

## OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### CODE OF PRACTICE REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF ACADEMIC LEAVES:

#### FELLOWSHIP LEAVES SCHOLAR INCENTIVE AWARDS SPECIAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY PARTIAL LEAVES WITH PARTIAL PAY PROFESSIONAL REASSIGNMENT LEAVES IN THE LIBRARY OTHER AUTHORIZED LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

## 1 FELLOWSHIP LEAVES

### 1.1 Purposes for Which Fellowship Leaves May Be Granted

Fellowship leaves may be granted for conducting research (including study and related travel), improvement of teaching, and/or production of creative works in literature or the arts.<sup>1</sup>

### 1.2 Eligible Titles

The following titles are eligible for the award of a fellowship leave:

- Tenured Assistant Professor, tenured Associate Professor, and tenured Professor,
- Tenured College Laboratory Technician, tenured Senior College Laboratory Technician, and tenured Chief College Laboratory Technician,
- In the Hunter College Campus Schools, tenured Teacher, tenured Guidance Counselor, tenured Campus Schools College Laboratory Technician, and tenured Campus Schools Senior College Laboratory Technician,
- Tenured Assistant Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), tenured Associate Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), tenured Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), tenured Assistant Medical Professor (Clinical), tenured Associate Medical Professor (Clinical), and tenured Medical Professor (Clinical),
- Tenured Law School Assistant Professor, tenured Law School Associate Professor, tenured Law School Professor, tenured Law School Library Assistant Professor, tenured Law School Library Associate Professor, tenured Law School Library Professor, and
- Lecturers with a Certificate of Continuous Employment.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, employees in eligible titles who were appointed before July 1, 1965 may be awarded a fellowship leave for educational travel or restoration of health at 50% of the bi-weekly salary rate. A fellowship leave for restoration of health may be awarded to an eligible employee who was appointed before July 1, 1965 only after such employee has exhausted all available temporary disability leave.

### 1.3 Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for consideration for a fellowship leave, the individual must be in an eligible title and be tenured or have a Certificate of Continuous Employment. Untenured individuals in professorial titles who are on leave from the Lecturer title in which they have a Certificate of Continuous Employment are also eligible to apply.<sup>2</sup>

In addition, the individual must have six years of continuous paid full-time service with the University exclusive of fellowship leaves and most other leaves.<sup>3</sup> Full-time service in an eligible title prior to achieving tenure, including contiguous substitute service, counts as service towards a fellowship leave.<sup>4</sup> A fellowship leave breaks service toward another fellowship leave. At the expiration of a fellowship leave, the individual must accumulate another six years of continuous paid full-time service before being again eligible for a fellowship leave. A leave without pay or a Scholar Incentive Award acts as a bridge, that is, continuous paid full-time service before and after these leaves may be aggregated to achieve the required six years of service.<sup>5</sup>

### 1.4 Types of Fellowship Leaves

There are three types of fellowship leaves:

- A full year leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate,
- A one-half year leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate, and
- A one-half year leave at full pay.<sup>6</sup>

A full-year fellowship leave may be for the fall and succeeding spring semester or for the spring and succeeding fall semester. In addition, the University has permitted a full year fellowship leave to be taken with one semester intervening between halves of the leave, for example, on successive fall semesters or on successive spring semesters, when such an arrangement is determined to be mutually advantageous to the fellowship leave recipient and the college.

### 1.5 Review and Approval

A University application is submitted to the Department Personnel and Budget committee, or its equivalent. On the application, the faculty member sets forth his/her plan of work for the period of the fellowship leave.

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<sup>2</sup> If an untenured faculty member on leave from the Lecturer title with a Certificate of Continuous Employment is granted a one-half year fellowship leave at full pay, the leave counts toward the period of time necessary to achieve tenure. The period of all other fellowship leaves acts, for tenure purposes, as a bridge linking full years of service creditable towards tenure before and after the fellowship leave.

<sup>3</sup> Temporary Disability Leave at full pay and other full pay leaves will be counted as service.

<sup>4</sup> Service in a school or college maintained in whole or in part with City funds immediately preceding service in CUNY also counts as service, up to a maximum of three years.

<sup>5</sup> For purposes of counting full years of service towards a Fellowship Leave, full-time service is counted by semesters. Thus, for example, active full-time service in a fall semester followed by active full-time service in a spring semester or active service in a spring semester followed by service in a fall semester will count as a year of service. This is true even if there is a break in active full-time service between semesters.

<sup>6</sup> There is an expectation that there will be at least one one-half year leave at full pay every other year at each college.

If the Department Personnel and Budget Committee approves, the application is sent to the College-wide Personnel and Budget Committee. If that Committee approves, the application is forwarded to the President. The Committee endorsement includes the representation that the work of the department can be carried out effectively during the period of the leave and that the applicant's work while on the leave is consonant with the principles of the fellowship leave. Upon receiving the College-wide Committee's endorsement, the President makes his/her own recommendation to the Board of Trustees via the Chancellor's University Report for its approval. The President may confer with Vice Presidents, Deans, or other campus executives before making a recommendation. Before the fellowship leave is forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval, the College's Office of Human Resources, or other appropriate college office, should review the application to ensure that it is consonant with applicable rules and procedures.

### **1.6 Early Termination of a Full-Year Fellowship Leave**

The staff member may terminate a full-year fellowship leave after one semester upon written notice to the President. Such notice is required by October 30 to cancel the leave for the subsequent spring semester and March 30 to cancel the leave for the subsequent fall semester. This termination relieves the University of any obligation to further claims for the second half of the leave. The staff member will be eligible for another fellowship leave after six years of service following the termination of the leave.

### **1.7 Post-Fellowship Leave Requirements**

#### **1.7.1 Return to Active Service for One Year**

When applying for a fellowship leave, the staff member commits to return to active service in the University for at least one (1) year following the end of the leave,<sup>7</sup> unless the Board of Trustees expressly waives this requirement. Waivers of this return-to-service requirement must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Human Resources Management before submission to the Board of Trustees for approval via an entry on the Chancellor's University Report Addendum. Waivers have been granted when the return to service would be impossible or very difficult, usually due to personal illness. Waivers have also been granted to permit a fellowship leave recipient to participate in an Early Retirement Incentive authorized by statute.

#### **1.7.2 Post-Fellowship Leave Report**

Within 30 days of the expiration of the fellowship leave, the staff must submit a written report to the Department Chair on the recipient's activities during the fellowship leave.

### **1.8 Creditable Service for Retirement**

The University will request the appropriate retirement system to credit the period of the fellowship leave as service for retirement purposes.<sup>8</sup> The period of the fellowship leave shall be credited for increment purposes.

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<sup>7</sup> Travia Leave is counted as service for this purpose.

<sup>8</sup> Service credit does not apply to members of the Optional Retirement Program (TIAA-CREF).

## 1.9 Calendar

Fellowship Leaves conform to the following schedule.

- Leave for the Full Academic Year: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on the day before the beginning of the following Fall semester (that is, the leave ends at the close of business on the fourth day preceding the following August 30, excluding Saturday and Sunday.)
- Leave for the Fall semester: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on January 31 or the day before the first day of classes of the spring semester (whichever is earlier).
- Leave for the Spring semester: The leave begins on February 1 or the first day of classes in the Spring semester (whichever is earlier) and ends on June 30.

## 1.10 Summer Compensation

Faculty members who have the summer annual leave period prescribed by Article 14.1 (teaching faculty) or Article 14.3 c) (faculty in counselor titles) of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement will be compensated for the months of July and August as follows:

A full year leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate: The months of July and August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) will be paid at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate.<sup>9</sup>

A one-half year leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate: If the fellowship leave was taken in the fall semester and the faculty member returned to active service for the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of July and at 80% of the bi-weekly rate for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester). If the faculty member was in active service in the fall semester and took the fellowship leave in the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of July and at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester).

A one-half year leave at full pay: If the leave was taken in either semester and the faculty member was in active service in the other semester, both July and August will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate.

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<sup>9</sup> If the full year fellowship leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate is taken in successive fall semesters, the month of July following each academic year in which a semester of the leave was taken will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly rate, while the two months of August will be paid at 80% of the bi-weekly rate (up to the commencement of the fall semester following the second academic year in which the leave was taken). If the full year fellowship leave at 80% of the bi-weekly salary rate is taken in successive spring semesters, the month of July following each academic year in which a semester of the leave was taken will be paid at 80% of the bi-weekly rate, while the two months of August will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly rate (up to the commencement of the fall semester).

### **1.11 Fellowship Leaves and Summer Employment**

For the purposes of the Board of Trustees' "Statement of Policy on Multiple Positions," fellowship leaves cover periods within the boundaries of the academic year, and do not include the period of annual leave of teaching faculty, as defined in the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement.<sup>10</sup>

## **2 SCHOLAR INCENTIVE AWARDS<sup>11</sup>**

### **2.1 Purpose for which Scholar Incentive Awards May Be Granted**

The purpose of Scholar Incentive Awards is to facilitate bona fide and documented scholarly research. Applications that reflect other purposes, such as meeting degree requirements, service outside the University, or other professional, career or personal reasons, shall not be considered for these Awards.

### **2.2 Eligible Titles**

In order to be eligible for consideration for a Scholarship Incentive Award, the individual must be a full-time instructional staff member in one of the following titles: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Lecturer, University Professor, Distinguished Professor, Assistant Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Associate Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Assistant Medical Professor (Clinical), Associate Medical Professor (Clinical), and Medical Professor (Clinical).

### **2.3 Eligibility Criteria**

In addition to appointment to an eligible title, the individual must have completed not less than one full year of continuous paid full-time service with the University before becoming eligible for a Scholar Incentive Award. An individual shall be eligible for a subsequent Scholar Incentive Award after six (6) years of creditable service with the University since the completion of the last Scholar Incentive Award.<sup>12</sup> A Scholar Incentive Award may not be held concurrently with a Fellowship Leave.

### **2.4 Duration of Scholar Incentive Award**

A Scholar Incentive Award shall be for not less than one semester nor more than one year in duration.

### **2.5 Review and Approval**

A University application is submitted to the Department Personnel and Budget committee, or its equivalent. On the application, the faculty member sets forth his/her plan of work for the period of the Scholar Incentive Award.

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<sup>10</sup> Library instructional staff do not accrue annual leave during the period of the fellowship leave.

<sup>11</sup> Scholar Incentive Awards are authorized pursuant to Article 25.5 of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement.

<sup>12</sup> For purposes of counting full years of service towards a Scholar Incentive Award, full-time service is counted by semesters. Thus, for example, active full-time service in a fall semester followed by active full-time service in a spring semester or active service in a spring semester followed by service in a fall semester will count as a year of service. This is true even if there is a break in active full-time service between semesters.

If the Department Personnel and Budget Committee approves, the application is sent to the College-wide Personnel and Budget Committee. If that Committee approves, the application is forwarded to the President. The Committee endorsement includes the representation that the work of the department can be carried out effectively during the period of the leave and that the applicant's work while on the leave is consonant with the principles of the Scholar Incentive Award. Upon receiving the College-wide Committee's endorsement, the President makes his/her own recommendation to the Board of Trustees via the Chancellor's University Report for its approval. The President may confer with Vice Presidents, Deans, or other campus executives before making a recommendation. Before the Scholar Incentive Award is forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval, the College's Office of Human Resources, or other appropriate college office, should review the application to ensure that it is consonant with applicable rules and procedures.

## **2.6 Creditable Service**

If a Scholar Incentive Award is immediately preceded by full-time continuous service creditable for tenure or a Certificate of Continuous Employment or Fellowship Award and immediately followed by such full-time continuous service, the period of creditable service immediately preceding the Scholar Incentive Award shall be counted in computing the years of service required for the granting of tenure, Certificate of Continuous Employment or eligibility for a Fellowship Leave.

## **2.7 Calendar**

Scholar Incentive Awards conform to the following schedule.

- Leave for the Full Academic Year: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on the day before the beginning of the following Fall semester (that is, the leave ends at the close of business on the fourth day preceding the following August 30, excluding Saturday and Sunday).
- Leave for the Fall semester: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on January 31 or the day before the first day of classes of the spring semester (whichever is earlier).
- Leave for the Spring semester: The leave begins on February 1 or the first day of classes in the Spring semester (whichever is earlier) and ends on June 30.

## **2.8 Compensation**

An individual may be compensated by the University for up to 25% of the annual salary rate. The total amount of money earnable with outside support and University salary may not exceed 100% of the annual salary rate that the person would have received without the leave. The amount of compensation by the University may be less than 25% if the amount of any outside fellowship and grant support received would result in earnings above 100% of salary.

Faculty members who have the summer annual leave period prescribed by Article 14.1 (teaching faculty) or Article 14.3 c) (faculty in counselor titles) of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement will be compensated for the months of July and August as follows:

- **Full Year Scholar Incentive Award:** If the Scholar Incentive Award was taken for the entire academic year, the months of July and August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) will be paid at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the Scholar Incentive Award.
- **Scholar Incentive Award for One Semester:** If the Scholar Incentive Award was taken in the fall semester and the faculty member returned to active service for the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of July and at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the Scholar Incentive Award for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester). If the faculty member was in active service in the fall semester and took the Scholar Incentive Award in the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the Scholar Incentive Award for the month of July and at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester).

### **3 SPECIAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY<sup>13</sup>**

#### **3.1 Purpose**

Special leaves of absence without pay may be requested for study, writing, research, a creative project, or public service of reasonable duration.<sup>14</sup> The colleges are encouraged to consult with the Office of Academic Affairs should there be any questions concerning the purpose for which a particular leave is being requested.

#### **3.2 Eligible Titles**

Tenured faculty, tenured instructional staff in the College Laboratory Technician (CLT) series and in the Registrar series, and Lecturers with a Certificate of Continuous Employment are eligible for special leaves of absence without pay.<sup>15</sup>

#### **3.3 Types of Special Leaves of Absence Without Pay**

Special Leaves of Absence Without Pay are characterized as follows:

- a) Special Leave with Increment Credit, with Retirement Credit
- b) Special Leave with Increment Credit, without Retirement Credit

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<sup>13</sup> While the faculty member is in unpaid status, he/she is not eligible for University-paid health insurance and must file appropriate COBRA forms to continue coverage.

<sup>14</sup> Section 13.3.b. of the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees*.

<sup>15</sup> On occasion, special leaves may be granted to untenured faculty and CLTs, and uncertificated Lecturers.

- c) Special Leave without Increment Credit, with Retirement Credit
- d) Special Leave without Increment Credit, without Retirement Credit

Retirement service credit does not apply to employees in the Optional Retirement Program (TIAA/CREF), which bases the retirement benefit on annual contributions rather than on years of service. In limited circumstances, retirement service credit for the period of a special leave without pay or an authorized leave without pay may be recommended to TRS or ERS. The recommendation to the pension system is advisory only and is generally limited to employees in Tier I or, to a lesser extent, in Tier II of TRS or ERS.

As a general rule, no increment credit should be awarded for special leaves without pay or authorized leaves without pay of one year or longer. The president may, however, recommend such credit, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, if the leave is being taken for a project of academic, scholarly or public importance that brings honor and recognition to the college.<sup>16</sup>

### **3.4 Duration**

Generally, special leaves of absence without pay are granted for a full academic year, although leaves for one semester may be granted. The President may approve a leave through a second consecutive year. However, a special leave of absence without pay for a third consecutive year requires the Chancellor's express approval. An application for a special leave beyond two consecutive years must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval.

### **3.5 Review Procedures**

A University application is submitted to the Department Personnel and Budget committee, or its equivalent. The applicant fills out the first part of the form, explaining in detail the purpose for which the leave is requested and signing an acknowledgement of the terms on which the leave would be granted. The chairperson of the department completes the second part of the form, indicating how the department will arrange for academic work to be done during the faculty member's leave and attesting to the positive recommendation of the Department Personnel & Budget Committee. The Chair of the College-wide Personnel & Budget Committee completes the third part of the form, attesting to that committee's approval of the leave and stating whether retirement and increment credit should be recommended. Finally, the President, or the President's designee, signs the application to indicate his/her approval. The President may confer with Vice Presidents, Deans, or other campus executives before making a recommendation. Approval by the Chancellor is required only for applications for a third consecutive special leave of absence without pay or a third consecutive partial leave with partial pay.

All special leaves of absence without pay are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees via the Chancellor's University Report. The colleges are responsible for ensuring that the leaves that they approve are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval via the Chancellor's University Report and are in accord with University policy and practices.

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<sup>16</sup> *Bylaws*, Section 13.3.b.



### 3.6 Effect on Service Credit Toward Tenure or a Certificate of Continuous Employment

A special leave of absence without pay represents a break in service towards the achievement of tenure or a Certificate of Continuous Employment (for a lecturer).

### 3.7 Calendar

Special leaves of absence without pay conform to the following schedule.

- Leave for the Full Academic Year: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on the day before the beginning of the following Fall semester (that is, the leave ends at the close of business on the fourth day preceding the following August 30, excluding Saturday and Sunday).
- Leave for the Fall semester: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on January 31 or the day before the first day of classes of the spring semester (whichever is earlier).
- Leave for the Spring semester: The leave begins on February 1 or the first day of classes in the Spring semester (whichever is earlier) and ends on June 30.

### 3.8 Summer Compensation

Faculty members who have the summer annual leave period prescribed by Article 14.1 (teaching faculty) or Article 14.3 c) (faculty in counselor titles) of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement will be compensated during the months of July and August as follows:

A full year special leave of absence without pay: The months of July and August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) will be unpaid. While the faculty member is in unpaid status, he/she is not eligible for University-paid health insurance and must file appropriate COBRA forms to continue coverage.

A one-half year special leave of absence without pay: If the special leave of absence without pay was taken during one semester and the faculty member provided active service in the other semester, the faculty member will be paid during the months of July and August (up to the date of the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) at 50% of the bi-weekly salary rate, thereby retaining health insurance coverage for both months.

## 4 Partial Leaves with Partial Pay

### 4.1 Purposes

Partial leaves with partial pay are granted for special projects, such as writing a book, when the leave would be to the mutual benefit of both the faculty member and the college. It is expected that partial leaves of absence with partial pay will be granted in rare and unusual circumstances, *i.e.*, infrequently.

A partial leave with partial pay releases a faculty member from a percentage of his/her teaching responsibilities, with a corresponding reduction in salary, but does not relieve the faculty member of any other responsibilities.

#### **4.2 Eligible Titles**

Faculty in the following titles with teaching workloads<sup>17</sup> are eligible for a partial leave with partial pay:

- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor,
- Assistant Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Associate Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Medical Professor (Basic Sciences), Assistant Medical Professor (Clinical), Associate Medical Professor (Clinical), and Medical Professor (Clinical),
- Law School Assistant Professor, Law School Associate Professor, Law School Professor, Law School Library Assistant Professor, Law School Library Associate Professor, Law School Library Professor,
- Lecturers, and
- Instructors.

Tenure is not required.

#### **4.3 Duration**

Generally, partial leaves with partial pay are granted for a full academic year, although leaves for one semester may be granted. The president may approve a leave through a second consecutive academic year, but a third consecutive year would require the prior approval of the Chancellor. An application for a partial leave with partial pay beyond two consecutive years must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval before it is entered on the Chancellor's University Report.

#### **4.4 Review Procedures**

A University application is submitted to the Department Personnel and Budget committee, or its equivalent. The applicant fills out the first part of the form, explaining in detail the purpose for which the leave is requested and signing an acknowledgement of the terms on which the leave would be granted. The chairperson of the department completes the second part of the form, indicating how the department will arrange for academic work to be done during the faculty member's leave and attesting to the positive recommendation of the Department Personnel & Budget Committee. The Chair of the College-wide Personnel & Budget Committee completes the third part of the form, attesting to that committee's approval of the leave. Finally, the President, or the President's designee, signs the application to indicate his/her approval. The President may confer with Vice Presidents, Deans or other campus executives before making a recommendation. Approval by the Chancellor is required only for applications for a third consecutive partial leave with partial pay.

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<sup>17</sup> Since the partial leave with partial pay involves a reduction in teaching workload, faculty assigned as counselors or as librarians are not eligible for partial leaves with partial pay.

All partial leaves of absence with partial pay are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees via the Chancellor's University Report. The colleges are responsible for ensuring that the leaves that they approve are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval via the Chancellor's University Report and are in accord with University policy and practices.

#### **4.5 Effect on Service Credit Toward Tenure, a Certificate of Continuous Employment, or a 13.3.b. Appointment**

A partial leave with partial pay represents a break in service towards tenure or a Certificate of Continuous Employment (for a lecturer). An instructor who receives a partial leave with partial pay is still limited to five appointments in the title and will not be eligible for a Certificate of Continuous Employment pursuant to Section 12.6 of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement.

#### **4.6 Calendar**

Partial Leaves of Absence with Partial Pay conform to the following schedule.

- Leave for the Full Academic Year: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on the day before the beginning of the following Fall semester (that is, the leave ends at the close of business on the fourth day preceding the following August 30, excluding Saturday and Sunday).
- Leave for the Fall semester: The leave begins on the third day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, preceding August 30 and ends on January 31 or the day before the first day of classes of the spring semester (whichever is earlier).
- Leave for the Spring semester: The leave begins on February 1 or the first day of classes in the Spring semester (whichever is earlier) and ends on June 30.

#### **4.7 Retirement Credit and Increment Credit**

##### **4.7.1 Retirement Credit**

Retirement service credit does not apply to employees in the Optional Retirement Program (TIAA/CREF), which bases the retirement benefit on annual contributions rather than on years of service. Retirement service credit for a partial leave with partial pay is determined by the particular retirement system, *i.e.*, New York City Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or New York City Employees Retirement System (ERS).

##### **4.7.2 Increment Credit**

Faculty on partial leaves with partial pay receive increment credit.

#### **4.8 Compensation**

A faculty member who takes a partial leave of absence with partial pay will have his/her bi-weekly salary rate reduced by the same percentage as his/her teaching workload is reduced during the period of the leave. For example, a faculty member who would ordinarily have taught 12 classroom contact hours during the fall semester, but who is only teaching 6 classroom contact hours pursuant to a partial leave of absence without pay, would be compensated at 50% of the bi-weekly rate during that semester.

Faculty members who have the summer annual leave period prescribed by Article 14.1 (teaching faculty) or Article 14.3 c) (faculty in counselor titles) of the PSC/CUNY collective bargaining agreement will be compensated for the months of July and August as follows:

- Full Year Partial Leave with Partial Pay: If the partial leave with partial pay was taken for the entire academic year, the months of July and August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) will be paid at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the partial leave with partial pay.
- Partial Leave With Partial Pay for One Semester: If the partial leave with partial pay was taken in the fall semester and the faculty member returned to active service for the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of July and at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the partial leave with partial pay for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester). If the faculty member was in active service in the fall semester and took the partial leave with partial pay in the spring semester, the faculty member will be paid at the same percentage of the bi-weekly rate as the University paid during the partial leave with partial pay for the month of July and at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate for the month of August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester).

## **5 PROFESSIONAL REASSIGNMENT LEAVES IN THE LIBRARIES**

### **5.1 Purposes**

Professional reassignment leaves are granted to members of the instructional staff who serve in the libraries to permit them to engage in research, scholarly writing, and other recognized professional activities that enhance their contribution to the University. There is a goal of 50 such leaves University-wide during each year (September 1 through August 31).

### **5.2 Eligibility**

Only members of the instructional staff who serve in the libraries are eligible for these leaves.

### **5.3 Duration**

The professional reassignment leave is not to exceed five weeks, which need not be consecutive.

### **5.4 Review Procedures**

A University application is submitted to the Department Personnel and Budget committee, or its equivalent. Professional reassignment leaves are subject to approval by the personnel and budget committee of the library and appropriate college-wide committees<sup>18</sup> and must be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval via the Chancellor's University Report.

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<sup>18</sup> Pursuant to the *Mbugua Arbitration*, approval by the President is not required.

## 5.5 Compensation

During the period of the professional reassignment leave, the instructional staff member is paid at 100% of the bi-weekly salary rate.

## 6 Other Authorized Leaves Without Pay

### 6.1 Purposes

These are extraordinary leaves, which should be very rare and only recommended by the President for valid purposes that are not covered by other leave categories. As in the case of special leaves of absence without pay, they may not be taken to assume a tenure track position or an administrative position at another institution of higher learning.

### 6.2 Duration

Although there is no stated maximum duration for authorized leaves without pay, because of their extraordinary nature, they should be scrutinized carefully both as to purpose and duration.

### 6.3 Effect on Service Credit Toward Tenure, a Certificate of Continuous Employment, or a 13.3.b. Appointment

An authorized leave of absence without pay represents a break in service toward tenure, a certificate of continuous employment (for a lecturer) or a 13.3.b. appointment (for a HEO) in the same manner as special leaves of absence without pay.

### 6.4 Summer Compensation

A full year authorized leave of absence without pay: The months of July and August (up to the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) will be unpaid. While the faculty member is in unpaid status, he/she is not eligible for University-paid health insurance and must file appropriate COBRA forms to continue coverage.

A one-half year authorized leave of absence without pay: If the authorized leave of absence without pay was taken during one semester and the faculty member provided active service in the other semester, the faculty member will be paid during the months of July and August (up to the date of the commencement of the subsequent fall semester) at 50% of the bi-weekly salary rate, thereby retaining health insurance coverage for both months.

## 7 ACADEMIC LEAVES AND MULTIPLE POSITIONS

While on leave the faculty member is expected to devote his/her time and energy to the purposes for which the leave was granted. As a general rule, employment within or outside of the University during leaves is prohibited, unless such involvement is integral to the purpose for

which the leave is granted<sup>19</sup> or there is a compelling college justification and may only be engaged in with the prior approval of the president<sup>20</sup>. In such extraordinary situations, the President may approve, on a strictly limited basis, some additional activities within or outside of the University.

## **8 RECORDKEEPING**

The college should designate an office responsible for maintaining records on academic leave requests and the disposition of those requests.

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<sup>19</sup> For example, a fellowship leave might be granted in conjunction with an honorary appointment at another University, which requires the individual to participate in a symposium or to present a paper. A special leave of absence without pay may be granted to permit a faculty member to serve as a visiting professor; however, a special leave may not be taken to assume a tenure track position or an administrative position at another institution of higher learning.

<sup>20</sup> For example, the faculty member may continue dissertation advisement while he/she is on fellowship leave.