Article 34.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

34.1

a. Effective July 1, 2007 the amount available per contract year for professional development and training shall be $187,000. Ten percent of the professional development pool may be utilized for University sponsored programs open to and accessible by all UCPEA members. The University’s designee shall consult and review with UCPEA’s Vice President for Professional Issues concerning University sponsored programs.

The employee shall submit a written request for funding of reimbursement to attend or participate in professional development and training in accordance with the guidelines established by the UCPEA Professional Development Committee and approved by the University administration.

b. Under guidelines established jointly by the Administration and UCPEA, reimbursements for tuition and fees will be made to the individual after successful completion of their coursework.

Effective July 1, 2007, and in each subsequent year of the agreement, $19,500 shall be available per contract year for reimbursement of tuition and fees for courses taken by employees. This amount shall be allocated in three equal installments over the spring, fall and summer semesters.

Employees taking courses at the University of Connecticut may defer payment of 50% of their tuition of fee rate until one month after completion of the course.

34.2

No more than one-half of the professional development fund may be allotted during the first six months of each contract year. The negotiated tuition reimbursement pool will be divided equally among the summer, fall and spring semesters of each contract year.

34.3

When management requires the employee to obtain work related training, it shall be paid for by the University.

34.4

Employees who wish to take credit courses shall be allowed to request temporary flexible schedules to take such courses. The University shall attempt to accommodate requests within its operating needs. Denials shall be given to employees within 5 workdays of the request, and shall not be arbitrary or capricious or without a good business reason. There shall be a form for employees who wish to take credit courses with a temporary flexible schedule.
Article 35.

TUITION WAIVERS

35.1 Employee
The University shall provide a waiver of tuition and a partial waiver of credit fees equivalent to tuition for all undergraduate and graduate courses on a space available basis. The availability of space shall be determined on the first day of class for tuition based classes. For classes paid for on a credit fee basis, space availability shall be determined on the second day of classes. Intercession, summer school, and laboratory classes are specifically excluded. To qualify for a graduate waiver the UCPEA member must either be a matriculated student or the class must be work related. There shall be no waiver of the General University Fee or any other fees except as noted above.

35.2 Children
In addition to the waiver of tuition permitted under C.G.S. Chapter 165, Section 10-119 (b, c, and d), the Board of Trustees shall have full authority to waive tuition for dependent children of bargaining unit members matriculating in an undergraduate degree program at the University of Connecticut or its regional campuses.

Article 36.

CHILD CARE

36.1 Effective July 1, 2007, and each subsequent year of the agreement, $41,600 shall be available annually for partial reimbursement to employees for childcare expenses at licensed child care facilities.

36.2 Reimbursement shall be made in accordance with procedures, policies and requirements, as established by the UCPEA, which conform to state regulations.

Article 37.

TRAVEL

37.1 Within the funds available, the Board of Trustees shall have full authority to allocate funds to travel and to authorize the expenditures of such funds for out-of-state travel under the authority of the Provost, Vice President or their designees.