

SIDE LETTER
DISCUSSION OF LOCAL BRIDGE FUNDING
JOINT LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. The University and the Union recognize the significance of ensuring the continuity of research.
2. At the request of either party, the parties shall convene a Joint Labor Management Committee, at the local level, with the express intent of meaningfully discussing bridge funding for the research of designated Principal Investigators in the bargaining unit. Nothing in this Side Letter obligates the parties to alter the language in the Agreement.
3. The parties at each location shall mutually agree on an equal number of representatives for each local Joint Committee. Academic Researchers serving on the Committee shall be provided release time for time they would have otherwise worked on that day for the purpose of attending Joint Committee meetings.
4. The parties may invite guests, including, but not limited to subject matter experts and/or bargaining unit members to attend Joint Committee meetings, provided there is advance notice and mutual agreement.
5. The Joint Committee shall meet once per year, and the parties must mutually agree on the date, time, and location. Should the parties agree to hold additional meetings, they must be by mutual agreement.
6. The parties shall exchange agenda items for the Joint Committee meeting no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If there are no agenda items proposed, the meeting shall be canceled or re-scheduled.
7. This Side Letter agreement shall terminate upon expiration of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 35 - Duration.