

approve in a manner that is consistent with this Article and with funds available for the unit.

All applicants shall be entitled to know the formal recommendations at each level and the decision of the Chancellor or his/her designee, which shall be final.

Within 30 days following the decision of the Chancellor or his/her designee, any individual recommended for a sabbatical leave at full pay, whose leave was not approved, shall have the opportunity to request that the President recommend a sabbatical leave at half pay. Approval of additional sabbaticals hereunder shall not obligate the Chancellor to consider additional sabbatical leaves at full salary.

ARTICLE XVIII PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. Full-Time Leave for Professional Development

A. Preamble.

Full-time leave for professional development is educational leave. Full-time leave for professional development shall consist of a full-time leave of absence with or without pay. It may be granted for such purposes as study, research or service as a consultant. If the leave for professional development is with pay, the cost of providing part-time replacement for unit members shall be made pursuant to funds available under this Agreement.

B. Eligibility and Conditions.

Professional staff members are eligible for full-time leave for professional development after one year of service on a full-time standard appointment, subject to the following conditions: (1) the applicant's professional duties permit his/her absence for the period of time requested; (2) the leave is of value to the college; and (3) if with pay, there is no other remuneration to the professional staff member.

Full-time leave for professional development may be granted for up to one year and the Chancellor may authorize an extension of the leave for an additional year.

C. Rights.

Full-time leave for professional development shall be considered as continuous service for longevity (if leave for professional development, with pay, on a pro-rata basis), placement in the salary schedule and retirement pursuant to the individual's particular State retirement plan. All fringe benefits shall be continued during the period of full-time professional development leave, if with pay. All other terms and conditions of full-time leave of absence for professional development are to be agreed upon by the professional staff member concerned, who may request representation by the Congress. The final agreement shall be in writing.

D. Professional Development Committee.

At each of the non-merged colleges, the Sabbatical Leave Committee shall also serve as a Professional Development Committee. At each merged college, the Congress subcommittee for Sabbatical Leave shall serve as the Professional Development Committee. The operation of the Professional Development Committee shall be subject to the supervision of the President or his/her designee.

The Professional Development Committee shall have the responsibility to review all applications for full-time leave for professional development and shall make recommendations to the President. The Professional Development Committee shall keep a written record of the dates of all meetings, attendance at meetings and materials considered. These records and materials shall be in the custody of the President or his/her designee. The committee shall not disclose its records or recommendations except as provided herein.

The committee shall make a recommendation to the President concerning the allocation of professional development money made available pursuant to this Agreement. The recommendation shall address the proportion of such professional development money to be utilized for short-term leave, partial leave and full-time leave. The recommendation of the committee is advisory to the President whose decision is final.

E. Procedure.

Applicants for full-time leave for professional development shall prepare a proposal for leave which describes the prospective activity and indicates the contribution it will make to the individual concerned and the college, utilizing a form established by the employer. This proposal shall be presented to the President six (6) months in advance of the requested leave.

The President shall seek the recommendation of the supervisor. In making this recommendation, the supervisor shall be guided only by the criteria contained in this Article. Prior to making his/her recommendation to the President, the supervisor shall meet with the applicant and discuss his/her intended recommendation with the applicant.

The President shall also seek the recommendation of the Professional Development Committee which shall be completed by December 15. In making its recommendation, this committee shall be guided only by the criteria contained in this Article. Prior to making his/her recommendations for professional development leave to the Chancellor, the President or his/her designee shall meet and discuss his/her intended recommendations with the committee. Where there are differences between the President and the committee, the committee may forward a statement of the reasons for its position to the Chancellor, with a copy to the President.

In addition, the President may consult with and/or seek the recommendations of other representatives of the employer, provided, however, that the President shall inform persons under consideration of any formal recommendation