

ARTICLE 17 – DURATION

17.1 This Agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2015, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2017.

17.2 During the life of the Agreement, portions, Articles, or sections of this Agreement may be opened by mutual consent of the Guild and the University without affecting any other portion, Article, or section of this Agreement. In the event the parties fail to agree on new language, the existing language prevails.

This section does not apply in those instances where existing language was found unlawful and the parties were required to re-negotiate new language as a substitute for the invalidated Articles, section or portion thereof.

17.3 All terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during subsequent periods of negotiation, subject to the requirements of RCW 41.80.

17.4 Bargaining shall commence for a successor agreement under RCW 41.80 no later than June 01, 2016, unless mutually agreed upon by the parties.