

ARTICLE 2 ACCESS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The parties acknowledge that it is in the union's interest that it be granted access to University facilities for union business for the purpose of ascertaining whether the terms of this Agreement are being met; engaging in the investigation, preparation, and adjustment of grievances; conducting union meetings; explaining to bargaining unit members their rights and responsibilities under the Agreement; and informing Healthcare Professionals Unit employees of union activities, including collective bargaining.

1. The University has the right to enforce reasonable access rules and regulations as promulgated at each campus/hospital/laboratory.

B. PATIENT CARE AREAS

Union representatives shall have access to patient care areas only as necessary for travel to and from union business. UPTE representatives shall not contact employees in, or use patient care areas when conducting union business. When the designated campus/hospital/laboratory official and the union representative mutually agree that a visit to a patient care area is necessary to adjust grievances, and contract related issues, access to patient care areas will be granted. "Patient care area" includes:

1. Chart rooms and rooms that function as or are in the nature of chart rooms;
2. Nursing stations;
3. Patient and/or visitor lounges including patient conference rooms, sitting rooms, and solaria;
4. Libraries or study areas located within patient care areas;
5. Patient floor and operating room area corridors; and
6. Patient rooms, operating rooms, laboratories, clinics, and other treatment and patient care areas.

C. ACCESS BY THE UNION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES — GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Designated union UPTE representatives who are not University employees, or who are not employed at the facility visited, may visit the facility at reasonable times and upon notice to the designated campus/hospital/laboratory representative to discuss with the University or bargaining unit members' matters pertaining to this Agreement. In the case of visits for the purpose of conducting unscheduled meetings with bargaining unit members, the union representative shall give advance notice upon arrival in accordance with local campus/hospital/laboratory procedures.
2. UPTE will furnish the University with a written list of all UPTE representatives, employee representatives and UPTE officers who are authorized by the union to conduct union business.

This list shall be maintained in a timely manner by UPTE and any changes, additions or deletions to the list must be made in writing to the University.

3. Union business or activities such as membership recruitment, campaigning for union office, hand-billing or other distribution of literature, drafting of information to employees about union business/activities, and all other union activities shall take place during non-work time. Employee rest and meal periods are non-work time for the purposes of this Article.

D. EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES

1. The University shall recognize UPTE designated employee representatives who have been identified in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The function of the UPTE designated employee representative is to inform employees of their rights under this Agreement, to ascertain that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are being observed, and to investigate and assist in the processing of grievances.
2. For the purposes of receiving paid release time as provided in this section, each campus/hospital/laboratory may have one UPTE-designated employee as UPTE designated employee representative (for example, one representative from the San Diego campus & hospitals). If a campus/hospital/laboratory has more than one hundred (100) bargaining unit members, UPTE may additionally designate one (1) UPTE-designated employee representative for each one hundred (100) bargaining unit members thereafter, up to a maximum of six (6) UPTE-designated employee representatives per campus/hospital/laboratory. UPTE shall not

designate more than one (1) UPTE designated employee representative per department.

- a. The total cumulative use of paid release time for any UPTE designated employee representative shall be limited to ten (10) hours in any one (1) calendar month, with the exception of one (1) UPTE designated representative who would receive twelve (12) hours per calendar month per location. University convened meetings pursuant to Article 8 - Grievance Procedure, shall not be deducted from this block of time.
- b. The use of the maximum time provided shall be for grievance-related activity such as:
 - 1) The initial hand-delivered filing of a grievance and the retrieval of University documents provided pursuant to a written request for information related to a grievance;
 - 2) One on one meetings with a grievant concerning a filed grievance, or an alleged violation of this Agreement which is at the Informal Review stage of Article 8, Grievance;
 - 3) Meetings with the University representative to whom written grievances are presented, or to whom documents related to filed grievance are presented/signed, or with whom time limit agreements are achieved;
 - 4) Informal Review meetings held pursuant to Section E. of Article 8, Grievance;
- c. A request for release time will be made to the UPTE designated employee representative's supervisor prior to the activity. Such approval shall be granted solely based on operational needs and shall not be denied unreasonably.
- d. At its sole discretion, the University may authorize use of release time for more than the time limits provided in this Article. The exercise of this discretion and/or the enforcement by the University of the maximum time shall under no circumstances establish a precedent for the UPTE designated employee representative or department involved. Furthermore, the allowance of greater than the maximum time in a month for an UPTE designated employee representative shall not have any effect or bearing on the University's ability to enforce the maximum on any other UPTE designated employee representative.

- e. Should a question of possible abuse of these release time provisions arise, the University will so notify UPTE, and the parties will attempt to resolve the matter. If a question remains, the University may take corrective action when warranted.

E. MEETING ROOMS AND BULLETIN BOARDS

1. UPTE shall be granted use of designated general purpose meeting rooms. Such use shall be arranged in advance with the designated campus/hospital/laboratory office and will not be unreasonably denied. Room reservations shall not be cancelled by the University except where unforeseen circumstances require the room to be used for purposes such as teaching, or patient care-related purposes, or staff conferences. If a reserved room is canceled, the University will attempt to provide a comparable alternative.
2. UPTE shall have access to general purpose bulletin boards and shall have the use of those bulletin boards. Any materials posted must be dated and initialed by the union representative responsible for the posting and a copy of all materials posted must be provided to the appropriate University representative at the location at the time of posting. At those locations where the University is responsible for posting material on bulletin boards, the University will post copies of the UPTE-provided material within one (1) business day.

F. MAIL DELIVERY

United States mail, which is received by the University bearing an employee name and accurate address, will be placed in the employee mailboxes in the normal manner. In departments where employee mailboxes exist, the union shall have reasonable use of them. In departments where individual mailboxes are in a restricted work area, UPTE may make arrangements with the responsible University official in the restricted work area to have the UPTE mail placed in the employee mailboxes. Where mailboxes do not exist for employees, the University will distribute UPTE mail to employees by the normal method.

G. TELEPHONE USE

Employee representatives may use University telephones to conduct union business which is specifically authorized by Article 8, Grievance Procedure. Employees are responsible for paying any costs associated with such telephone usage in accordance with the departmental procedures in effect at the time. The frequency and duration of permitted telephone calls shall not be such as to interfere with or disrupt the employees' completion of work assignments, nor impair the efficiency of University operations. UC may audit employee's use of telephone system.

H. E-MAIL USE

Any use of e-mail by employee representatives shall conform to and be in accordance with applicable University policy regarding mail/electronic communications.

I. EMPLOYEE LISTS

1. On a monthly basis, the University shall provide UPTE with an electronic list via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) of all employees in the bargaining unit. This list will include the following: name, title, title code, date of hire, annualized pay rate, percentage appointment, appointment type, campus mailing address, and hiring unit. In addition, the list will include the home address and telephone number of bargaining unit members, unless the employee has specifically requested that the home information not be released. The list will also include personal cell and personal e-mail if known, unless the employee has requested such information not be released. The University will provide UPTE a weekly list of changes (e.g. new hire, corrections, transfers, salary changes) via FTP that have occurred within the bargaining unit.
2. The Union will inform bargaining unit employees of their right to designate their home address and telephone number, as well as their personal e-mail and personal cellular numbers as confidential.
3. Upon written request by UPTE, the University will provide the undisclosed home addresses to a mutually agreed-upon mailing service firm through which UPTE can correspond with said individuals. The mailing service shall keep confidential the home address of the employees who have requested that the home information not be released. UPTE will bear all costs associated with this service.
4. Employee work and home addresses and telephone numbers, personal e-mail, as well as personal cellular phone numbers shall be maintained as confidential by the Union. The Union shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of all information provided to it under this Article.
5. The Union agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the University of California (including its subdivisions and employees) from any claim, suit or liability of any nature arising from (a) a challenge to this Section I; or (b) any action of the Union taken pursuant to, or in violation of, this Section F. The Regents will give the Union prompt written notice of any claim, suit or liability which it contends is subject to this provision.

J. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

1. Posting of this Agreement
 - a). Within ten (10) calendar days following ratification, the University shall provide UPTE with an electronic copy of the draft official version of the contract for UPTE review and concurrence.
 - b). The University will not post the UC version of the agreement to its website until UPTE has had at least ten (10) days to review the draft as referenced above in Section J.1.a.
 - (c) The University and UPTE will use their best efforts to ensure that this agreement is posted within one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days following ratification.
 - 1). Both parties must approve the camera ready copy of the Agreement ready for posting.
 - 2). The University shall make appropriate arrangement for UPTEs access to the work site to facilitate UPTE distribution of the contract to each member.

K. NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

1. The University shall notify all newly-hired employees, and shall notify UPTE no less than 15 days, in advance of scheduled new employee orientations, in which the University advises one or more newly-hired employees in an UPTE-represented bargaining unit (hereinafter, "new employees") of information regarding employment status, rights, benefits, duties, responsibilities, or any other employment-related matters. The University's notice shall include the name, payroll title, and department of all UPTE-represented new employees anticipated to attend. If additional, newly-hired employees are directed to attend the new employee orientation, after the 15-day notice (above), the University will provide an updated list 3 days in advance of the new employee orientation.
2. At the University's new employee orientations, packets of information supplied by UPTE, which may include information about the time and location of the UPTE meeting shall be distributed to all UPTE-represented employees. UPTE shall be solely responsible for providing sufficient numbers of said packets of information to the University prior to the new employee orientations.

3. At all the orientation meetings as defined in Section K.1. above, the Union shall be afforded thirty (30) minutes, to meet privately with all UPTE-represented new employees who are present, during the new employee orientation meeting, who shall remain on without-loss-of-pay status during the 30-minute meeting, outside of the presence of management personnel. Up to two (2) of the Union's representatives maybe bargaining unit members, and such bargaining unit members shall be on release time as per Article 2(D)(2)(a). Time used for these meetings will be deducted from the 10 hours/month noted in Article 2(D)(2)(a). A copy of the orientation's completed sign-in sheet must be sent to the Union within ten (10) calendar days after the new employee orientation.
4. The University and UPTE agree to meet and discuss on a campus/hospital/LBNL basis, over arrangements to accomplish the goals of this section.
5. In the event a formal in-person University new employee orientation is not held for a new employee, or a new employee does not attend a University new employee orientation, UPTE shall have the right to hold an individual or group orientation session with all new UPTE represented employees, without the presence of University officials, within fifteen (15) days of its request to hold a new employee orientation. The UPTE orientation session shall be during working hours and shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes.

The Union representative at the UPTE orientation session listed above may be bargaining unit members, and such bargaining unit members (up to 2) may be on release time as per article 2(D)(2)(a), if the UPTE orientation is held during the Union representative normal work time. Time used for these meetings will be deducted from the 10 hours/month noted in Article 2(D)(2)(a).