ARTICLE 41
DURATION

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The terms and conditions of this agreement shall take effect upon Postdoctoral Scholars’ ratification of the Tentative Agreement and shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2027, unless the University and the UAW mutually and in writing agree to extend any or all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement during this term.

B. NEGOTIATION OF A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

1. The UAW shall no later than May 1, 2027, serve upon the Office of Labor Relations of the University written notice of its intent to negotiate a successor Agreement. Included in such notice shall be the UAW’s written initial proposals regarding a successor Agreement.

2. The University shall, no later than May 15, 2027, following receipt of the UAW’s timely notice of its intent to negotiate a successor Agreement including the UAW’s initial proposals, resent its written initial proposals regarding a successor Agreement to the UAW.

3. Negotiations shall commence on or about thirty (30) calendar days following the University’s submission of its initial proposals, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing prior to the effective dates specified above.

4. Timely notice of intent to negotiate, as provided in §B.1. and §B.2., above, shall impose the duty to engage in meeting and conferring for the purposes of negotiating amendments to the Articles so specified.

5. Neither party shall have an obligation or requirement to negotiate on any provision of any Article not timely designated.

6. During the period of negotiations on Articles properly designated for amendment the terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

7. In the event that neither the UAW nor the University accomplishes timely notice of intent to reopen, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

8. The provision of “written initial proposals” shall mean that each party shall identify the specific components that it intends to negotiate and the specific goals it intends to achieve. While neither party is required to draft actual contract language, the “written initial proposals” must include specifics about each contract provision each party intends to change and/or newly include.