ARTICLE 32
UNION STEWARDS

A. Designation of Stewards
The Union shall be entitled to designate an employee to act as a Chief Union Steward and employees to act as Union stewards.

The Union shall provide the designated University official with the name of employee selected as Chief Union Steward and the names of employees selected as stewards.

There shall be no more than a total of eight (8) stewards at UCSD, including one (1) Chief Union Steward and inclusive of alternate stewards, provided however, that there shall be no more than one (1) steward per zone or shop.

B. Conducting Union Business
Union business/activities shall not be conducted on an employee's scheduled work time except as specifically provided for in other section(s) of this Agreement; nor shall such business/activities interfere with University programs and operations.

C. Release Time
The Union agrees that stewards shall request in writing from their supervisor the use of release time when engaged in the investigation of employee grievances prior to their formal filing and/or investigation of health and safety matters. It is understood that the Union will work with the University to ensure that Union stewards use release time in a responsible manner so as not to interrupt the daily operations of the University. It is also understood that University management will not unreasonably or arbitrarily deny the use of release time under this Agreement.