be in writing;
- f) the following information will be made available to the External Assessors:
 - 1) applicable Guidelines/Criteria for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
 - 2) the Veterinarian's Curriculum Vitae;
 - 3) a copy of the Member's Position Description;
 - 4) the Member's teaching/clinical dossier (where applicable), compiled by the Member; and
 - 5) any other evidence of Professional Practice, Development, Scholarship or Service as determined by the Member.

Members Continuing Appointment Committee (MCA)

33.21 The role of the MCA Committee shall be to:

- a) consider the report from the Director;
- b) assess the Veterinarian Member's performance and complete a MCA Committee Performance Assessment Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee;
- c) assess the Veterinarian Member's progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and complete a MCA Progress Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee as part of the feedback to the Veterinarian Member;

- d) assess the Veterinarian Member's application (or final year consideration) for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and complete a MCA Committee Continuing Appointment and Promotion Report to be considered as input to the UCA Committee as part of the Continuing Appointment and Promotion decision;
- e) assess the Veterinarian Member's application for Promotion to Veterinarian and complete a MCA Committee Promotion Report to be considered by the UCA Committee as part of the promotion decision;
- f) consider external assessments for the granting of Promotion to the rank of Veterinarian.

33.22 The composition of the MCA Committee shall be:

- a) four (4) Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment, two from the OVC-HSC and two from the AHL, elected for a two (2) year term by all University Veterinarians in the respective units;
- b) the chair of the MCA Committee shall be elected by the members of the MCA Committee annually. The chair will be provided with a second vote to break a tie.

33.23 Subject to Articles 33.43 and 33.44, it is the responsibility of the Veterinarian to submit the completed file to the chair of the MCA Committee, or designate, by August 15th.

33.23.1 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure the Veterinarian Member is informed in writing when information, which is relevant to the current Continuing Appointment and Promotion, is placed in the Member's Assessment File after the August 15th submission date. Said Veterinarian will also be provided with reasonable time to review the information, but no less than ten 10 days, and to append documentation to the Assessment File should he/she so wish.

33.24 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure that documentation pertaining to the Veterinarian's assigned responsibilities and data regarding criteria, the Director's Report, letters of external assessment (where applicable), and the submitted file are properly included in the Veterinarian's Assessment file prior to the commencement of the deliberations process.

33.25 The chair of the MCA Committee shall ensure members of the Committee are provided with the relevant Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

University Continuing Appointment Committee (UCA Committee)

33.26 The role of the UCA Committee shall be to:

- a) receive for approval the Guidelines for Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- b) assess the Veterinarian's performance and/or progress toward the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion;
- c) consider the MCA Committee assessment and recommendation and the report from the Director;
- d) ensure the MCA Committee assessment is consistent with the Guidelines and established standards of performance;
- e) consider external assessments for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian and Promotion to Veterinarian;

- f) submit all recommendations to the Provost;
- g) submit positive recommendations for the conferral of Continuing Appointment and Promotion and Promotion to Veterinarian to the President for decision;
- h) issue a letter to the Veterinarian communicating the UCA Committee's assessment.

33.27 The composition of the University Continuing Appointment Committee shall be:

- a) the Dean (OVC) and the Associate Vice-President (Research), who will act as co-chairs of the UCA Committee. The Dean (OVC) will vote and have a second vote to break a tie only for cases of Veterinarians from OVC-HSC, and the Associate Vice-President (Research) will vote and have a second vote to break a tie only for cases of Veterinarians from AHL;
- b) one (1) Veterinarian with Continuing Appointment from OVC-HSC, elected for a two (2) year term by all Veterinarians; and
- c) one (1) Veterinarian with Continuing Appointment from AHL, elected for a two (2) year term by all Veterinarians.

33.28 The chairs of the UCA Committee will be responsible to ensure the transfer of the Assessment File considered by the MCA Committee to the UCA Committee. The Chairs of the UCA may request that the chair of the MCA Committee and/or the Director appear before the UCA Committee as a part of the deliberations process.

33.29 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the MCA Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and relevant recommendation from the MCA Committee plus the report of the Director. The Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation from the MCA Committee, signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations, conveys the overall assessment of the Veterinarian Member's performance in relation to the expectations set out in the approved Continuing Appointment and Promotion Guidelines document.

Committee Mode of Operations and Election to Committee

33.30 The Veterinarian's performance will be evaluated solely on the basis of the material contained in the Assessment File, and therefore accessible to the Veterinarian Member prior to the meeting of the MCA Committee (i.e., evaluations cannot be based on hearsay information).

33.31 The decisions of the MCA and UCA Committees will be reached by majority vote. The vote shall be by secret ballot. A Member may withdraw prior to consideration and decision on a particular case. A Member shall withdraw prior to consideration of his/her case. However, no Member present for the consideration of a case who is eligible to vote will abstain from voting. Recusals will be recorded explicitly, with their effective date, and may not be rescinded.

33.32 All Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment are eligible for election to the MCA Committee, the UCA Committee, and the University Veterinarians Appeals Committee (UVAC) with the exception of any Member currently elected to either the MCA Committee, UCA Committee, or, the UV Appeals Committee;

33.33 All elections for the MCA Committee, UCA Committee and the UV Appeals Committee will be conducted by the Nominating Committee with administrative support from the Dean and AVPR office. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one elected Veterinarian Member and

the Dean (if the elected Member is from the AHL) or the AVPR (if the elected Member is from the OVC-HSC), or designate. One Veterinarian is elected in November to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term by the Veterinarian Members.

- 33.34 The Nominating Committee requests nominations from Veterinarians at least two (2) weeks prior to the commencement of an election. The MCA Committee election shall be held during January and the Veterinarians will be informed of the results of the election prior to elections for the UCA Committee and the UV Appeals Committee. The outgoing Nominating Committee conducts the elections for the successor Committee.
- 33.35 Voting will be by secret ballot, submitted in double envelopes, the outer signed by the voter, to the Nominating Committee by the deadline specified by said Committee. The Nominating Committee will inform the University Veterinarians and the Association of the results.
- 33.36 Voting will be consistent with the following:
- a) Member's Continuing Appointment Committee: The chair who is elected in accordance with this Article, shall have voting privileges and shall cast an additional vote in the case of a tie vote at the Committee.
 - b) University Continuing Appointment Committee: There will be one vote at the level of the chair. That is, for consideration of Members in the OVC-HSC, the Dean will have the vote and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR will have the vote. If the Dean or AVPR must recuse him/herself, he/she shall name a designate (e.g. Associate Dean OVC or alternate AVPR, respectively, exclusive of the Director to whom the candidate directly reports). In the case of a tie vote at the Committee, for consideration of Veterinarians in the OVC-HSC, the Dean shall cast a second, deciding vote and for consideration of Members in the AHL, the AVPR shall cast a second, deciding vote.
- 33.37 The length of term following an election of a Member to the MCA Committee, the UCA Committee, or the UV Appeals Committee shall be for a period of two (2) years.
- 33.38 If an elected Member is unable to serve, then the Member will be replaced by the unelected Veterinarian with the largest number of votes. Should there have been no unelected candidates in the annual election; a special election will be held to fill the vacant position.

Continuing Appointment and Promotion for Veterinarians

- 33.39 Each year, all continuing appointment-track and multi-year Contractually Limited Veterinarians will submit a completed Progress Template to the chair of the MCA Committee according to the timelines indicated in this Article. The progress towards continuing appointment and promotion to Associate Veterinarian of all Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarians will be considered by the MCA Committee and the UCA Committee and feedback in the form of a Progress Report will be provided by the Dean/AVPR to the Member and copied to his/her Director.

Granting of Continuing Appointment

- 33.40 The Director shall, prior to the submission of the assessment file to the chair of the MCA Committee, meet with each Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian to review his/her file and performance review. The Dean/Associate VPR shall, upon written request by the Member and within ten (10) days of receipt of such written request, meet with the Member to review his/her assessment file.

33.41 Failure to submit the completed Progress Template (as per 33.16.1) to the chair of the MCA Committee by the deadlines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean/Associate VPR and Provost, will result in the determination that progress has not been made toward granting of Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, and such decision shall be recorded in the Member's Assessment File.

33.41.1 In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian, failure to submit the completed Progress Template (as per 33.16.1) to the chair of the MCA Committee by the deadlines indicated in this Article, without prior written approval from the Dean/AVPR and Provost will result in the termination of the Veterinarian Member's Continuing Appointment-track Appointment.

33.42 In the final review for Continuing Appointment-track Members, consideration for the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to the rank of Associate Veterinarian will occur and the decision will be either to grant Continuing Appointment and confer Promotion to Associate Veterinarian or not to grant Continuing Appointment and to terminate the Assistant Veterinarian's Appointment.

33.43 Further to Article 33.39, the Veterinarian may apply for the early granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Veterinarian in either the third, fourth or fifth year of appointment. Such application shall be made, in writing, by the Member to the Dean/AVPR through the chair of the MCA Committee by May 15th. The information contained in Article 33.20 (f) (2, 3, 4 and 5) shall be provided by the Dean/AVPR by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member until August 15th.

Promotion to Veterinarian

33.44 Consideration for Promotion to the rank of Veterinarian will occur only on application of the Member. Such application, including the name and full contact information of six (6) assessors, shall be made in writing by the Veterinarian Member to the Dean/AVPR through the chair of MCA by May 15th. The information indicated in Article 33.20 (f) (2,3,4 and 5) shall be provided by the Member to the Dean/AVPR by June 8th. Updated materials to the Member's Assessment File may be submitted by the Member until August 15th.

Deliberations Process and Communication of Decision

33.45 The MCA Committee will assess each Assistant Veterinarian's performance and make a recommendation to the chair of the UCA Committee with respect to the granting of Continuing Appointment and conferring of Promotion to Associate Veterinarian. The MCA Committee will complete the appropriate Report (per Article 33.16) for each Veterinarian who has been considered. The appropriate Report and relevant recommendation will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report and relevant recommendation will be sent to the chair of the UCA Committee.

33.46 Within fifteen (15) days following completion of performance assessment and Continuing Appointment the Dean/AVPR will provide to each Veterinarian being considered a letter (signed by all members of the UCA Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) indicating the following:

- a) for Continuing Appointment-track Members: An assessment of progress toward Continuing Appointment in each area of responsibility as outlined in the Position Description;

- b) for all Members who were considered for Continuing Appointment: the recommendation of the UCA Committee along with the reasons for the recommendation.

33.47 For Veterinarians considered for Continuing Appointment and Promotion, the letter will include one of the following recommendations:

- a) that Continuing Appointment be granted and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian be conferred;
- b) that the Continuing Appointment-track Appointment be continued; or
- c) that Continuing Appointment not be granted and the Appointment be terminated.

In the final year of candidacy for Continuing Appointment, the Committee is limited to the decisions outlined in a) and c) above. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member's right to appeal the recommendation, as per Article 33.50, and to contact the Association.

33.48 The UCA Committee, at the same time, will forward to the Provost all recommendations, along with full files and copies of all correspondence related to those recommendations.

33.49 Following consultation with the Provost, the President will make an expeditious decision either to grant continuing appointment immediately or to deny continuing appointment, and will communicate his/her decision to the Veterinarian immediately. The new rank will become effective the following July 1st. In the case of a denial of continuing appointment, reasons will be provided.

Appeals

33.50 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean/AVPR, the Veterinarian may appeal a negative recommendation of the UCA Committee to the chair of the University Veterinary Appeals Committee. Requests for extension, based on extenuating circumstances, may be made to the Provost. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.

33.51 The appellant Veterinarian may request to see his/her Official File/ Assessment File, and the signed Report(s) from the MCA and the UCA Committee(s). Letters from external assessors will be provided upon request, but they shall be provided by the Dean/AVPR without attribution and with any personally-identifying information removed.

University Veterinarians Appeals (UVA) Committee

33.52 The Committee will serve as an advisory body to the Provost and the VPR, who will act as committee co-chairs. The UVA Committee shall consider all appeals and recommendations from the UCA Committee and will make its recommendation to the President.

33.53 The membership of the UVA Committee shall be:

- a) The Provost and Vice-President (Research), who will act as co-chairs of the committee;
- b) Two (2) Veterinarians holding Continuing Appointment elected for a two (2) year term by University Veterinarians.

33.54 The complete Assessment File shall include all of the same information considered by the UCA Committee plus the Assessment/Progress Report and recommendation

- 33.55 The Veterinarian may choose to appear before the UVA Committee, if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement and attach materials, which may be new, in support of the appeal of the decision not to grant Continuing Appointment, and to terminate the appointment. The Member may choose to be accompanied by a representative of the Association.
- 33.56 The UVA Committee may request the Veterinarian, his/her Director, the chair of the MCA Committee, the Dean/AVPR or any other member of the MCA or the UCA Committees to appear before it.
- 33.57 The Provost/VPR may, where she/he considers it appropriate, extend the Veterinarian's probationary period to permit reconsideration of the case by the Committee.

Decision of the President

- 33.58 Following the hearing of all appeals, the UVA Committee shall forward its recommendations to the President. The President shall inform the Veterinarian in writing of the decision of the University.

Performance Assessment

- 33.59 The following performance assessments will be conducted in accordance with the process outlined in this Article:
- a) annual assessment of performance of all Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarians for the purpose of feedback related to progression toward Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate Veterinarian;
 - b) annual assessment of performance of all contractually limited Members;
 - c) biennial assessment of all Veterinarian Members holding Continuing Appointment-track and Continuing Appointment for the purpose of performance assessment and feedback. Such consideration will occur in even-numbered years.
- 39.59.1 The biennial performance review of Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment Veterinarians and the annual performance reviews of Contractually Limited Members provide to each Member a rating of either "Unsatisfactory", "Improvement Required/Developmental", "Good", "Very Good", or "Outstanding" in each of area of effort: Professional Practice, Professional Development and Research Scholarship, and Service. Members shall not be ranked within these performance ratings. In addition, each Veterinarian Member will receive an overall performance rating, determined on the basis of the three individual performance ratings weighted according to the Member's Position Description during the review period.
- 33.60 Each Veterinarian must submit his/her completed Performance Assessment Template to the chair of the MCA Committee by August 15th. The chair of the MCA Committee will provide a written reminder to each Veterinarian of the deadlines for submission of documentation.
- 33.61 Failure to submit the completed Performance Assessment Template by August 15th, without prior approval from the Dean/AVPR and Provost, will result in an Unsatisfactory performance assessment.

33.61.1 Notwithstanding the scheduling provisions outlined in 33.59, the following assessments will occur on an annual basis:

- (i) Subsequent to any overall biennial performance assessment of a continuing appointment-track or tenured Veterinarian Member that is less than “Good”, that Member will be subject to an annual review of performance by the MCA and UCA for the purpose of providing feedback on performance (i.e., no performance raters will be determined).
- (ii) The performance of all Contractually Limited Veterinarian Members shall be reviewed on an annual basis for the purpose of providing constructive feedback on performance and for the purpose of assigning an overall performance rater (per 39.59.1 above).

33.62 The MCA Committee will assess each Veterinarian’s performance and will complete Performance Assessment Report for each Member who has been considered. The Performance Assessment Report will include the individual performance raters for each area of effort and will also include the overall performance rater. The MCA Committee will not rank order Veterinarian Members within the performance rater categories. The Performance Assessment Report will be signed by all members of the Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations. The completed and signed Report will be sent to the chair of the UCA.

33.63 Following consideration by the UCA Committee, the Dean/AVPR will provide in writing (and signed by all members of the UCA Committee who were present for the relevant deliberations) the assessment of the Veterinarian’s performance to the Member and also copy it to his/her Director. The letter to the Member will include explicit mention of the Member’s right to appeal the assessment, as per Article 33.64, and to contact the Association.

Appeals of Performance Review

33.64 Within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the letter from the Dean/AVPR, the Veterinarian who has received an overall performance rating of less than “Good” may appeal to the chair of the UVA Committee.

33.64.1 A Continuing Appointment-track Veterinarian Member may appeal to the Chair of the UVA Committee any overall performance rater and/or individual performance rater.

33.65 The appellant Veterinarian may request to see his/her Assessment File including the signed Performance Assessment Report from the MCA Committee and the UCA Committee.

33.66 The UVA Committee may request the Veterinarian, the Director, the Dean/AVPR and any other member of the MCA or UCA Committees to appear before it as part of the appeal process.

33.67 The Veterinarian who has received a performance assessment of less than “Good” may choose to appear before the UVA Committee if he/she requests in writing. Whether or not he/she wishes to appear, he/she may submit a written statement.

33.68 The Veterinarian is entitled to be accompanied to the meeting of the UVA Committee by a representative of the Association.

33.69 The chair of the UV Appeals Committee will provide the decision in writing to the Veterinarian within fifteen (15) days of the date of the meeting at which the Member’s appeal was heard.

Grievance

33.70 Any grievance of a decision arising from the Article shall be commenced at Arbitration, according to the provisions of Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

Article 34 – Placeholder

This article is purposefully left blank in order to avoid the renumbering of all subsequent provisions.

Article 35 - Professional Development Leaves for Veterinarians

Short-Term Professional Development Leave

- 35.1 Veterinarian Members shall be permitted, when determined to be operationally and financially feasible by the Director, to attend conferences, workshops, seminars and meetings for professional development purposes and may consult sources outside the University, visit laboratories and/or libraries, and seek other sources of material for scholarly endeavours, with salary.
- 35.2 For such leaves from his/her normal responsibilities, a Veterinarian Member shall make a written request for approval to the Director at least one (1) month in advance, and shall collaborate with the Director to make acceptable arrangements for meeting the Member's obligations and responsibilities. Such Leave shall normally not exceed five (5) working days. The University will consider funding requests related to Professional Development Leave.

Longer-Term Professional Development Leave

- 35.3 Continuing Appointment Veterinarian Members are eligible after six (6) years of continuous and satisfactory service and with the approval of the Director to make application for a Longer-Term Professional Development Leave. This Leave is possible based on the merit of the Member's application and the availability of funding. Such Leave will be paid (for a maximum of one semester). Application for such Leave must be submitted in writing by the Member to the Director at least twelve (12) months prior to the intended start date of the Leave. The written application will include:
- a) a statement of goals;
 - b) a plan of scholarly activity and the benefit to the unit of such leave;
 - c) an indication of when and where the Leave is expected to be taken, the length of leave requested (to a maximum of one semester), and an indication that the proposed host institution is willing and able to host the Member's Leave;
 - d) recommendations for meeting the Member's obligations and responsibilities during the period of the approved Leave. These can be developed in discussion with the Director.
- 35.4 The Director will consider the request and shall inform the Veterinarian Member of the decision to approve or deny the Leave. Reasons for denial will also be given in the letter.
- 35.5 Under circumstances determined by the operational needs and priorities of the unit, the Director may delay the commencement of an approved Leave. Such delay, however, cannot be for a period exceeding two (2) years.
- 35.6 A Veterinarian Member whose application for Leave has not received approval may appeal to the Dean or Vice-President (Research).
- 35.7 Within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Leave, the Veterinarian Member will provide a written report to the Director describing what has been accomplished in relation to the plan submitted.
- 35.8 It is expected that the Veterinarian Member will return to the University of Guelph for at least one (1) year following the Leave.

Article 36 - Paid Personal Leave (PPL) for Veterinarian Members

- 36.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 48: Compassionate Leave, Continuing Appointment-track and Continuing Appointment Veterinarian Members shall be allowed up to three (3) days of PPL annually, which must be approved and granted by the Director, or designate.
- 36.2 PPL is intended to address unanticipated issues of an emergency nature that are not provided for in Article 48: Compassionate Leave. PPL is not intended for purposes of extending vacation or for the day prior to or following a paid holiday.
- 36.3 PPL does not accrue from one year to another.
- 36.4 Each request shall indicate the reason for the request, providing as much notice as practicable.

Article 37 - Redeployment or Severance of Veterinarian Members Due to Reorganization or Significant Change in Demand for Services

37.1 When the University approves a significant reorganization or when there is a significant change in demand for services that may affect one or more Veterinarian Members, the Provost and the Vice-President (Research), in consultation with the Association, will strike a Redeployment Advisory Committee. The Redeployment Advisory Committee, once struck, shall provide advice on measures needed to effect the reorganization or respond to the change in demand for services, including the possibility of redeployment or of termination with severance for Members.

Redeployment Advisory Committee

37.2 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will be comprised of the Director, the Dean/AVPR, and two (2) Veterinarian Members with Continuing Appointments, named by the Association.

37.3 The Redeployment Advisory Committee will prepare a plan that includes a list of those Veterinarian Members who are, or may be, affected. This plan will be submitted to the Provost and the Vice-President (Research) within thirty (30) days of the Committee being struck.

37.4 Recommendations about affected Veterinarian Members shall be considered on a case by case basis by the Redeployment Advisory Committee. Whenever practicable, Members holding contractually limited appointments shall be reassigned or terminated ahead of Members holding Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointments. In the case where more than one Member performs the same job, the person with the shortest amount of continuous employment within the Bargaining Unit (Bargaining Unit seniority) shall be the first to be redeployed.

Redeployment Process

37.5 The Provost and the Vice-President (Research) will convene a meeting with the President of the Association to provide notification that a reorganization will be effected and will provide the names of the Veterinarian Members who are affected. The Provost and the Vice-President (Research) will provide this notification in writing to the President of the Association at this meeting.

37.6 Following this meeting and within ten (10) days, the appropriate Director will meet individually with each of the affected Veterinarian Member(s) to inform them of the impending reorganization and discuss options available for individual Members. The Director will discuss with the affected Member(s) his/her individual career goals and perceived fit with other Units/Departments, if applicable. If applicable, the Director will then make a written recommendation to the Provost and Vice-President (Research) with respect to the most likely Unit/Department for the redeployment of the Member. The Director shall inform the Member in writing of the decision with respect to redeployment, if applicable, and the reasons for the decision.

37.6.1 The Veterinarian Member may be accompanied by another Member or representative of the Association at this and subsequent meetings.

37.7 If there is a position identified to which a Veterinarian Member can be redeployed in 37.6 above, the Member must, within thirty (30) days, accept the redeployment or request, in writing, that termination with severance be initiated.

- 37.8 All existing entitlements, including, but not limited to, rank, salary, benefits, leaves, and seniority shall be transferred with the Veterinarian Member(s) in the event of redeployment.
- 37.9 A Veterinarian Member may not be transferred from the University of Guelph main campus without his/her consent.
- 37.10 If a position cannot be identified for redeployment in 37.6, then the termination with severance option (below) will be initiated.

Termination with Severance

- 37.11 The University shall give to each Veterinarian Member holding a Continuing Appointment-track or Continuing Appointment who is affected by a reorganization or a significant change in demand of service leading to termination with severance:
- a) Notice: six (6) months' notice, or six (6) months' actual salary in lieu of notice, or a combination of notice and actual salary equivalent to six (6) months'; and
 - b) Severance: one (1) month's salary for each year of continuous employment at the University with a minimum of six (6) months, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months.

Article 38 - Academic Fraud and Misconduct

38.1 Academic Fraud or Misconduct does not involve an honest error, conflicting data, differences in the interpretation or assessment of data, or experimental design or practice, unless there has been an intent to mislead. Any finding of Academic Fraud or Misconduct shall require clear, cogent and convincing proof of actual dishonest purpose and intent, or reckless disregard for the likelihood to mislead.

38.2 Academic Fraud or Misconduct in Research/Scholarship includes:

- a) fabrication and falsification of research findings or scholarly materials;
- b) plagiarism;
- c) failure to recognize by due acknowledgement the substantive contributions of others, including students, or the use of unpublished materials of others without permission, or the use of archival materials in violation of the rules of the archival source;
- d) failure to obtain the permission of the author before making significant use in any publication of new information, concepts, or data obtained through access to manuscripts or grant applications during the peer review process;
- e) submission for publication of an article originally published elsewhere except where it is clearly indicated in the published work that the publication is intended to be a re-publication;
- f) falsification or misrepresentation of credentials or other intentionally misleading practices in proposing, conducting, or reporting Research/Scholarship;
- g) intentional unauthorized diversion of Research/Scholarship funds of the University, federal or provincial granting councils, or other sponsors of research;
- h) material failure to comply with relevant federal or provincial statutes or regulations, or policies promulgated by the Senate or Board of Governors that are not inconsistent with this Agreement for the protection of researchers, human subjects, or for the health and safety of the public or the welfare of laboratory animals;
- i) material failure to meet other relevant legal requirements that relate to the conduct or reporting of research and scholarly activity;
- j) failure to reveal material conflict of interest to sponsors or to those who commission work, or when asked to undertake reviews of research grant applications or manuscripts for publication, or to test products for sale or distribution to the public;
- k) failure to reveal to the University any material financial interest in a company that contracts with the University to undertake research, particularly research involving the company's products or those of its direct competitors, or to provide research-related materials or services. Material financial interest includes ownership, substantial stock-holding, a directorship, significant honoraria or consulting fees, but does not include routine stock holding in a publicly-traded company.

Procedures

38.3 Any investigation related to allegations of misconduct in research and scholarly activity shall be conducted in accordance with the investigation process as outlined in Article 39: Investigation of Allegations and Discipline.

38.4 Any discipline imposed on a Member for misconduct in research and scholarly activity shall be subject to Article 39: Investigation of Allegations and Discipline.

Article 39 - Investigation of Allegations and Discipline

Preamble

- 39.1 A Member may be disciplined only for just cause and only in accord with the provisions of this Article.
- 39.2 Disciplinary action shall be reasonable and consistent with the principle of progressive discipline, commensurate with the seriousness of the misconduct.
- 39.3 The investigation, in and of itself, is not considered to constitute discipline and is not grounds for grievance, although the Association may grieve if it believes that the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation violates the Collective Agreement.
- 39.3.1 All investigations will be conducted as expeditiously as possible.

Investigation

- 39.4 The University may investigate any allegation which, if proven, would warrant taking disciplinary action against a Member. Subject to 39.9, within ten (10) days, or as soon as practicable after an allegation has been made, the University shall inform the Member of the nature of the allegation that has been made and his/her right to seek assistance from the Association. If a complaint in writing has been received by the University, the Member and the Association will, at this time, be given a copy of it. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted to retain confidentiality.
- 39.5 Where the University will be investigating any allegation about a Member that, if proven, would warrant disciplinary action against the Member, subject to Article 39.9.1 below, the Member will be notified by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, as soon as is practicable of the reasons for, and the nature of, the planned investigation.
- 39.6 During an investigation the University may remove a Member with pay, if the circumstances warrant it. Such investigation will occur as expeditiously as possible. The mere fact of an investigation is not grounds for grievance although a Member may grieve whether the basis for, or conduct of, the investigation conforms to this Article.
- 39.6.1 Any breach of the investigatory process does not result in the discipline being void. Any breach is, rather, a factor to be considered by an arbitrator in fashioning a remedy.
- 39.7 Notwithstanding 39.24, if a Member poses a real and present danger to the safety of any member of the University community or to University property, the University may decide to remove the Member from the workplace during the investigation and the Member will continue to receive full salary and benefits.
- 39.8 A Member shall have the right to receive assistance and representation from the Association.
- 39.9 Subject to Article 39.9.2 below and as soon as is practicable, but no later than ten (10) days after commencing an investigation, the University shall advise the Member and the Association's Executive Officer or designate in writing:
- a) of the nature, substance, and scope of the investigation,
 - b) of the Member's right to seek assistance from the Association;

- c) that the Member is invited to respond to the allegation(s) by meeting or submitting materials, or both;
- d) that the Member is invited to submit a list of persons, along with a written explanation as to the reasons for each person listed, whom the Member believes should be interviewed as part of the investigation.

39.9.1 The University will provide a list of the persons identified as per 39.9 (d) whom it has not contacted, if any, and provide a written explanation.

39.9.2 The University may withhold information, decide not to notify the Member, or delay notifying the Member if there are grounds to believe there is a risk of significant harm to another person or to University property or that the investigation may otherwise be jeopardized. In such case, the University shall notify the President of the Association, or designate, immediately.

39.10 Members and the University shall maintain the confidentiality of the investigative process, its findings, and its outcome. Information will be disclosed only to those with a demonstrable need to know. Those in receipt of information pertaining to the investigative process are bound to hold such information in confidence. The University may disclose information where it has grounds to believe that confidentiality may put a person at risk of significant harm or if the University is legally required to disclose. In such a case, the University shall immediately inform the Association of its decision not to maintain confidentiality and the grounds for the decision.

39.10.1 All persons contacted by the University during the investigation shall be informed of the confidentiality requirement under Article 39.10 above.

Tentative Results of the Investigation

39.11 The University shall notify the Member of the tentative results of the investigation within ten (10) days of the results being known.

39.12 Pursuant to Article 39.11, the University shall either:

- a) advise the Member that discipline will not be imposed and that the investigation is closed, or
- b) inform the Member that the University believes that discipline is warranted. In this case, the University shall invite the Member to attend a meeting before the investigation is closed, and before any discipline is imposed, to allow the Member to respond.

39.13 The Member may respond in person or through an Association representative. Should the Member fail to respond to the invitation within ten (10) days or fail to attend a meeting on the matter, without reasonable excuse, the University may proceed under the terms of this Article.

Disciplinary Measures

39.15 Disciplinary measures that the University might take against a Member are limited to:

- a) written warning or reprimand;
- b) suspension with pay;
- c) suspension without pay; or
- d) dismissal for cause.

- 39.16 A written warning or reprimand shall be clearly identified as a disciplinary measure and shall contain a clear statement of the reasons for the discipline.
- 39.17 A suspension with pay is the act of the University's relieving, for cause, some or all of a Member's duties and/or entitlements without the Member's consent.
- 39.18 Dismissal means the termination of Appointment without the Member's consent before retirement/resignation or the end of the contract.
- 39.18.1 Non-renewal of a Contractually Limited Appointment does not, in and of itself, constitute dismissal. Not granting of a Continuing Appointment or Tenure to a Member does not constitute dismissal.
- 39.18.2 Grounds for dismissal of a Member shall be:
- a) gross misconduct, which may be found to arise from a single incident but which also may include repeated serious misconduct;
 - b) persistent failure to discharge Responsibilities through incompetence or neglect of duties; or
 - c) abandonment of duties.

Disciplinary Process Distinct from Academic Assessments

- 39.19 a) The fact that a disciplinary measure is contemplated or has been imposed cannot be considered in Tenure/Continuing Appointment and Promotion and Annual Performance Assessment; however, the facts that resulted in, or may result in, the imposition of discipline may be considered, if relevant to an academic assessment.
- b) The existence of an academic assessment, or findings arising from an academic assessment, cannot lead to discipline unless the steps preceding discipline provided for in this Article including notice and investigation have been followed.
- c) Outcomes of the Performance Assessment Process (per 21.61 – 21.67, 28.58 – 28.64 or 33.59 – 33.63 as applicable) may be considered grounds for disciplinary action only if an overall rater of "Less than Good" is assigned, and only where there are proven and repeated concerns about performance under Article 21, 28 or 33 (as applicable).

Disciplinary Process

- 39.20 Where the University believes disciplinary action is warranted, the Member shall be notified in writing of a meeting, stating the time and place and that the Member has the right to have an Association representative at the meeting. This meeting shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the written notification of the meeting.
- 39.21 At the meeting, the University shall provide the Member with details of the disciplinary measures to be imposed and the reasons therefore.
- 39.22 Any Grievance related to a suspension or dismissal shall commence at the Formal Stage in accordance with Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.
- 39.23 Where disciplinary action has been taken, the University shall only notify those officials with a demonstrable need to know.

- 39.24 A Member who is suspended shall receive full salary and benefits until any Grievance contesting such disciplinary action has been finally resolved through Arbitration or until the time for filing a Grievance has lapsed.
- 39.25 At an Arbitration or Grievance relating to discipline, the onus is on the University to prove that discipline was for just cause.

Sunset Provision

- 39.26 Any record of discipline shall be removed from a Member's Official File twenty-four (24) months after the date on which the discipline was imposed, unless the Member has been given further warnings or reprimands and the Association does not successfully grieve the matter.

Restrictions on Discipline

- 39.27 Notwithstanding 39.4, if a University rule, regulation, or policy has been violated by a Member, the University rule, regulation, or policy must have been promulgated by the appropriate authority and not be in violation of this Agreement in order for a Member to be disciplined specifically for the violation of such a rule, regulation, or policy.
- 39.28 No investigation under this Article shall be initiated by the University more than forty-five (45) days after it knew, or ought reasonably to have known, about the facts that could be the basis for discipline.
- 39.29 If disciplinary procedures are in progress while a Member is being considered for renewal, Continuing Appointment, Tenure, Promotion, or Study/Research Leave, upon request of the Member or University, the consideration may be deferred until the disciplinary process has been concluded. In cases of renewal, Tenure, or Continuing Appointment the Member's appointment shall be extended by the length of the deferral to allow for completion of the renewal or Tenure process.
- 39.30 Only the President or his/her designate may suspend or dismiss a Member.

Article 40 - Grievance and Arbitration

General

- 40.1 The Parties agree to attempt to resolve disputes arising from this Agreement amicably and promptly.
- 40.2 In order to ensure that Grievances of Members are remedied in a reasonable, just, and equitable manner, the University and the Association mutually agree that the procedure for submitting and dealing with Grievances shall be as indicated in the remainder of this Article.
- 40.3 The University agrees that at any stage of the informal resolution and/or grievance procedure, Members have the right to be accompanied by an Association designate.
- 40.4 No Grievance may proceed to the formal Grievance Procedure unless it has been assumed by the Association.
- 40.5 The time limits in the Grievance procedure may be extended only by mutual written consent of both the Provost, or designate, and the President of the Association, or designate. Similarly, no step in the grievance procedure may be waived without mutual written consent of both Parties to this Agreement. Consent to the extension of these time limits will not be unreasonably withheld.

Definitions

- 40.6 An Individual Grievance is a difference arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of this Agreement initiated by one Member and initially presented to the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate in accordance with Article 40.9.
- 40.7 A Group Grievance is a difference arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of this Agreement initiated by two (2) or more Members where the same issue is in dispute. A Group Grievance shall be initially presented to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, in accordance with Article 40.9. If the Members are from different Colleges, a Group Grievance shall be initially presented to the Provost, or designate, and be processed at the Formal Stage as set out in this Article.
- 40.7.1 In the case of a Group Grievance, it shall be raised within thirty (30) days after the group could reasonably be expected to have become aware of the relevant circumstances.
- 40.8 A Policy Grievance is a difference arising between the University and the Association as to the interpretation, general application, or alleged violation of a specified provision or provisions of this Agreement.
- 40.8.1 Such Policy Grievances shall be submitted in writing, signed by the President of the Association, or designate, or the Provost, or designate, as the case may be, and submitted to the Manager, Faculty Relations or designate or Executive Officer of the Association or designate, as the case may be, within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the matter that is the subject of the Grievance.
- 40.8.2 The responding party shall provide a written response within twenty (20) days following receipt of the Grievance.

40.8.3 If the Policy Grievance is not resolved, the initiating Party may notify the other Party, in writing, within twenty (20) days that it intends to proceed to Arbitration pursuant to this Article.

Informal Resolution

- 40.9 The University and the Association mutually agree that it is the desire of the Parties that differences in the interpretation, application, administration, and alleged violations of this Agreement shall be dealt with as quickly as is reasonably possible. If a Member has a complaint/dispute that may give rise to a Grievance, he/she and/or an Association designate shall first discuss the matter at a meeting arranged for this purpose with the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, within twenty (20) days after the Member would reasonably be expected to have become aware of the circumstances giving rise to the complaint/dispute.
- 40.10 The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall be allowed ten (10) days to seek information and advice and to communicate a proposed resolution. A copy of the agreed-upon resolution, signed by the Member, the Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, and the Association, will be forwarded to the Member, Executive Officer of the Association, or designate, and to the Manager, Faculty Relations, or designate.
- 40.11 Failing informal resolution of the Grievance and within ten (10) days following receipt of notification of the proposed resolution under the informal process, the Association has the right to present the written Formal Grievance to the Provost, or designate, pursuant to this Article.
- 40.12 No minor technical irregularity or error shall prevent the substance of a Grievance from being heard and determined on its merits.
- 40.13 An Individual, Group, or Policy Grievance shall include the following:
- a) the date of presentation;
 - b) the nature of the grievance;
 - c) where applicable, the names of the grievor(s);
 - d) the remedy sought;
 - e) the article, section, or sections of this Agreement allegedly violated or the alleged occurrence said to have caused such Grievance;
 - f) applicable signature(s).

Formal Grievance Procedure

- 40.14 Following receipt of a Formal Grievance, the Provost, or designate shall convene a meeting within ten (10) days with the Member and/or the Association designate. With reasonable notice to the other Party prior to the meeting, either Party may have others attend who have information relevant to the specific Grievance. The Provost (or designate) shall reply in writing within fifteen (15) days of that meeting.
- 40.15 Where no answer is given within the time limit specified, the grieving Party shall be entitled to submit the Grievance to the next step of the Grievance Procedure. Should the grieving Party fail to act within the time limits set out at any of the stages or steps of the Grievance and Arbitration procedure, and has not within that period requested and been granted an extension of time

limits (extension shall not be unreasonably withheld), the Grievance shall be considered to have been abandoned.

- 40.16 In the case of a Member who has been suspended or discharged, denied Tenure/Continuing Appointment, or whose Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track appointment has not been renewed, the Association has the right to submit a formal Grievance in writing, signed by the Member and the Association, directly to the Provost or designate. The Provost or designate will respond within five (5) days of the date of receipt of the Grievance.
- 40.17 In all cases involving dismissal, denial of Tenure/Continuing Appointment, discipline, the burden of proof shall be on the University to establish its case.
- 40.18 The University and the Association agree that all resolutions/remedies reached under the grievance procedure between the representatives of the Parties will be final and binding upon the Parties and the Members.
- 40.19 Failing resolution of a Grievance, the University or the Association will provide notification that a matter shall be submitted to Arbitration. Such notification must be made in writing and addressed to the other party within fifteen (15) days of the date of receipt of the formal Grievance decision.

Arbitration

- 40.20 Powers of the Arbitrator:
- a) except as provided in this Article, the Arbitrator shall have the powers of an arbitrator as stated in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, as amended from time to time.
 - b) the Arbitrator shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to, or amend any part of this Agreement.
 - c) in the event an Arbitrator deals with a matter relating to discharge, suspension, or disciplinary action, the Arbitrator has the authority to reinstate a Member with or without compensation for wages and any other benefits lost, or to make any other award he/she may deem just and reasonable that would be consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- 40.21 In arbitrations over the denial of Promotion, Tenure, Continuing Appointment, or a specific appointment, the Arbitrator shall have the jurisdiction to examine and grant a remedy on aspects of the process or decision leading to the Grievance. The Arbitrator shall not have the power to award Promotion, Tenure, or Continuing Appointment. In such circumstances, the Arbitrator may prescribe remedies, including, but not limited to, extension of the probationary period and/or remitting the case for reconsideration, possibly with different material and/or different assessors.
- 40.21.1 The Arbitrator may appoint an Academic Panel. The Academic Panel shall be comprised of one tenured faculty member nominated by the Association and one tenured faculty member nominated by the University. The nominees will agree to a third tenured faculty member to be chair. The decision of the Panel will be binding on the Parties.
- 40.22 The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the Parties.

40.23 All arbitration expenses, including the remuneration of the Arbitrator, shall be shared equally by both Parties, subject to the award of costs by the Arbitrator as part of the remedy.

Article 41 - Health and Safety

41.1 The University and the Association agree that the protection of the health and safety of Members and other persons in the workplace is an important matter of mutual concern and that both the University and the Members have responsibilities delineated in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O 1990, c.01, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

Responsibilities of the University

41.2 The University recognizes a responsibility to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect the health, safety, and security of Members as they carry out their responsibilities. To that end:

- a) The University shall comply with the provisions of the Act;
- b) In keeping with the provisions of the Act, the University reserves the right to give direction, including the establishment of such policies and procedures as may be considered necessary for workplace health and safety. It is agreed that before any changes are made to these policies the Association will be notified and a meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.
- c) The University shall provide Members with access to information relevant to their workplace health and safety, through the Environmental Health & Safety website. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, health and safety policies, programs and procedures, and links to applicable Federal, Provincial, and Municipal legislation.
- d) The University recognizes and acknowledges the right of Members to be informed about hazards in the workplace and to be provided with appropriate training, and the right of Members to refuse unsafe work, consistent with the Act.
- e) The University will take those measures that it deems to be reasonable to maintain the security of the buildings and grounds, while, at the same time, maintaining reasonable access for Members who have a need for such access at times other than during regular working hours.
- f) The University shall extend the same standards and measures regarding health and safety at the Guelph campus to any outside workplace that is managed by the University. These include but are not limited to ensuring the establishment and currency of an Asbestos Inventory and the establishment and currency of a Chemical Inventory System.
- g) The University shall establish and maintain Emergency Response Protocols. The University shall provide, to Campus Community Police, an up-to-date contact list of all Members and their workplaces. This list will be updated on a semesterly basis, or as needed.
- h) In keeping with the provisions of the Act, when circumstances require appointing a Member as a supervisor, the University shall appoint a competent Member, as defined in the Act.

41.3 The University agrees to pay the cost of Level 1 and Level 2 certification for Members on the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee, as provided by Environmental Health and Safety,

The Workers' Health and Safety Centre, or any other such agency, as recommended by the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee.

- 41.4 The University agrees to pay the cost of Level 1 certification for Members on local Joint Health and Safety Committees. The University will provide paid time off for Members.
- 41.5 The University will respond in writing, within fifteen (15) days, to all recommendations from the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee (and all applicable local Joint Health and Safety Committees). This response will include the action to be taken and the time line for its implementation, or reasons for not acting on the recommendations.

Responsibilities of Members

- 41.6 Members shall work in compliance with the provisions of the Act and in compliance with the regulations, policies, programs, and procedures specified by the University (see 41.2 (b)). Supervisors shall complete and remain current with Competent Supervisor and Due Diligence training as established and made available by Environmental Health and Safety. In addition, Members shall insist that all persons under their supervision in the workplace shall follow the applicable University Health and Safety regulations, policies, programs, and procedures and shall notify the University of any non-compliance.
- 41.7 Members shall follow safe working practices in carrying out their responsibilities and shall follow standards, rules, regulations, policies, programs and procedures regarding the use of personal protective equipment in the workplace. The Parties agree that the University shall provide, and the Members shall make use of, protective equipment, whenever such equipment is required by the legislation, or the regulations pertaining to the legislation, for the safe performance of the Member's assigned responsibilities of employment.
- 41.8 Members shall advise the appropriate Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, of any circumstance that comes to their attention that may place the health and safety of Members and/or other persons at risk in the workplace.

Central Joint Health and Safety Committee

- 41.9 The University and the Association agree to participate in the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference.
- 41.10 The Association shall have the right to appoint one (1) representative to the Central Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- 41.11 The Central Joint Health and Safety Committee shall support the health and safety measures of Environmental Health and Safety and shall draw to the attention of the University any egregious or repeated violation of compliance orders. The University will respond to these orders in a timely manner.

Article 42 - No Discrimination and No Harassment

- 42.1 The University is committed to fostering a working and learning environment that allows for full and free participation of all members of the University community. Discrimination against and harassment of individuals, whether as members of any recognizable group or otherwise, undermines these objectives and violates the fundamental rights, personal dignity, and integrity of individuals or groups of individuals.
- 42.2 The Parties agree to abide by the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.19 (for the purposes of this Article “the Code”) and the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*.
- 42.3 Harassment is a form of discrimination based on one or more of the prohibited grounds identified by the Code and/or the University’s *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*. The Code defines harassment as “engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.”
- 42.4 Personal conduct or behaviour also constitutes harassment, whether or not it is based on prohibited grounds set out in this Article or the Code, when it creates an intimidating, demeaning, or hostile working environment. Harassment is defined as noted in Article 42.3.
- 42.4.1 The exercise of administrative authority does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment. Communication of negative assessments arising from the exercise of academic or professional judgment does not, in and of itself, constitute harassment.
- 42.5 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction, or coercion exercised against or by any Member regarding any term or condition of employment, including but not limited to salary, rank, Continuing Appointment, Promotion, Tenure, reappointment, dismissal, termination of employment, layoff, Study/Research Leave, or other Leaves or Benefits, by reasons of the grounds listed below, nor shall any discrimination be exercised against or by Members in the course of carrying out their Responsibilities, by reason of:
- a) race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, citizenship (except for new Appointments as provided by law); or
 - b) creed, or political affiliation or belief or practice; or
 - c) sex, sexual orientation, gender, physical attributes, marital status, or family status; or
 - d) age; or
 - e) physical or mental health disability (provided that such condition does not interfere with the ability to carry out the Member’s Responsibilities; but this exception shall not relieve the University from its duty to accommodate in accordance with the Code, or other applicable legislation); or
 - f) place of residence (see 42.7); or
 - g) membership or participation in the Association.
- 42.6 Article 42.5 does not apply to any action or decision based on a bona fide occupational requirement or qualification.
- 42.7 Place of residence shall not be considered a reason or factor unless the place of residence interferes with a Member carrying out any of his/her responsibilities.

- 42.8 The University shall ensure, in accordance with the Code, that there shall be no systemic discrimination against Members through policies, procedures, or practices that may lead to adverse job-related consequences.
- 42.9 This Article shall not infringe upon the implementation of special measures designed to assist disadvantaged persons or groups to achieve equality, including any action that has as its objective the increased representation of the four designated groups identified by the Federal Contractors Program for employment equity, namely, aboriginal people, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and women.
- 42.10 The University, the Association, and all members of the University community share responsibility for ensuring that the work and learning environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The University bears the responsibility for offering appropriate training in the recognition of behaviours and institutional cultures that may constitute discrimination and/or harassment, and for creating suitable procedures to remove such behaviors and institutional cultures from the University's working and learning environment.
- 42.11 There shall be no reprisal or retaliation nor any threat of reprisal or retaliation against anyone for:
- a) pursuing rights under this Article; or
 - b) participation in proceedings or for assisting a person in pursuit of their rights, under this Article, or the *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* of the University, or pursuant to legislation protecting against harassment or discrimination, except as provided for in 42.10.
- 42.12 It is an offence for any person, in bad faith, to make an allegation of discrimination or harassment, or to initiate a procedure under the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures* or this Agreement, or to influence an ongoing procedure under this Article. If substantiated, this could be subject to discipline.
- 42.13 The Human Rights Advisory Group, which advises the Assistant Vice-President (Diversity and Human Rights) on matters pertaining to the University's *Human Rights Policy and Procedures*, as amended from time to time, shall include two (2) representatives appointed by the Association.
- 42.14 The minutes/notes of the Human Rights Advisory Group shall be forwarded simultaneously to the representatives and to the Association.
- 42.15 The Association shall be notified of all hate activities and crimes at the University, as identified by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights, and the nature of such acts.
- 42.16 Copies of all Formal Complaints made to the Office of Diversity and Human Rights involving a Member shall be sent to the Member and to the Association upon receipt. If appropriate, the complaint may be redacted by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights to retain confidentiality.

Article 43 – Accommodation of Members with Disabilities

- 43.1 The Parties are jointly committed to providing a work environment that facilitates the full participation of all Members. The Parties encourage, as articulated in the Accommodation Partnership Agreement jointly agreed upon by the parties, all Members with disabilities to avail

themselves of the services at the University that may facilitate their contributions to teaching, research, scholarship, and professional practice and service.

43.2 The Parties agree to act in accordance with applicable legislation.

43.3 No Member shall be subjected to retaliation or reprisal for taking action to obtain Accommodation for him/herself or any other person, including acting as an advocate or a witness in any proceeding resulting from an Accommodation request or complaint.

Article 44 - Maternity and Parental Leave

Eligibility and Application

- 44.1 The provisions of this Article shall apply equally to all Members except those holding Contractually Limited Appointments. For Members holding Contractually Limited Appointments, all provisions of this Article shall apply, except for Article 44.8 to Article 44.12 (Supplemental Income Benefit).
- 44.2 A Member shall give written notice to his/her Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, of his/her intention to take Maternity and/or Parental Leave normally three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave.
- 44.3 Where both parents are Members and are qualified to take Leave under the provisions of this Article, the Leave may be shared. In this case, both Members shall provide notification to their respective Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave. The combined Leave provision provided to both Members shall not exceed fifty-two (52) weeks of Maternity/Parental Leave. Additional Unpaid Parental Leave may be requested as per 44.14.
- 44.4 The notice periods above may be waived if the Member stops working as a result of complications with the pregnancy or because the child comes into the care or custody of the parent sooner than expected.

Leave Provisions

Maternity Leave

- 44.5 Upon the birth of a child, a Member shall be entitled to up to seventeen (17) weeks of Maternity Leave as per the Employment Standards Act.

Parental Leave

- 44.6 For a Member who has taken Maternity Leave as provided for under Article 44.5, the Member shall also be entitled to up to an additional thirty-five (35) weeks of Leave as per the *Employment Standards Act*.
- 44.7 For a Member who is not eligible to take Maternity Leave under Article 44.5 (e.g., father, same-sex partner, or adoptive parent), the Member shall be entitled to up to thirty-seven (37) weeks of Parental Leave as per the *Employment Standards Act*.

Supplemental Income Benefit

- 44.8 Members must apply for, and qualify for, and receive, Employment Insurance (EI) benefits to receive Supplemental Income Benefits from the University.
- 44.9 To be eligible to receive a Supplemental Income Benefit, a Member shall provide appropriate documentation of the birth or adoption of a child and the receipt of EI benefits to Human Resources.
- 44.10 A Member disentitled or disqualified from receiving EI benefits is not eligible to receive Supplemental Income Benefits from the University.

- 44.10.1 Exceptions to this will be considered on a case-by-case basis for those Members who do not qualify for EI benefits, based on the criteria expected for EI eligibility.
- 44.11 During the period of Maternity and/or Parental Leave as specified above, an eligible Member shall receive from the University:
- a) for the first two (2) weeks, 100% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings;
 - b) for up to a maximum of twenty-eight (28) additional weeks of Maternity and/or Parental Leave, an amount equal to 95% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings;
 - c) for any remaining period of Parental Leave beyond thirty (30) weeks, Supplemental Income Benefits equal to 25% of her/his weekly EI earnings but no more than 100% of his/her normal salary, less any applicable EI weekly earnings.
- 44.12 The thirty-five (35) weeks of Supplemental Income Benefit provided for Maternity and/or Parental Leave under b) and c) above may be shared between eligible Members (i.e., one parent may take 20 weeks, and the other may take 15 weeks, or any combination thereof).

Additional Unpaid Parental Leave

- 44.13 All Members are eligible to apply for and be considered for Unpaid Parental Leave.
- 44.14 Unpaid Parental Leave is intended to accommodate Members who are not eligible for the Leave provisions provided under 44.5 and/or 44.6 - 44.7 or for those Members who require additional time to care for newborn or newly adopted child(ren) than provided for under the Employment Standards Act.
- 44.15 On receipt of appropriate documentation or confirmation of the birth or adoption of a child, the University will grant thirty-seven (37) weeks of Unpaid Parental Leave to Members upon notification to the Member's Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, normally three (3) months prior to the commencement of the Leave. For those Members eligible for and who have taken Parental Leave, any Unpaid Parental Leave will commence immediately following the Parental Leave.
- 44.16 Unpaid Parental Leave is available to be shared between both parents.
- 44.17 Unpaid Parental Leave is not available when a Member establishes a spousal relationship with an individual who already has a child(ren) and the Member subsequently adopts the child(ren).
- 44.18 Participation in the University Group Insurance Benefits may be continued while a Member is on Unpaid Parental Leave on a normal cost-sharing arrangement.
- 44.19 Additional Unpaid Leave may be requested by a Member under the provisions of Article 45: Leaves of Absence. Such request is made to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate.

General Provisions

- 44.20 A Member who has taken Maternity and/or Parental Leave and/or Unpaid Parental Leave will have academic decisions related to Tenure/Continuing Appointment and Promotion to Associate

Professor deferred by one year for each such Leave. Such a deferral shall be granted automatically, unless a Member requests to have the deferral waived.

- 44.21 A Member on Maternity and/or Parental Leave will continue to receive University benefits while on Leave on a normal cost-sharing basis. Participation in the Pension Plan is optional for the Member.
- 44.22 Should a pregnancy result in medical complications before or after the Maternity leave, the provisions of Article 47: Sick Leave shall apply.
- 44.23 It is expected that a Member will return to employment at the University following a Maternity and/or Parental Leave.
- 44.24 Upon return to work, a Member who has taken Leave(s) under this Article shall resume his/her position at the same rank and his/her normal salary and benefits, including any intervening salary and benefits adjustments provided for under this Agreement.

Article 45 - Leaves of Absence

- 45.1 Members may apply for a Leave of Absence without pay. An application for such a Leave will be given due consideration and may be granted where the University determines that the Leave will not interfere with operational requirements.
- 45.2 A Leave of Absence without pay shall not normally exceed one year. This restriction may be modified in individual cases by the Provost, on recommendation from the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Directors.
- 45.3 In all cases of Contractually Limited Members, a Leave will not extend the duration of the term of appointment and will not exceed the end date of the term of appointment.
- 45.4 While a Member is on a Leave of Absence without pay, the University will not contribute towards the costs of benefits. The Member may elect to pay both the University and Member costs of benefits during the period of Leave.
- 45.5 Any application for a Leave of Absence shall be made by the Member to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate. The application shall describe the purpose and duration of the Leave. A Member will apply in writing at least six (6) months before the proposed leave is to take effect. In the case of unforeseen events/circumstances, a Member shall be permitted to apply for a Leave of Absence less than six (6) months before it would begin and this application will be given due consideration.
- 45.6 The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall consult with the person to whom the Member reports. The Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall then approve or deny the application. Any decision not to approve an application shall be accompanied by written reasons.
- 45.7 While on a Leave of Absence, Members are not eligible for consideration for Promotion and/or Tenure/Continuing Appointment. This restriction may be modified in individual cases by the Provost, on recommendation from the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, at the request of the Member. In the case of a Member on a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Appointment, a Leave of Absence beyond six (6) months will extend the Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Appointment by a period of one year.
- 45.8 Study/Research Leave credit shall not be earned during a Leave of Absence without pay.
- 45.9 A Member, upon returning from a Leave of Absence, shall be placed, at a minimum, at the same rank and appointment type as held at the commencement of the Leave.
- 45.10 Upon returning from a Leave, a Member will receive salary of not less than that received immediately prior to the period of the Leave, adjusted by any base salary adjustments that may have taken place in the interval.

Article 46 - Vacation and Holidays

Vacation

- 46.1 A Member's vacation entitlement shall be based on service during each Academic Year.
- 46.2 Vacation leave for Members other than those covered in 46.6 shall be:
- a) from the first year up to and including the eighth (8) year of service, vacation entitlement will be twenty-two (22) days;
 - b) from the beginning of the ninth (9) year up to and including the twentieth (20) year of service, twenty-five (25) days;
 - c) from the beginning of the twenty-first (21) year and for all subsequent years, thirty (30) days.
- 46.3 Accrual of service commences on the first day of employment. Members may utilize vacation credits, with approval, in advance of earning them with the understanding that upon termination of employment the value of any unearned vacation credits taken will be reimbursed to the University.
- 46.4 A Member shall take vacation at a time or times agreeable to the person to whom he/she reports.
- 46.5 There shall be no remuneration in excess of the annual salary in the event that a Member chooses to work through all or part of his/her scheduled vacation period.
- 46.6 A Member appointed on a contract for less than twelve (12) months shall be paid a vacation payment in lieu of a paid vacation in the amount of 8% of salary earned.
- 46.7 It is expected that a Member will take his/her vacation in the year in which it is earned. A Member may, however, carry over unused vacation days, excepting the ten (10) days required by law, into the next Academic Year, but the total vacation days carried over shall not exceed thirty (30) days.
- 46.8 Salary shall not be paid in lieu of unused vacation time.

Holidays

- 46.9 In addition to paid vacation, the following holidays shall be granted on the day on which the holiday occurs or is celebrated by the University:
- a) any day declared as a holiday by the President; or
 - b) a statutory holiday as declared by federal or provincial authorities;
 - c) the Civic Holiday; and
 - d) any other day on which the University premises are declared closed by the President.
- 46.10 If a Veterinarian Member is required to work on a holiday as defined by Article 46.9 above, he/she may take one and one-half (1.5) days of additional paid leave at a time agreed upon by the Member and the University.

Religious Accommodation

- 46.11 A Members is entitled, upon giving due notice to the person to whom he/she reports, to rearrange his/her duties so he/she can observe the religious obligations and practices of his/her faith. For recurring religious obligations and practices, a single notice shall suffice.

Article 47 - Sick Leave

- 47.1 A Member who is absent and therefore unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities because of illness or injury shall advise the person to whom he/she reports as soon as reasonably possible of his/her absence and the expected date of return to work. The Member will provide notification as soon as reasonably possible of any change to the expected date of return to work. The University reserves the right to require medical documentation of illness or injury whenever the University reasonably considers such documentation necessary.
- 47.2 A Contractually Limited Member who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury shall receive his/her actual salary up to a maximum of fifteen (15) days in any twelve (12) month period.
- 47.3 If a Contractually Limited Member's absence due to illness or injury continues beyond fifteen (15) days, the Member will remain on Sick Leave, but without salary. Following an absence of greater than ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days, the Member may qualify for Long Term Disability as outlined in this Article. For continuation of benefits while on unpaid Sick Leave, the Member shall pay both the University and Member premiums.
- 47.4 A Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury up to a maximum of ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days shall receive his/her actual salary and benefits except in the following circumstances:
- a) if there is a recurrence of the same or related illness or injury within thirty (30) calendar days following a Member's return to work on a full-time basis from Sick Leave, the Member is entitled to the unused portion of the original ninety (90) consecutive Calendar day period of Sick Leave;
 - b) if a Member is able to return to work on a part-time basis within the ninety (90) consecutive calendar day period, the ninety (90) consecutive calendar days will be extended by the amount of the time actually worked by the Member during this ninety (90) consecutive Calendar day period; or
 - c) if a Faculty Member or Librarian becomes ill or injured while on Study/Research Leave such that the Study/Research Leave cannot be completed, the Member shall go on Sick Leave and the provisions of Article 22: Study/Research Leave for Faculty and Article 29: Study/Research Leave and Development Leave for Librarians shall cease to apply. If 50% or more of the Study/Research Leave is unable to be completed, the Faculty Member or Librarian may apply to the Dean or University Librarian for deferral of the Leave;
 - d) for Veterinarian Members who become ill or injured while on Consultative Leave, part c) above shall apply mutatis mutandis.
- 47.5 To ensure a timely application and consideration for Long Term Disability benefits, the person to whom the Member reports will inform Human Resources (Occupational Health and Wellness) as soon as possible of the absence due to illness or injury.

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Benefits

- 47.6 A Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury arising out of and in the course of employment shall be paid his/her actual salary by the University for up to the first

ninety (90) consecutive calendar days of any such absence. During this period, any benefits from the WSIB shall be paid to the University. If the Member continues to be entitled to such benefits after ninety (90) days, the Member shall receive benefits directly from the WSIB.

- 47.7 A Contractually Limited Member who is absent from work as a result of illness or injury arising out of and in the course of employment shall be paid his/her actual salary by the University for up to the first fifteen (15) days of any such absence. During this period, any benefits from the WSIB shall be paid to the University. If the Member continues to be entitled to such benefits after fifteen (15) days, he/she shall receive benefits directly from the WSIB.

Long Term Disability (LTD)

- 47.8 If a Member's absence due to illness or injury continues beyond the ninety (90) consecutive Calendar days of Sick Leave, the Member may qualify for LTD only in accordance with and to the extent of the terms of the legislation and/or LTD benefits policy in effect.
- 47.9 When a Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing Appointment and is absent due to illness or injury beyond ninety (90) consecutive calendar days of Sick Leave but does not qualify for LTD, the Member will remain on Sick Leave following the ninety (90) consecutive calendar days, but without salary. For continuation of benefits while on unpaid Sick Leave, the Member shall pay both the University and Member premiums.
- 47.10 For Contractually Limited Members, if eligible, LTD benefits will cease at five (5) years. If the end of the contract has been exceeded at the time LTD benefits cease, the Member will be deemed terminated.
- 47.11 During the period of LTD, the University shall pay the employer and employee contributions for all benefits except optional benefits. Pension contributions and basic life insurance premium contributions are based on the Member's pre-disability salary.
- 47.12 During periods of LTD, there will be no service accrual toward eligibility for Study/Research Leave, Consultative Leave or Transition Leave.

Return to Work

- 47.13 In all cases, the return-to-work program shall be consistent with the Parties' duty to accommodate in accordance with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.
- 47.14 Before a return to work following an absence of more than fourteen (14) calendar days due to illness or injury, or where the University has reason to believe that the Member may require accommodation, the University may require documentation stating that the Member is able to return to work without restrictions or that he/she is able to return to work, with the nature and duration of any work restrictions described.
- 47.15 If a Member is to return to work with restrictions, the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, shall contact Occupational Health and Wellness before the Member's return to work to meet and discuss any accommodations required for his/her return to work.

Article 48 – Family Medical Leave and Personal Emergency Leave

Family Medical Leave

Purpose

48.1 Family Medical Leave may be taken to provide care or support to family members to whom a qualified health practitioner has issued a certificate indicating that he/she has a serious medical condition with a significant risk of death occurring within a period of twenty-six (26) weeks. The medical condition and risk of death must be confirmed in a certificate issued by a qualified health practitioner.

Process for Approval

48.2 Members requiring Family Medical Leave shall notify the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible, providing the certificate (per Article 48.1) issued by a qualified health practitioner.

48.3 A family medical leave may last up to eight (8) weeks within a specified twenty-six (26) week period and does not have to be taken consecutively. Such Leave will be with pay.

Personal Emergency Leave

Process for Approval

48.4 The Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall determine the appropriate duration of the Leave, to a maximum of ten (10) days, after consultation with the Member. Such Leave will be with pay.

48.5 A Member is entitled to a maximum of ten (10) days of Personal Emergency Leave. Personal Emergency Leave may be taken for such grounds as injury, medical emergency, death, illness, or other urgent matters relating to family members (per Article 48.4). The Member shall inform the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible of the need to take such leave. A Member may, subject to written approval by the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, receive pay during such leave under the terms of this Article.

Article 49 - Court Leave

- 49.1 Members who are called for jury duty, or issued a summons by a court or any body in Canada with powers of subpoena, shall, if their attendance requires them to be absent from their scheduled responsibilities, notify the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, as soon as possible after its receipt, and shall supply the Dean, University Librarian, or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, with a copy of the summons.
- 49.2 Leave shall be considered leave with pay provided that the Member is not currently on a Leave of Absence without salary and that upon return he/she provides the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, verification from the court or other body stating the period of jury duty or subpoenaed service.
- 49.3 This Article does not apply to Members summoned to any Arbitration proceeding between the University and the Association.

Article 50 - Political Leave

- 50.1 A Member who becomes a candidate for full-time public office shall be granted, upon request, a paid temporary Political Leave for the period from the issuance of the election writ to the day following the election. The Member shall, in consultation with the person to whom he/she reports, make efforts to ensure that, during the period of the Leave, the effects of his/her absence upon responsibilities and assigned duties may be minimized.
- 50.2 A Member campaigning for election to public office shall speak and write as a private citizen and not as a representative of the University.
- 50.3 A Member applying for leave under this Article shall give reasonable notice of his/her intention to stand for public office to the Dean, University Librarian or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director.
- 50.4 A Tenured or Continuing Appointment Member who is elected to full-time public office shall be granted leave without salary and benefits for the duration of the term of public office. While the Member is on Leave without pay, the University will not contribute towards the costs of benefits, including pension. The Member may elect to pay the cost of benefits and/or pension contributions during the period of the Leave.
- 50.5 The leave under Article 50.4 shall end when the Member's first public office term expires or if the Member successfully seeks subsequent terms of office. Any extension of leave beyond five (5) full years will be at the discretion of the Provost.
- 50.6 The Member upon making a request to the Dean, or University Librarian or in the case of Veterinarians, Director, returning to the workplace no later than two (2) weeks following the expiry of the Leave, shall be reinstated to his/her previous Appointment.

Article 51 - Research Policies

Human Subjects

- 51.1 The Parties agree that *Tri-Council Policy Statements (TCPS)* and other legislated requirements shall be the sole basis for any new or revised policy, procedure, or regulation for research involving human subjects.
- 51.2 Following a decision of the Research Ethics Board Appeal Committee, a Member has the right to grieve. The Grievance will only be heard if it is based on a complaint of procedural defect or irregularity in the process that led to the decision.

Animal Care Policy

- 51.3 The Parties agree that the appropriate care of, and respect for, the animals involved in research, teaching, and extension activities is central to the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, as may be revised from time to time.
- 51.4 The Parties agree that the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, 2006, as amended from time to time, is intended for application within the context of academic freedom.
- 51.5 Decisions of Animal Care Committees may be appealed through Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration. The Grievance will only be heard if it is based on a complaint of procedural defect or irregularity in the process which led to the decision.
- 51.6 It is agreed that before any changes are made to the *University Animal Care Policy and Procedures*, the Association will be notified and meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.

Article 52 - Intellectual Property

Preamble

- 52.1 The Association and the University recognize that the common good of society is served by the unfettered search for knowledge in all fields of study, and by its public exposition.
- 52.2 The University and the Association are committed to preserving the principles of academic and intellectual freedom and ensuring that all Creators of Intellectual Property have their rights protected.
- 52.3 The fundamental principle of the University's policy with respect to ownership is that Intellectual Property is owned by the Faculty Members, Librarians, Veterinarians, staff and student Creator(s) who create it, subject only to the specific exceptions set out in this Article (i.e., 52.9.3 and 52.10.2).
- 52.4 The development of Intellectual Property rights is not a basic purpose of University Activities, including research, nor is it a condition for support of such activities. The University agrees that UGFA Members will have no obligation to seek Intellectual Property rights for the results of University Activities, or to modify research to enhance such rights. Members may have an opportunity to engage in commercial exploitation of his/her Intellectual Property, but no Members will be obliged to engage in commercial exploitation of his or her scholarly work or to provide commercial justification for it, except as agreed to by the Member in any grant application, award, or Contract.
- 52.5 Issues relating to disputed ownership of Intellectual Property, the transfer of rights relating to Intellectual Property (including licensing), and the allocation of any revenue from Intellectual Property, will be decided in a fair and equitable manner.
- 52.6 **Definitions**
- 52.6.1 "Creator" means the person or persons who creates, conceives, designs, discovers, develops, or authors Intellectual Property.
- 52.6.2 "Extraordinary Support" means University funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources that are provided to a Member to a degree that is significantly in excess of that available to all Members. Extraordinary Support does not include University support in the form of the Member's regular salary, stipends, allowances, benefits, paid or unpaid leaves or reassigned time, personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources regularly funded by the activities of the Member's department, the normal use of University's library and computer facilities, and the University support accessible in connection with normal duties or academic instructional programs involving the Member. Such "Extraordinary Support" will be recognized by all parties through the signing of a Contract before such support is provided.
- 52.6.3 "Intellectual Property" means any result of intellectual or artistic activity including:
- 52.6.3.1 inventions, arts, processes, machines, manufacturers, compositions of matter and improvements, and Works;
- 52.6.3.2 proprietary information, trade secrets, and know-how;

52.6.3.3 industrial designs, artistic designs;

52.6.3.4 tangible research property including integrated circuit topography, biotechnology and genetic engineering products (including plant cultivars and germ plasm), engineering drawings, engineering prototypes and other property that can be physically distributed whether or not any such property is registrable or registered, or the subject of applications for registration, and all other products of research or discovery that are protected by law, including by a statutory regime, or which may be licensable.

52.6.4 “Moral Rights” means the Canadian statutory rights of an author of a Work in which copyright subsists to be associated with the Work and to prevent the distortion, mutilation, or modification of the Work to the prejudice of the honour and reputation of the author.

52.6.5 “University Activities” means activities that are carried out by Members, staff, and students in the course of their employment or association with the University, or using University funds, facilities, equipment, or other resources.

52.6.6 “Contract” means a written agreement between a Member and the University or the Member and any Person or the University and any Person, including the terms of any award or grant, including the OMAFRA Agreement.

52.6.7 “Person” means any individual, firm, corporation, or other legal entity not a party to this Agreement.

52.6.8 “Copyright” means the sole right to produce or reproduce a Work or a substantial part of it in any form.

52.6.9 “Work” means original literary, dramatic, artistic, and musical works as well as sound recordings, performer’s performances and communication signals and works including but not limited to: publications, notes, books, texts, articles, monographs, glossaries, bibliographies, cartographic materials, modular posters, study guides, laboratory manuals, correspondence, course packages, interactive textbooks, websites, course work delivered on the Internet, including distance education, multimedia instructional packages, syllabi, tests and work papers, lectures, choreographic works, unpublished scripts, films, filmstrips, charts, transparencies, other visual aids, video and audio tapes and cassettes, computer software, computer programs and code of all types, layouts, interfaces, applications and tools, all databases and database layouts (but not data in databases unless the individual elements can be or are protected) live video and audio broadcasts, programmed instructional materials, drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, works of visual art and music (including any software which expresses the said notes, manuals, artifacts or works), and productions (including sound, video, film, hypertext multimedia);

Right to Publish

52.7.1 The University is an open environment for the pursuit of scholarly work. Academic freedom and critical inquiry implies the communication of the findings and results of intellectual investigation. The University shall not interfere with a Member’s freedom to publish the results of scholarly inquiry and research, except for limitations imposed by duly constituted university research ethics boards, or in accordance with the terms of an

agreement of confidentiality, Contract, or conditions under which a grant is accepted by a Member.

52.7.2 The Parties agree that where an external sponsor wishes to delay publication of work received under a Contract with the sponsor, in no case shall publication be delayed longer than twelve (12) months from the date of submission of the final work to the sponsor. In exceptional cases, and with the agreement of the Member and the Vice-President (Research), this may be extended for a further twelve (12) months, to a total of twenty-four (24) months.

52.7.3 Members have the right to accept grants and Contracts that do not necessarily result in publication.

Right to Disclose Risks

52.8 Members have the absolute right to publicly disclose information about risks to research participants or the general public or threats to the public interest that become known in the course of their research. Members shall disclose this information to the University and any pertinent regulator prior to, or simultaneously with, the public disclosure. It is expected that a Member will not sign a confidentiality agreement contrary to this Right.

Copyright

52.9.1 Copyright applies to all original literary, dramatic, artistic, and musical works as well as sound recordings, performer's performances, and communication signals.

52.9.2 All Copyright belongs to the Member or Members who create the Work even if it is produced during the course of employment and with the use of the University's facilities and resources, except in those cases where:

- a) there is a written Contract to the contrary, between the Member(s) and the University, or between the Member(s) and the University and a third party that assigns the ownership rights of the copyright material to the University or the third party;
- b) the University provides "Extraordinary Support". In such cases, the Member will agree to share his/her portion of the ownership rights and/or revenues deriving from the copyright material with the University in percentages established by means of a Contract between the Member and the University. The University shall recover those costs by taking not more than 50% of the net revenues in each year until such time as the University has recovered its Extraordinary Support. Thereafter, the University shall receive not more than 40% of net revenues in each year. All agreements between a Member or Members and the University pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing and shall be copied to the Association.

52.9.3 No Contract or written agreement between the University and a Member shall contain a clause waiving moral rights.

52.9.4 In the event that a Work is the creation of more than one Member, the provisions of this article shall apply on a pro rata basis to all the creators of the work, unless a written agreement among the Members or Contract states otherwise.

- 52.9.5 In the event that the University or assignee relinquishes its rights in any Work, all intellectual property rights shall revert back to the first owner. In the event that the first owner is deceased, the rights shall revert to the estate of the first owner.
- 52.9.6 The University agrees that all rights in the copyright to lectures and other Works (per 52.9.2) prepared by and/or delivered by a Member in association with his/her teaching assignments(s) shall vest in the Member.
- 52.9.7 No Member shall claim any copyright in any assessment, grading, report, or correspondence produced pursuant to her/his normal administrative duties within the University. Moreover, no Member shall claim copyright in any materials provided to the Member to assist him/her in carrying out his/her duties and modified by the Member, such as a laboratory manual, or claim copyright in any materials produced and designed to assist in the day-to-day administration, operation, and/or management of the University's affairs.
- 52.9.8 Where copyright has been assigned to the University by a Member(s), the University shall inform the Association and the creators, in writing, of any agreements the University enters into purporting to assign copyright materials to any Party except that Member(s).
- 52.9.9 A Member who creates a copyrighted Work in the course of his/her normal duties and responsibilities as defined by this Agreement shall grant the University a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-transferable license to use such Works in other, non-commercial teaching and/or scholarly, research or creative activities of the University, subject to copyright requirements of academic journals and other vehicles of scholarly publication. This license shall not apply to a Member's personal documents, including unpublished lecture notes, course notes, lab notes or any Work in progress. The Member may withdraw the right to use such Work because of dating or other bona fide scholarly reasons provided that the Member has provided the University with reasonable notice of the change being sought and has been unsuccessful in effecting such change.

Patents and Trademarks

- 52.10.1 The discovery of patentable inventions and the creation of associated or individual trademarks is not a basic purpose of university research, nor is it a condition for support of such research. The University agrees that the Member shall have no obligation to seek patent or trademark protection for the results of scientific activity or to modify research to enhance patentability. When a Member has an invention, process, or product which he/she believes has a reasonable prospect of being protected and intends to take steps to do so, he/she is obliged to disclose this, in writing, to the University. The University further agrees that the Member has the unqualified right to publish his or her inventions, processes, or products. This article applies to any result of intellectual or artistic activity created by a Member or Members that can be owned by a person, excluding know-how, data, and Work to which copyright alone attaches.
- 52.10.2 All inventions, processes and products belong to the Member or Members who create them even if they are produced during the course of employment and with the use of the University's facilities and resources, except in those cases where:
- a) there is a written Contract to the contrary between the Member(s) and the University (e.g., with respect to the OMAFRA Agreement), which obliges the ownership rights to be assigned to the University or another party;

- b) the University provides “Extraordinary Support”. In such cases, the Member will agree to share his/her portion of the ownership rights and/or revenue deriving from the patentable or trademarked material with the University in percentages established by means of a Contract between the Member and the University. The University shall recover those costs by taking not more than 50% of the net revenues in each year until such time as the University has recovered its Extraordinary Support. Thereafter, the University shall receive not more than 40% of net revenues in each year.

52.10.3 A Member shall disclose potential intellectual property as soon as reasonably possible and prior to filing a patent or trademark application whether it refers to an invention, process, improvement, design, or development made with the support of the University. At that time, the Member shall disclose any Contract that may be relevant to the development of the Intellectual Property and shall assert at that time the identity of the Creators and owners of the Intellectual Property. If the University fails to challenge in writing the assertion of the Member within three (3) months of the receipt of notification of the above noted disclosures and assertions, the University shall be deemed to have accepted as accurate the assertions set out in the Member's notice. Failure by the Member to give notice as described in this section shall maintain the University's rights until such notification. The burden of establishing the amount of Extraordinary Support incurred by the University shall lie with the University.

52.10.4 A Member may, at his/her sole discretion, make his/her own arrangements for an application for patent or trademark and for the commercial exploitation of any invention, improvement, design or development so patented or trademarked, at his/her sole expense.

52.10.5 A Member may, at his/her sole discretion, enter into a Contract with the University to use the services of the Research Innovation Office. The University and Member will come to an agreement on the cost-sharing plan for patent or trademark and potential commercial exploitation.

52.10.5.1 Members have the right to invoke the Dispute Resolution Process where the Member believes that the University has failed to bring appropriate skill and effort to bear on the exploitation over a period of time.

52.10.6 The Member shall grant to the University a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable and non-transferable licence to use solely for the University's internal use any patented / trademarked invention, process, improvement, design, or development when such was made, discovered, or developed using University facilities, support personnel, support services, equipment or materials. Such right shall not include the right to exploit commercially any such invention, process, improvement, design or development, or to licence anyone to do so, except as allowed in this Article.

52.10.7 Any revenue that the University may receive under the terms of this Article shall be dedicated to research and other forms of scholarly activity, and the Association shall receive notice of same.

52.10.7.1 In the event that an invention, process, improvement, design, or development is the creation of more than one Member, the provisions of this article apply on a pro rata basis to all Members who created the invention, process,

improvement, design or development unless a written agreement or Contract states otherwise.

52.10.8 In the event that the University or assignee relinquishes his or her rights in any work, all Intellectual Property rights shall revert back to the first owner. In the event that the first owner is deceased, the rights shall revert to the estate of the first owner.

Written Agreements or Contracts

- 52.11 On or before March 31 of each year of this Collective Agreement, the University will provide to the Association a list of every Contract, including those covered by the OMAFRA University of Guelph Agreement (Schedule N), and for each agreement the names of Members and any third parties, and the share of cost and proceeds.
- 52.12 When the University and a Member(s) seek to enter into an agreement or Contract, the agreement or Contract must contain explicit information and undertakings with respect to the following:
- a) the identities of those entering into the agreement;
 - b) any support and/or resources that are being provided, beyond those normally available to Member(s);
 - c) the deadlines agreed to by the Parties;
 - d) the Member(s) responsible for the creation of the Work shall retain the exclusive right to rework, revise, or amend any Work, and to be fairly compensated;
 - e) provision with respect to the right of others at the University to make reproductions of the Work to use in teaching, scholarship, and research;
 - f) the duration of the agreement and the process for its revision;
 - g) provision for the disposition of materials produced under the agreement if the agreement is not renewed.
- 52.13 Subject to 52.10.2, the University shall not enter into any agreement with a third party (including an agreement to administer funds) that alters or abridges, or has the effect of altering or abridging, the Intellectual Property rights of a Member, unless the Member agrees in writing.
- 52.14 Any Member entering into a collaboration with another Member together with other employees of the University, or with a person or persons external to the University, will, prior to the commencement of the collaboration, inform all collaborators that, where there is no written agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this Article will apply.
- 52.15 The name "University of Guelph" and abbreviations thereof, and the logos of the University of Guelph and their component parts, are trademarks and service marks of the University and are owned by the University. Members will take all reasonable and practicable steps to ensure that the name of the University and such other trade-marks and service marks are not used in connection with Intellectual Property without the prior written agreement of the University. No statement made by a Member with respect to Intellectual Property may, in any way, imply approval, promotion, or use of such Intellectual Property by the University without the prior written agreement of the University. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing shall prevent a Member from stating his/her employment, rank and title in connection with Intellectual Property.

52.16 This Article does not affect the ownership, revenue or other rights and obligations of the University, the Association, and Members with respect to Intellectual Property that is the subject of any Contract dated, or any disclosure to the University made, prior to March 31, 2009.

Dispute Resolution

52.16.1 Every effort shall be made by all parties acting in good faith to resolve disputes at the lowest level possible. If the dispute is resolved through such means, the settlement shall be reduced to writing and a copy provided to the Faculty Association.

52.16.2 If Agreement cannot be reached, the Member may bring the matter before the Association to consider the filing of a grievance as per Article 40: Grievance and Arbitration.

52.16.3 In the event that the Canadian Copyright Act or Patent Act or other similar intellectual property legislation is amended to the extent that this Article requires revision, the parties shall re-open the negotiation of this Article.

Article 53 - Compensation

53.1 Compensation rates for Study/Research Leave for Faculty, Study/Research Leave and Development Leaves for Librarians, and Consultative Leave for Veterinarians shall be at 100% salary.

Salary General

53.2 The University shall not offer and a Member shall not receive any compensation except as provided for in this Agreement. No Member's salary shall be reduced as a result of the application of this Agreement.

53.3 Salaries shall be adjusted as specified in this Article, and the adjusted salaries shall take effect as of July 1, unless otherwise specified in this Article. Salary adjustments for individual Members shall include one or more of the following components applied in the following order:

- a) Cost of Living Increase;
- b) Promotion Increase, if any, applied to base salary;
- c) Annual Career Increment;
- d) Performance Increase, if any, applied to salary.

53.4 A Member's starting salary shall be established on an individual basis through negotiation between the University and the Candidate. All offers shall be sent to Candidates in a standard Appointment letter as per Article 19: Faculty Appointments, Article 26: Librarian Appointments, Article 32: Appointments for Veterinarians. Candidates will be provided the contact information for the Association prior to signing of an agreement. With the exception of Article 53.4.1 (below), no Member shall be paid a salary below the floor for his/her rank.

53.4.1 The parties recognize that the appropriate prorating of a salary in accordance with an approved reduction in workload may result in a salary below the floors set out in Articles 53.5 and 53.6.

53.5 The Salary Floor for Faculty and Veterinarian Members shall be:

Rank	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Professor or Veterinarian	\$99,918	\$101,417	\$102,939	\$104,484
Associate Professor or Associate Veterinarian	\$91,768	\$93,145	\$94,543	\$95,962
Assistant Professor or Assistant Veterinarian	\$86,789	\$88,091	\$89,413	\$90,755

53.6 The Salary Floor for Librarian Members shall be:

Rank	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Librarian	\$84,221	\$85,485	\$86,768	\$88,070
Associate Librarian	\$75,249	\$76,378	\$77,524	\$78,687
Assistant Librarian	\$69,768	\$70,815	\$71,878	\$72,957

Base Increases - Cost of Living Increase

53.7 Prior to the application of any salary increase (including Annual Career Increments and any applicable Performance Increase), the base salary of each Member will be increased effective the dates set out below:

July 1, 2017: 1.25%
July 1, 2018: 1.50%
July 1, 2019: 1.50%
July 1, 2020: 1.50%

53.8 Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members' base salaries as at June 30, 2017 shall be used as the starting point for the application of the salary increases set out above.

Annual Career Increment

53.9 Subject to Article 53.10 below, the base salary of each Member shall be increased as follows:

July 1, 2017: \$2,550
July 1, 2018: \$2,550
July 1, 2019: \$2,550
July 1, 2020: \$2,650

53.10 Where a Member has been given a performance rating of "Unsatisfactory", the Provost may, after having given due consideration to mitigating circumstances, and following any appeal provided for under Articles 21, 28, or 34, withhold, in whole or in part, the Annual Career Increment provided for in Article 53.9. The decision of the Provost is subject to the Grievance procedure.

53.10.1 If in the off-year assessment by the Tenure and Promotion Committees, the recommendation arising is that the Member has made satisfactory progress regarding the areas of concern identified by the College Committee in the biennial performance assessment, and the Provost accepts the recommendation, the Member shall receive his/her ACI for that year. Should the Provost not accept the recommendation, written reasons shall be provided.

Performance Increments

53.11 A performance-based recognition fund will be established and shall be awarded as one-time lump sums on July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020 respectively on the basis of performance evaluations for each Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Member as

follows: The performance increment pool shall be established by multiplying the applicable value (below) by the total number of all Members on July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, respectively.

July 1, 2017: \$800

July 1, 2018: \$900

July 1, 2019: \$1,000

July 1, 2020: \$1,100

- 53.12 The performance fund pool shall be divided among Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members whose performance rating is “Very Good” or “Outstanding” as follows:
- a) Members whose performance rating is “Very Good” shall be assigned a score of “1.0 point”;
 - b) Members whose performance rating is “Outstanding” shall be assigned a score of “2.0 point”;
 - c) the scores of all Members shall be added to determine the total of performance rating points;
 - e) each Member whose performance has been rated as “Very Good” shall receive a salary adjustment in the form of an increment equal to the value of one performance rating point in each year;
 - f) each Member whose performance has been rated as “Outstanding” shall receive a salary adjustment in the form of an increment equal to the value of two performance rating points.
- 53.13 All Members shall receive written reasons that set out the basis upon which their performance has been judged in accordance with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review for Faculty Members, or Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Librarians, or Article 34: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Veterinarian Members.
- 53.14 For the purpose of awarding performance increments, Faculty, Librarians, and Veterinarian Members will be provided a rating of either “Unsatisfactory,” “Improvement Required/Developmental,” “Good,” “Very Good,” or “Outstanding,” and shall not be ranked within these performance categories.
- 53.15 Performance increments shall be awarded by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, consistent with the procedures for Performance Review of Members in Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review for Faculty Members, or Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Librarians, or Article 34: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review for Veterinarian Members.

Promotion

- 53.16 Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members promoted to the rank of Associate Professor/Librarian/Veterinarian shall receive, on the effective date of the promotion, a Promotion Increment equal to the greater of \$2,400 and the difference between the Member’s current salary and the new salary floor for the rank into which he/she is being promoted. Faculty, Librarian, and Veterinarian Members promoted to the rank of Professor/Librarian/Veterinarian shall receive, on the effective date of the promotion, a Promotion Increment equal to the greater of \$4,000 and the difference between the Member’s

current salary and the new salary floor for the rank into which he/she is being promoted. Promotion increases shall be awarded in addition to the Member's normal ACI and Performance Increment.

Provost Recruitment and Retention

- 53.17 a) Where a Faculty Member provides the University with a written offer of employment from another educational institution that provides for a salary in excess of his or her current salary, the Provost has the discretion to match the salary being offered to the Faculty Member.
- b) The Association will be informed of the University's decision.

Research Chairs

- 53.18 A Research Chair is an academic Appointment that is funded from internally or externally designated funds. Funds designated and restricted for this purpose could include those from government, public, private, or endowed funds. Research Chairs include, but are not limited to, Canada Research Chairs, and Research Chairs sponsored by the federal granting councils (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR).
- 53.19 Any process to award an internally funded Research Chair shall be fair and transparent.
- 53.20 Chairholders shall normally be appointed at salaries comparable to those of other faculty with similar qualifications and experience. Research Chair appointment letters shall be copied to the Association.
- 53.21 To be competitive in recruiting and retaining top scholars, and to recognize the distinction of holding a chair, Chairholders may be eligible for a Research Chair Supplement for as long as they hold the Chair. The value of the annual Supplement shall be established at the time of appointment.
- 53.22 This Supplement shall not form part of the base salary, meaning that when the Member ceases to be a Chairholder the Member will no longer be eligible to receive the Supplement.

Overload Stipend

- 53.23 Faculty Members teaching overload courses shall receive a stipend of \$8,000 for each course taught that is considered a full course weighting in the Academic Unit in which the teaching is assigned. Overload courses are those that are assigned above the Teaching DOE in place for the Faculty Member. No overload courses will be assigned without approval of the Dean, and a Member may teach a maximum of one Overload course per academic year.

Remuneration of Chairs/Directors and Librarian Administrative Appointments

- 53.24 A Faculty Member who is a Department Chair or Director of a School shall receive an annual stipend. The amount of the Stipend shall be a minimum of \$12,000 for his/her first term as Chair, and a minimum of \$14,000 for his/her second term as Chair. The actual stipend amount shall be determined by negotiation between the Faculty Member and the Dean at the time of appointment to the position of Chair.
- 53.25 A Librarian holding an Administrative Appointment shall receive an annual stipend. For all Librarians who hold an Administrative Appointment, or subsequently assume an Administrative Appointment during the term of this Agreement, the amount of the stipend shall be a minimum of:

Level I: \$5,500 with a minimum of \$7,500 for his/her second term
Level II: \$7,500 with a minimum of \$9,500 for his/her second term
Level III: \$10,500 with a minimum of \$12,500 for his/her second term

The actual stipend amount shall be determined by negotiation between the Librarian and the University Librarian at the time of appointment to the administrative position.

On-Call and Emergency

- 53.26 A Veterinarian or Faculty Member who is required by the University to be on call for the provision of emergency services in the OVC-HSC or AHL shall be remunerated at the rate of \$50 per day.
- 53.27 Veterinarian Members in the OVC-HSC and Faculty Members who are required by the University to provide emergency services outside of their regular hours shall be remunerated at a rate per hour for providing service as follows:
- a) In-house services (Large Animal Clinic): \$250/hour
 - b) In-house services (Large Animal Clinic, production animals): \$150/hour
 - c) In-house services (Small Animal Clinic): \$300/hour
 - d) Field Service: \$150/hour.
- 53.28 Veterinarian Members in the AHL who are required by the University to provide emergency services outside of their regular hours shall be remunerated at \$150/hour spent directly involved in providing the service.

Benefits

- 53.29 All existing benefit plans available to eligible Members as at June 30, 2017 shall continue unchanged, except as modified by this Agreement.
- 53.30 Other plans or programs, such as, but not limited to, Employee Assistance Program, Athletic Fee Subsidy, etc. shall continue unchanged, except as modified by this Agreement.
- 53.31 For purposes of the Extended Health and Dental benefits, "spouse" means the Member's spouse by marriage or under any other formal union recognized by law, or a person of the opposite or same sex who is living with, and has been living with, the Member in a conjugal relationship.
- 53.32 Members who continue to hold Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track or Tenured/Continuing or Contractually Limited Appointments beyond their normal retirement date are entitled to receive the same benefits coverage as they held at their normal retirement date.
- 53.33 Notwithstanding the provisions of 53.29 of this Article, Long Term Disability benefits and Life Insurance end at a Member's normal retirement date.

Post-Retirement Benefits

- 53.34 Members who are employed on or after July 1, 2008 are eligible for post-retirement benefits if they have at least ten (10) years of pensionable service with the University.

Tuition Waiver

53.35 Tuition assistance will be available to all full- and part-time tenured/continuing appointment and tenure-track/continuing appointment-track Members. A maximum of two course credits offered by the University of Guelph will be eligible per semester, with a maximum of 4.0 courses per calendar year. In addition, currently employed Members will be eligible for tuition rebates of 90% of the tuition fees for off campus courses up to a maximum of \$1,200 per year.

53.35.1 Under this plan, the taking of credit or non-credit courses at the University or the taking of off campus courses, must complement Member's present or possible future responsibilities to the University or career path. The tuition waiver assistance will require approval of the Dean (for Faculty Members and Veterinarians in the OVC-HSC and OAC), the University Librarian (for Librarians), and the AVPR (for Veterinarians in the AHL).

Professional Development Reimbursement (PDR)

53.36 Each eligible Member may claim reimbursement of eligible expenses up to a value of:

July 1, 2017: \$2,000
July 1, 2018: \$2,050
July 1, 2019: \$2,100
July 1, 2020: \$2,150

53.37 The pool of monies for allocation for PDR for a particular year (May 1st to April 30th), will be taken as of September 15th. To be eligible for PDR, a Member must hold a:

- a) Tenure-track/continuing appointment-track or tenured/continuing appointment position;
or
- b) Contractually limited appointment of one year or more.

53.38 For Contractually Limited Members and all other Members who are on an approved reduced workload NOT related to medical or human rights reasons, PDR shall be pro-rated in accordance with the Member's percentage workload.

53.39 For newly appointed Members hired after September 15th, a pro-rated amount calculated as: (Months remaining to April 30th from Date of Hire/12) x (Annual PDR Allocation) shall be made for the initial PDR fund allotted.

53.40 Members who are retiring or resigning shall receive in their year of retirement a pro-rated amount calculated as: (Number of months worked in final PDR year/12 x Annual PDR Allocation).

General Terms and Procedures:

53.41 PDR funds will be distributed to Members as per the terms of this Article.

53.42 Each eligible Member is allotted the sum (effective May 1 of each year for the duration of the Agreement) for Professional Development Reimbursement per fiscal year (May 1 to April 30). Reimbursement charged to this allotment must be for actual expenses incurred and must be supported by actual receipts consistent with established University reimbursement procedures. The use of these funds must relate directly to the Member's teaching, scholarship, service, or professional practice activities under his/her general University responsibilities.

- 53.43 The exception to this is that one annual transfer to trust/research accounts will be permitted; however, the transfer must be for allowable expenses according to the current policy and a transfer must specify the items for which the funds have been expended.
- 53.44 Items purchased with these funds that have a continuing value remain the property of the University.
- 53.45 Items for which reimbursement may be claimed are restricted to the following:
- a) Books, Journal subscriptions;
 - b) Research equipment and instruments (including computer software or maintenance, personal computers and ancillary equipment, and typewriter or computer repairs and maintenance.);
 - c) Tuition/training fees which are related to the professional discipline of the Member;
 - d) Memberships in professional associations or learned societies;
 - e) Conference registration fees and travel;
 - f) The premium cost of property insurance (such as that offered by CAUT) to protect professional material and equipment.;
 - g) The purchase cost of personal computers and ancillary equipment needed in the pursuit of University related professional activities;
 - h) Up to \$100 may be used as a flexible allowance for out-of-pocket expenses associated with University recreational facilities. (If used, this reimbursement is considered a taxable benefit by Canada Revenue Agency.)
 - i) the cost of home internet provider services as an eligible expense subject to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations.

Timing and payment of PDR:

- 53.46 Due to administrative costs it is hoped that Members would, whenever possible, submit one claim for the PDR, but no more than 2 claims per fiscal year. Other variations regarding timing and payment of PDR include the following:
- a) Unused PDR up to a maximum of two year's full PDR may be carried forward to the next year so that a maximum of three year's PDR be available at any one time. At the start of any fiscal year (May 1), any unused PDR exceeding the two-year maximum will be allocated to the Library's acquisition budget.
 - b) Each eligible Member may submit up to two claims for reimbursement within a fiscal year (May 1 to April 30) up to the maximum PDR, subject to the maximum carry-over provision. Such claims must be for actual University-related business expenses incurred and must be supported by actual receipts consistent with established University reimbursement procedures. Where eligible actual expenses exceed the PDR allocation in any fiscal year, individual Members may submit the residual expense amount consistent with established University reimbursement procedures in only the following fiscal year.
 - c) Single purchase expenses (i.e., one time out-of-pocket equipment or similar large expenses that exceed the annual PDR) may be carried forward for a maximum of three

years for reimbursement. (Departments will maintain appropriate carry-forward records/receipts.)

- d) Two or more Members may submit a combined application for reimbursement, provided the specific uses of the funds are covered by this policy. Such a submission may be up to a maximum of $N \times \$PDR$ (N = the number of submitters)
- e) Subject to the approval of the appropriate Department Chair, Supervisor, or Director, Members may transfer to a colleague his/her entitlement for a particular year. Such a transfer must be based on the agreement that it will be reversed within a three-year period.

Pension

53.47 Plan text amendments (except those required by legislation) for the Professional Pension Plan that would modify the benefit levels for the plan for Members shall require the written agreement of UGFA.

Member Contributions

53.48 Schedule of Rate Changes

The Parties agree that the maximum contribution rates of Members shall be adjusted as follows:

Date	Below YMPE	Above YMPE
July 1, 2017*	7.78%	9.48%
July 1, 2018	8.18 %	9.88%
July 1, 2019	8.58%	10.28%
July 1, 2020	8.99%	10.69%
*current rates		

53.48.1 The rates listed above are established as maximum Member contribution rates under this Agreement. The Employer contribution rates will continue to be determined by the Plan Actuary, but in no case shall be less than the Member rates. Precise determination of any adjustments to Member contribution rates will be made on the advice of the Plan Actuary with due consideration being given to the importance of recognizing earnings below and above the YMPE and any applicable legislative requirements. Member Rates will be approved by the Board of Governors Pension Committee through normal processes to change the Professional Plan's text necessary to reflect the new Member Rates.

53.48.2 Subject to the terms of the Letter of Understanding 10 (Agreement to Pursue Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP) Options for UGFA Members), the Parties agree in principle to pursue a negotiated framework for the sharing of Normal Actuarial Cost of Professional Pension Plan through collective bargaining. Under this framework, should the most current valuation report filed on prior to July 1 of each year show an increase in the University's Normal Actuarial Cost to a level above 100% of the Member contribution rates specified above, the University will meet with the Joint Working

Committee on Pensions (constituted under LOU 10) to review the applicable valuation results, including support for the Normal Actuarial Cost increase. This review will include documentation prepared by the Plan's actuary who certifies the new Normal Actuarial Cost requirements in respect of the UGFA Members, including a summary of the underlying UGFA membership data used to prepare the valuation results and all other relevant data reasonably required to make such determination.

53.48.3 Pending such certification of results by the Actuary, and the approval by the Board Pension Committee as described under 53.46.1, Member contribution rates will increase sufficient to fund 50% of that portion of the University's Normal Actuarial Cost above 100% of member contributions at the time of the valuation. Under this calculation, Member contributions will be subject to a maximum increase of up to 0.4%, to be implemented effective July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019, and a maximum increase of up to 0.41% to be implemented effective July 1, 2020.

Early Retirement Provisions

Phased Retirement for Tenured or Continuing Appointment Members

53.49 With the elimination of mandatory retirement and the desire to provide for position planning, the University has options that will create the opportunity to determine dates for voluntary retirements or resignations. This applies to Tenured Faculty, Librarians and Veterinarians with a Continuing Appointment.

53.50 Definitions:

- a) Normal Retirement: Under University pension plans, the normal retirement date is age 65(eligible for unreduced pension). An individual Member may choose to retire on either the first of the month following the month in which the individual turns 65 or the end of the semester in which the Member turns 65;
- b) Early Retirement: Members may be able to prior to the Normal Retirement age subject to the provisions of the University's pension plans.
- c) Postponed Retirement: is a retirement date effective after a Member's normal retirement date. Members postponing retirement will be expected to carry out the normal range of duties and responsibilities until they retire;
- d) Phased Retirement: Members may be able to commit to a period of Reduced Workload in accordance with Article 54: Reduced Workload, after which period of time they would retire or resign.

Phased Retirement Option

53.51 This is available to Members who hold full-time Tenured or Continuing Appointments (regardless of funding) who are between the ages of 55 and 67 (at the beginning of the period of Reduced Workload) and have completed ten (10) years or more of pensionable service at the University as at the date of application.

53.52 Under this option, a lump-sum payment is available equal to 75% of the nominal final salary at retirement plus a "phase-out" period (toward retirement) over a maximum of two (2) years. The retiring allowance would be payable at the end of the phase-in period.

- 53.53 During the phase-out period, the maximum workload in any year is 50% of a full-time appointment and the total workload over a two (2) year period may not exceed 75% of a full-time appointment in total (minimum workload in any one year is 25% of a normal full-time appointment). The actual salary during the phase-in period will be pro-rated on the basis of the percentage workload appointment in each year.
- 53.54 During the phase-out period it is expected that the Member would perform a range of duties as outlined in his/her DOE, agreed to prior to the approval of a phased retirement, with the department Chair and Dean or University Librarian.
- 53.55 There are no special provisions in the pension plans associated with this option and pension or termination benefits (from the pension plans) will be determined in accordance with the current plan provisions. The commitment to retire at the end of the phase-out period is irrevocable.
- 53.56 Benefits, normally available, for the phase-out period will be provided based on the nominal (100% workload) salary, except for Long Term Disability. Member's cost sharing contributions, where applicable, will be based on the Member's actual salary using normal cost-sharing rates. The University will fund the difference in contributions.
- 53.57 Long Term Disability and Life Insurance are not applicable after the Normal Retirement Date (age 65).

Approvals

- 53.58 Acceptance for the voluntary resignation/early retirement or phased retirement requests under the options outlined above is conditional upon ensuring operational and academic priorities can be achieved.

The application by the Member requires signed support from the Department Chair as applicable, and signature approval by the Dean or University Librarian, with final approval by the Provost.

- 53.59 A decision to approve or not to approve will not be subject to Grievance. Reasons for the denial will be provided to the Member in writing.

Plan Representation

- 53.60 The Employer agrees that one of the two Professional Pension Plan members of the Board of Governors Pensions Committee shall be nominated by the Association for appointment by the Board. Such UGFA Member must be a member of the Professional Pension plan. The other Professional Plan member representative shall be a non-UGFA Member.
- 53.61 The Employer agrees to provide to the UGFA all financial documents and filings (including full and preliminary valuations of the plan) related to the Professional Plan in a timely fashion.

Article 54 - Reduced Workload

Reduced Workload

- 54.1 This Article applies to Full-Time Members with the exception of those holding Contractually Limited Appointments.
- 54.2 A Reduced Workload Appointment is one in which the appointment of a Full-Time Member is reduced from the Member's normal workload to less than full-time, on a regular basis.
- 54.2.1 Normally, Members will be expected to retain their agreed-upon DOE. The criteria for Promotion and Tenure or Continuing Appointment shall be the same as for Members not on Reduced Workload Appointments.
- 54.3 A Member seeking a Reduced Workload Appointment shall apply to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, for Reduced Workload. The Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director shall consider the application, taking into account the circumstances of the applicant, the academic and service responsibilities, and, if applicable, any other factors relevant to the application.
- 54.4 Reduced Workload appointments require agreement of the Member and the University. The University shall not unreasonably deny a request for a Reduced Workload Appointment.
- 54.5 Members will apply in writing, normally at least six (6) months before any Reduced Workload Appointment may take effect. Applications made less than six (6) months before the proposed change will be considered only in cases of unforeseen circumstances/events.
- 54.6 The letter of application for a Reduced Workload Appointment shall include:
- a) the proposed date of commencement and the proposed term for the requested period of Reduced Workload;
 - b) the percentage of the Member's normal workload that the Member is requesting to carry during the period;
 - c) terms or conditions that the Member wishes to have associated with the Reduced Workload, including terms or conditions respecting activities that would be reduced more than others, or respecting the distribution of workload obligations within the period of Reduced Workload; and
 - d) any other documentation the Member deems relevant to the application, including any supporting statements from the Member.
- 54.7 If the Member and the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, agree on the provisions of the proposed Reduced Workload Appointment, those provisions shall be confirmed in writing and signed by the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, and the Member. These provisions will include the period of Reduced Workload, the proportion of Reduced Workload to full-time responsibilities/duties during the period of Reduced Workload, extensions to probationary period, provisions for performance evaluation during and after the period of Reduced Workload, rate of accrual for Study/Research Leave, or Consultative Leave for Veterinarians, and benefits coverage.
- 54.8 An initial period of Reduced Workload shall run for part of, or all of, an academic year or for consecutive academic years up to three (3) years. An initial period may be followed by

additional periods of Reduced Workload. Application for such additional period(s) of Reduced Workload must be made in writing at least six (6) months in advance and shall be subject to the same review process followed in the initial application.

- 54.9 This proposed Reduced Workload Appointment shall be forwarded to the Provost for final review and approval on behalf of the University. Within twenty (20) days of receipt of the proposal for a Reduced/Workload Appointment, a decision will be made. Any decision by the Provost not to approve the proposal shall be accompanied by written reasons.
- 54.10 In the case of Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track Members, if a 50% reduction has occurred for two (2) years or longer, the maximum length of the probationary period for Tenure shall be extended by one year (from six (6) to seven (7) years).
- 54.11 The level of salary shall be pro-rated to reflect the proportion of the Reduced Workload to full-time responsibility.
- 54.12 Vacation and Sick leave entitlements shall be as per Articles 46 and 47, except that the level of salary shall be pro-rated as per 54.11.
- 54.13 The amounts of any salary increase shall occur on a pro rata basis as in Article 54.11. Any percentage increases in salary shall be applied to the Member's pro-rated salary.
- 54.14 Eligibility for, and participation in, all group insurance plans, legislated plans and pension plans shall continue as is, or as amended from time to time, but coverage shall be on a pro rata basis, where appropriate, as in 54.11, except as specified in 54.15.

Pension and Benefits

- 54.15 Subject to Canada Revenue Agency, for those Members who are age 55 and over, and with ten (10) or more years of full-time service when beginning a period of Reduced Workload of not less than 50%, contributions by the University and Member to group insurance plans and pension and benefits received as a result shall be on the basis of the deemed continuance of the full-time salary, except in the cases of short and long-term disability.
- 54.16 If a Member reaches age 55 during the period of Reduced Workload, benefits shall continue on a pro rata basis as in 54.14 for the balance of the Reduced Workload.

Miscellaneous

- 54.17 A Member with a Reduced Workload Appointment may request that he/she resume a normal workload prior to the end of the agreed Reduced Workload Appointment. Such requests shall be made in writing to the Dean, University Librarian, or, in the case of Veterinarians, Director, or designate, normally at least six (6) months prior to the date on which the resumption is intended to be effective. If approved, any such resumption of normal workload shall normally be effective on July 1 or January 1.
- 54.18 Members who are on a Reduced Workload Appointment will be considered eligible to apply for Study/Research Leave or Consultative Leave for Veterinarians after six (6) years of service. Salary paid while on leave will be on a pro rata basis as per 54.11.
- 54.19 Members on Reduced Workload shall be eligible for consideration for reappointment, promotion and, where applicable, Tenure or Continuing Appointment.

Article 55 - Financial Exigency

55.1 The University and the Association agree that the first duty of the University is to ensure that its academic priorities remain paramount. No Member shall be terminated or otherwise penalized with respect to terms and conditions of employment or rights and privileges relating to employment for reasons of Financial Exigency except in accordance with this Article.

Definition

55.2 A state of Financial Exigency is an extraordinary situation occurring when substantial and recurring financial deficits threaten the survival of the University as a whole, or substantial financial losses have been projected by generally accepted accounting principles to persist for more than two (2) years and threaten the continued functioning of the University.

55.3 This Article is invoked only in the event of a declaration of Financial Exigency in which the layoff of Members is proposed as part of the resolution to the situation.

55.4 The closure, cessation, merger, or elimination, in full or in part, of an academic program, based on academic reasons, is not Financial Exigency.

Declaring a Financial Exigency

55.5 When the financial situation of the University is severe enough that a bona fide state of Financial Exigency requiring layoffs exists, the President shall give written notice to the Board of Governors and the Association. As of the date of such notice, no new Members or Academic Administrators may be appointed.

55.6 Within ten (10) days of the notice specified in 55.5, the Parties will establish a Financial Commission described in 55.7 below.

Financial Commission

55.7 The Financial Commission shall be comprised of five (5) members, two (2) chosen by the University, two (2) chosen by the Association and a Chair chosen by both the University and the Association. If the Parties cannot agree on the Chair, the Chief Justice of Ontario shall be asked to select the Chair.

55.8 The Financial Commission shall meet to consider the Financial Exigency as specified in the President's formal notice and to determine whether a Financial Exigency exists.

55.9 The onus of proof shall be on the University to establish to the satisfaction of the Financial Commission that a state of Financial Exigency exists within the meaning of this Article.

55.10 The Financial Commission shall establish their own procedures and shall inquire into and answer each of the following questions:

- a) whether the University's financial position constitutes a bona fide budgetary crisis such that deficits projected by generally accepted accounting principles are expected to continue for more than two (2) years and to constitute a problem sufficiently grave that the University's continuing functioning is endangered;
- b) whether, in view of the primacy of academic goals at the University, the reduction of Members and/or the reduction in salaries and benefits of Members is a reasonable type

of cost-saving and whether all means of achieving cost-saving in all other areas of the University's expenditures have been explored and utilized;

- c) whether all reasonable means of improving the University's revenue position have been explored and taken into account;
- d) whether every effort has been made to secure further assistance from the Provincial Government;
- e) whether enrolment projections are consistent with the proposed academic staff complement;
- f) whether all reasonable means have been taken to reduce costs, such as Members' voluntary early retirement, voluntary resignation, or voluntary Reduced Workload;
- g) any other matters that it considers relevant to the proposed Financial Exigency.

55.11 The Financial Commission shall have access to any University documents, data, and records it considers relevant to its inquiries. The University shall cooperate with the Financial Commission in its deliberations and shall provide all documentation necessary to establish to the satisfaction of the Financial Commission whether a state of Financial Exigency exists within the meaning of this Article. The University shall provide a copy of such documentation to the Association at the same time it is provided to the Commission.

55.12 The Financial Commission shall conduct its inquiries, answering each of (a) to (f), as well as any other specific questions that arise under (g) above. Both the Association and the University shall make submissions to the Commission within (60) sixty days of the appointment of the Commission and the Commission shall report to the Parties within thirty (30) days after that. Such report shall be by receipted hand delivery.

55.13 If the Financial Commission finds that a state of Financial Exigency exists, its report shall specify the amount of reduction required, if any, in the budgetary allocation to salary and benefits for Members.

55.14 The Board of Governors, through the President, has the responsibility for implementing actions arising out of the report of the Financial Commission.

55.15 It shall be open to both Parties, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Agreement, to renegotiate provisions of this Agreement bearing directly on salaries and benefits or to reach other mutually acceptable emergency methods of reducing expenditures that could avert layoffs or decrease the number of layoffs.

55.16 When Financial Exigency has been confirmed, and no satisfactory provision can be made by the University for the continued employment of all Members, the President shall prepare a report that shall identify those Departments/Schools in which there are to be lay-offs. The plan shall be structured so that the University may continue to operate as far as possible in accordance with its mission and may propose across-the-board cuts, vertical cuts (involving Department/School closures), or some combination of across-the-board and vertical cuts.

55.17 The President shall present the report to the University Senate with a copy to the Association. Senate shall discuss the report, using its own procedures, and return it to the President within thirty (30) days, with comments and recommendations for revision. The President shall consider Senate's comments and recommendations as well as the comments and recommendations received, within the same thirty (30) day time frame, from the Association.

- 55.18 Subject to the areas of priority as identified in the President's Report (per 55.15 and 55.16), the following lay-off order shall apply:
- a) all contractually-limited appointments;
 - b) Members holding tenure-track/continuing appointment-track appointments;
 - c) all other Members, in accordance with 55.19.a) below.
- 55.19 Subject to the areas of priority as identified in the President's Report (per 55.15 and 55.16), the selection of persons to be laid off shall be on the basis of:
- a) quality of performance as determined in accordance with Article 21: Tenure, Promotion, and Review of Faculty; Article 28: Continuing Appointment, Promotion, and Review of Librarian Members; and Article 33: Continuing Appointment, Promotion and Review of Veterinarians.
 - b) where two persons are considered substantially equal in the application of the factors listed in a), then the decision shall be made on the basis of length of full-time employment as a Member.
- 55.20 The following will apply to Members who are selected for lay-off:
- a) the University shall either provide to the Member at least twelve (12) months working notice, in writing, or the Member's regular salary and benefits in lieu thereof, and
 - b) the University shall pay the Member severance pay at the rate of one (1) month's Regular Salary for each Academic Year of service, subject to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months and a minimum of six (6) months.
- 55.21 Any layoffs under this Article shall occur only to the extent necessary to alleviate the Financial Exigency.

Article 56 - No Strike or Lockout

No Strike or Lockout

56.1 There shall be no Strikes or Lockouts during the term of this Agreement. Strike and Lockout bear the meanings used in the *Ontario Labour Relations Act, 1995 S.O. 1995, c.1, Sched.A.*

Essential Services

56.2 The Parties agree that proper care of animals will be maintained by Members of the Association in the event of a legal Strike or Lockout. For purposes of this Article, animals include animals in research, teaching, testing, wildlife, and client-owned animals.

56.3 Within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement, the University will identify a number of positions which it deems sufficient to provide for continuous proper care of animals and the maintenance of diagnostic services in the event of a legal Strike or Lockout. The Joint Committee will meet to finalize the list through the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement, and such Agreement shall be effective until such time as a new Collective Agreement is signed.

56.4 All persons so designated will be paid as per the Collective Agreement in effect immediately prior to the Strike or Lockout.

56.5 Only essential care duties will be assigned to designated Members.

Member Status

56.7 No Member shall be subject to disciplinary action solely for refusing to carry out the duties of an employee of the University who is on legal Strike, or of one who is prevented from performing duties by a Lockout.

56.8 The University shall not refuse to re-employ a Member solely as a consequence of exercising his/her right to strike as a result of a legal Strike declared by the Association, or as a consequence of a Lockout imposed by the University. There is no obligation on the University to extend a contract or re-employ if the term of a contract ended during a period of Strike or Lockout.

Article 57 – Research Ethics Appeal Board (REAB)

Mandate of the REAB

57.1 Advisory to the Provost, the REAB hears appeals of decisions of the Research Ethics Board and only when, in the opinion of the appellant, all other avenues of resolve have already been exhausted. The REAB has no jurisdiction to make a decision regarding the ethical acceptability of the research. The appointment process and composition of the REAB membership provides the opportunity to accommodate and fully recognize unique areas of research and emerging issues.

Structure of the REAB

57.2 The Research Ethics Appeals Board (REAB) shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom must be Members and one (1) of whom may be external to the University. The five members will be appointed as follows, with the Vice-President (Research), or designate, responsible for overseeing the nomination and appointment process. The Provost will be responsible for arranging orientation with respect to operating procedures and rules of order for the REAB, on an annual basis.

57.2.1 Members shall be appointed for a two (2) year term such that one-half (1/2) of the membership shall change each year. Members cannot congruently be members of the Research Ethics Board.

57.2.2 Membership of the REAB (voting members) shall be as follows:

- a) One (1) member nominated by the Vice-President (Research) plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Vice-President (Research);
- b) Two (2) members nominated by the Provost plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Provost;
- c) One (1) member nominated by the Faculty Association plus one (1) alternate member nominated by the Faculty Association;
- d) the Chair of the REAB who shall also be appointed by the Provost.

57.2.3 In nominating members to the REAB, the following considerations will be made:

- a) knowledge of and demonstrated experience with research on human subjects;
- b) expertise in the philosophy of ethics relevant to human subjects;
- c) expertise in research methods relevant to human subjects;
- d) previous experience as a member of the REB and familiarity with the tri-council document and requirements.

57.3 Concerns related to the composition of the committee can be brought to the attention of the Provost at the time the membership is established and prior to the initiation of committee work. The Provost shall determine whether there are any changes required and will be responsible for making such changes. The Parties must agree on the membership of the committee.

Operating Procedures

- 57.4 The Chair of the REAB shall convene the board within ten (10) days of receiving an appeal. This date may be extended if a significant amount of material must be sent to members for reading prior to considering the appeal. Full membership of the Committee is required to reach quorum.
- 57.5 Members of the REAB must first acknowledge any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves accordingly.
- 57.6 The board shall review and discuss the original ethics application, the REB's comments and decision, and the researcher's appeal documentation. In the event of a study that was suspended or terminated, all the documentation about the reasons for suspending or terminating the project will be reviewed and discussed.
- 57.7 The REAB is advisory to the Provost and shall reach recommendation by way of majority vote. The recommendation of the board may consist of:
- a) Denying the appeal (upholding the decision of the REB);
 - b) Approval of the appeal without conditions;
 - c) Approval of the appeal with specific conditions attached to the approval or to the continuation of the study;
 - d) Suggested revisions (to the original ethics approval application) and resubmission to the REB.
- 57.8 The Chair of the REAB shall inform the Provost, in writing, of their recommendation with reasons, within two (2) days of reaching a recommendation.
- 57.9 Within five (5) days of receipt of the recommendation from the REAB, the Provost shall make a decision and write a formal letter to the Faculty Member outlining the decision and the reasons. This letter is to be copied to the Vice-President (Research), the Faculty Member's Dean, the current Chair of the REB, and each member of the REAB.

Letters of Understanding

Letter of Understanding 1 – CUPE Local 3913 Unit 2

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties recognize that, as per the provisions of the Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 3913 (Unit #2), CUPE 3913 is the bargaining agent for all persons employed under contract as "Sessional Lecturers" to teach in University degree credit courses.

Notwithstanding the previous recognition, the University affirms that it will not create new academic appointments at the rank of "Lecturer".

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Letter of Understanding 2 – Course/Teaching Evaluation

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Each Member has the option of choosing to be evaluated, during the student evaluation process, by use of either an electronic or paper (in class) evaluation instrument. Where more than one Member is associated with a particular course, there will be agreement amongst the Members as to whether the evaluation will be completed electronically or in class. Where agreement cannot be reached on one method of delivery, the Chair will decide. The Provost will establish the protocol by which student evaluations are conducted.

The results of teaching evaluations, including both detailed comments and numerical ratings, shall not be released publicly by the University, without prior written agreement of the Member. Each year in September, the Provost shall circulate a Memorandum to Members informing them as to their options to be evaluated in paper or electronically and to participate or not in the release of the results as per the terms of this Article. No Member shall be compelled to consent to the release of teaching evaluations.

Should a new course/teaching evaluation enterprise system be implemented during the life of the Collective Agreement, the parties will meet within ten (10) days of the request to meet to discuss and reach mutual agreement on amendments to this LOU.

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Letter of Understanding 3 – Sick Leave

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

It is understood between the Parties that this Letter applies to a Member who holds a Tenure-track/Continuing Appointment-track, Tenured or Continuing Appointment. When such Member has completed and submitted an application for Long Term Disability, with the assistance of Occupational Health and Wellness, and has not received a decision from the insurance carrier, and whose absence due to illness continues beyond ninety (90) calendar days of Sick Leave, the University may in its sole discretion continue Sick Leave to such Member until such time that the insurance carrier decision has been received.

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Letter of Understanding 4 – Teaching – Professional and Managerial Staff

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

1. The Parties acknowledge that, in each Academic Year, and on a limited basis, some Professional/Managerial Staff Members have teaching as part of their responsibilities.
2. The University affirms that it will not substantially increase the number of Professional/Managerial Staff Members who are teaching degree credit courses.

Annually, on or about November 1, the University will provide to the Association a list of Professional/Managerial Staff Members who are assigned teaching, including the courses and sections, broken down by semester.

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Letter of Understanding 5 – Human Rights and Health & Safety

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Where the Association alleges that either of these policies, as they may be changed from time to time, conflicts with, is inconsistent with, or interferes with the Collective Agreement, the Association may file a Policy Grievance.

It is further agreed and understood that before any changes are made to either of these policies the Association will be notified and a meaningful consultation will occur between the Parties in a good faith effort to resolve any differences.

Any consultation process which may have taken place prior to the ratification of this Collective Agreement does not constitute or substitute for these discussions.

The Parties agree that if a Member is a named respondent to a Workplace Harassment complaint made pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act, such complaint investigations shall be conducted by the Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Relations (FASR) when a non-Human Rights based complaint, or by the Office of Diversity and Human Rights (DHR) when the complaint is Human-Rights based. The procedure for investigation, whether by FASR or DHR, shall be consistent with the formal procedure as outlined in the University of Guelph *Human Rights Policies and Procedures* and/or Article 39 of the Collective Agreement.

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Letter of Understanding 6 – Performance Review of Veterinarian Members by Director Outside of the Process indicated in Article 34

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Activity updates conducted by the Director will focus on the effectiveness of the Member at meeting University-established criteria and the general competence with which the duties and responsibilities of the position are carried out. The Director will meet individually with each Veterinarian Member to discuss his/her performance assessment. The Director will provide to the Member, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the meeting with the Member, an activity update report. The Member shall be provided with an opportunity to respond verbally and in writing. A copy of the Activity Update report from the Director and the response from the Member shall be placed into the Member's Official File (NOT the Member's Assessment File).

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Letter of Understanding 7 – Benefits

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Effective on the first day of the second month following ratification, the following amendments shall be made to the Extended Health Care plan:

- a) Increase the annual dollar allocation for psychological services from \$300 per calendar year to \$1,200 per calendar year. Coverage includes counselling services where provided by social workers, psychologists, psychotherapists, marriage and family therapists, or clinical counselors registered by the Provincial governing body in the Canadian province in which the services are provided;
- b) Include coverage for non-oral contraceptives as prescribed by a physician provided that the contraceptive has a drug identification number (DIN); and,
- c) Remove the requirement for a physician's referral for massage therapy.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Scholarship Plan offered to spouses/partners and dependents shall be amended such that the cap on scholarship payment amounts shall not exceed tuition fees for the Bachelor of Arts program.

Effective on the first day of the second month following ratification, the following amendment shall be made to the Long-Term Disability Plan: move the current cap of \$6,000 per month to a cap of \$12,000 per month.

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Letter of Understanding 8 – Essential Services

Further to Article 56 (NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT), the parties agree that the following essential services will be maintained by Members of UGFA in the event of a legal strike or lockout.

1) Medical Care of Animals

UGFA agrees that its Members will provide services of the OVC Health Sciences Centre on a basis analogous to that used for the Health Sciences Centre Holiday Schedule. Delivery of Ruminant/Swine Field Services is required as part of our contractual obligations to external clients and will be provided on a continuous basis as required.

2) Diagnostic Services provided through the Animal Health Lab

UGFA agrees that full services will be provided by UGFA Members in order to deal with the caseload in process at the designated date of a legal Strike or Lockout. Thereafter, the following designated UGFA Members will provide essential services to respond to emergencies.

Guelph: Two (2) mammalian pathologists; One (1) avian pathologist; One (1) clinical pathologist; One (1) Bacteriologist; One (1) Virologist

Kemptville: One (1) Pathologist

3) Clinical counseling services provided through the Couple and Family Therapy unit in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences under the Agreement with the Ministry of Community and Social Services. These services are provided to “at risk” individuals, largely women and children.

The University has identified that four (4) clinical Faculty Members are essential to provide for the delivery of these services.

All those designated to provide these essential services will be compensated on the basis of their salary and benefits in effect at the time of the designation.

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Letter of Understanding 9 – Article 18 and Changes to DOE

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

Management may require a change to a Member's DOE without the Member's consent when all of the following conditions have been met:

- a) the change must be reasonable; and
- b) the newly assigned DOE is an appropriate combination of Teaching, Scholarship, and Service; and
- c) the newly assigned DOE considers the Faculty Member's career development and his/her contributions and performance over time;

AND where one of the following cases further justifies the change in DOE:

1. proven, and repeated, concerns about performance (i.e., documented concerns about performance under Art. 39.15); or
2. redeployment opportunity(ies) arising from the invocation of Article 24.4, in the context of operational requirements and the academic mission of the new unit and available work of the Bargaining Unit; or
3. transition from a Research Chair to a 'regular' faculty appointment where no pre-existing agreement is in place stipulating the change to DOE following the end of the Research Chair appointment.

Unless mutually agreed to continue the newly assigned DOE, an amendment to a Faculty Member's DOE under Case #1 or #2 shall not exceed a period of three (3) years. In such cases, the DOE shall revert back to the Member's prior DOE.

Any change to a DOE under this LOU will be subject to the restriction that the sum of the absolute values of the percentage changes to each of the three areas (Teaching, Scholarship, Service) will not exceed 30%. By way of example, a proposed change from 40/40/20 to 55/35/10 is permissible, since the sum is $15+5+10=30$; a change from 40/40/20 to 60/30/10 is not permissible; since the sum is $20+10+10=40$.

It is further agreed that should a grievance about a decision made through this LOU be forwarded to Arbitration, the Parties will agree on a mutually acceptable arbitrator.

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Letter of Understanding 10 – Agreement to Pursue Jointly Sponsored Pension Plan (JSPP) Options for UGFA Members

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree to continue to meet as part of a Working Committee on Pensions for the duration of this Collective Agreement or, if earlier, for up until six (6) months following the effective date of the JSPP contemplated herein. The Association shall appoint three (3) persons and the University shall appoint three (3) persons to the Committee. The Joint Working Committee on Pensions will have three primary roles:

1. To receive updates on the Professional Plan and the UPP JSPP; and
2. To take an active local role in the UPP JSPP as outlined in this LOU so that members of the Professional Pension Plan will understand the nature of the JSPP as the communications and consent processes unfold.
3. Endeavour to ensure that the terms, processes, and details of the UPP JSPP (as they become known) and the transition from the Professional Plan to the UPP JSPP are clearly communicated to all members of the Professional Plan as part of any consent process involving the transfer to a JSPP.

The University shall ensure that this Committee is adequately resourced and that all relevant actuarial and financial information required by the Committee to fully execute tasks shall be provided to the Committee by the University in a timely fashion. The Committee will meet at least once per year. For clarity, the University shall provide to the committee at least once per year:

- a) The Professional Plan text and all amendments to the text.
- b) The most recent actuarial valuation report filed with the regulator for the Professional Plan, as well as any updates to the filed valuation, or completed but unfiled valuations.
- c) Any reports prepared internally or by external parties that are relevant to the objectives of the working group.
- d) An annual report of all the expenses associated with the Professional Plan.
- e) All relevant member data for active pension plan participants required for the computation of pension benefits to which the member is entitled, including pensionable salary and earnings history, gender, birth, hire and participation dates, and years of pensionable (credited) service. Any data provided shall be maintained by UGFA to respect the privacy of individuals.

All costs associated with the Joint Working Committee shall be the responsibility of the University. It is understood that there may be additional costs associated with data or studies that are required by one of the Parties that fall outside of the terms of reference of the Joint Working Committee. In such cases, the costs will be the responsibility of the respective Party.

During the term of this Collective Agreement, if and when there is a fully executed Milestones Agreement (or equivalent) to which the Association is a signatory, the Parties will meet and discuss all matters relating to the transition to the JSPP.

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Letter of Understanding 11 – Veterinarians Continuing Appointment and Promotion Committee

The Parties agree that this Letter shall form part of the Collective Agreement.

For the duration of this collective agreement, the review of Veterinarian Members at Ridgetown, or any other Veterinarian reporting through to the Dean of OAC, shall be reviewed as follows:

For the OAC: Dean (OAC) who shall chair the committee, Chair, Animal Biosciences; two elected Veterinarian from OAC, and one elected University MCA Veterinarian who shall serve on all MCA Committees.

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Letter of Understanding 12 – Exceptional Contractually Limited Faculty or Veterinarian Appointment

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

Notwithstanding Articles 19.5 and 32.2.1, in the exceptional circumstance in which the University is hiring a CL Faculty or Veterinarian Member to backfill the temporary absence of a Member in Clinical Studies due to an academic administrative appointment:

- a) The Association shall be informed of the intention to backfill an administrative appointment at Joint Committee prior to hire.
- b) The maximum length of the appointment, prior to conversion or termination shall be equal to the length of the administrative appointment plus any approved Transition and/or Study/Research Leave.
- c) Such Appointment shall not exceed one administrative renewal or 12 years, whichever is less.

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Letter of Understanding 13 – Joint Salary Review

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree that within six (6) months of ratification they will commence a Joint Salary Review. The purpose of the review will be to examine the issue of salary anomalies, if any, and make recommendation for correction of any identified anomalies. The work of this committee, including recommendations, will be completed no later than December 2018. The timeline may be extended by mutual agreement.

Note: the ongoing equity salary review will continue notwithstanding this Letter.

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Letter of Understanding 14 – Workload

The Parties agree this letter will form part of the Collective Agreement.

A joint committee shall be established within 8 weeks of ratification of the Collective Agreement to review and make recommendations to the Joint Committee relative to the assigned workload of Members.

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