# ARTICLE 2 NONDISCRIMINATION

#### A. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

- 1. It is the policy of the University not to engage in discrimination against or harassment of any person employed or seeking employment with the University of California on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), HIV status, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, political affiliation, union activity, service in the uniformed services as defined by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act of 1994, as well as state military and naval service.
- 2. This policy is intended to be consistent with the provisions of applicable State and Federal laws and University policies.

## **B. SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

- 1. The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which all persons who participate in University programs and activities can work together in an atmosphere free of all forms of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation, including sexual. Specifically, every member of the University community should be aware that the University is strongly opposed to sexual harassment and that such behavior is prohibited by law and by University policy. It is the intention of the University to take whatever action may be needed to prevent, correct, and, if necessary, discipline behavior which violates this policy.
- 2. Sexual Harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, and other unwelcome verbal, nonverbal or physical contact of a sexual nature when:
  - a. Quid Pro Quo: A person's submission to or rejection of such conduct is implicitly or explicitly made the basis for employment decisions, academic evaluation, or advancement, or other decisions affecting participation in a University program; or
  - b. Hostile Environment: such conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive that it unreasonably denies, adversely limits, or interferes with a person's participation in or benefit from the education, employment or other programs and services of the University and creates an environment that a reasonable person would find to be intimidating or offensive.
- 3. If the definition of Sexual Harassment changes in the Sexual Violence Sexual Harassment Policy (SVSH), the new definition will replace the current language.

### C. RETALIATION

University policy prohibits retaliation against any employee or person seeking employment for bringing a complaint of discrimination or harassment pursuant to this policy. This policy also prohibits retaliation against a person who assists someone with a complaint of discrimination or harassment, or participates in any manner in an investigation or resolution of a complaint of discrimination or harassment. Retaliation includes threats, intimidation, reprisals, and/or adverse actions related to employment.

## D. RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Grievances shall be processed in accordance with the University's SVSH Policy and or the University's Discrimination, Harassment, and Affirmative Action in the Workplace Policy.

## E. APPEALS

If the UC-AFT appeals a grievance to arbitration which contains allegations of a violation of this article which are not made in conjunction with the provision of another article that is arbitrable, the UC-AFT's notice must include an Acknowledgement and Waiver Form signed by the affected Librarian. The Acknowledgement and Waiver Form will reflect that the Librarian has elected to pursue arbitration as the exclusive dispute resolution mechanism for such claim and that the Librarian understands the procedural and substantive differences between arbitration and other remedial forums in which the dispute might have been resolved, including the differences in the scope of remedies available in arbitration as compared to other forums. The timeline to appeal to arbitration as set forth in Article 25 — Arbitration will be extended by 30 days for said grievances to enable the Librarian to make an informed decision.