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ARTICLE [x]. LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Purpose.

A standing committee comprised of representatives from OT-AAUP and the Employer, with regular, planned meetings is a means of maintaining transparent, bilateral communication.

Section 1. Joint Labor Management Committee.

To facilitate communication between the parties a Joint Labor Management Committee shall be established by mutual agreement of OT-AAUP and the Employer. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members appointed by the OT-AAUP President and three (3) members appointed by the Oregon Tech President. The Committee shall meet at least once per month during the academic year, and a jointly prepared written agenda will be developed in advance of any meetings.

Section 2. Creation of Sub-Committees.

The Joint Labor Management Committee may, upon agreement of the parties, create and assign tasks to sub-committees comprised equally of representatives from OT-AAUP and the Employer.

Section 3. Agendas.

Separate from the meetings of the Committee, Officers of the Association and the Oregon Tech President or a designee agree to meet at the request of either party to discuss matters pertinent to the implementation or administration of this Agreement, or other mutually acceptable matters. The parties shall meet within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request received by OT-AAUP's President or by the Oregon Tech President, respectively, for a meeting. The request shall contain an agenda of items to be discussed.

Section 4. Bargaining and Grievance.

The parties understand and agree that meetings held as provided in Sections 1 and 3 of this Article shall not contravene any provision of the Collective Bargaining Agreement nor constitute or be used for the purpose of contractual negotiations. Neither shall such meetings be used in lieu of the grievance procedure provided for in Article [x] on Grievances.

*OT-AAUP reserves the right to add to, modify, or amend proposals during the course of negotiations.