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This Section (II.) applies to all faculty, administrative, civil service, and other employees of Western Illinois University unless otherwise provided by these Regulations, by law, or by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

The Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University is the employer of all faculty, administrative, civil service, and other employees of Western Illinois University. All civil service employees within the System are employed in accordance with the provisions of 110 Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 24½, Section 38b1 et sem

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multiple organizational units and/or functions; (b) generic and complex instructional activities such as graduate education or continuing education; or (c) substantial, generic, complex activities or functions which are university-wide in scope. Employees in this category will hold titles such as ~~M~~

Associate/Assistant Director, Coordinator, Supervisor, Internal Auditor, Specialist, Administrator, or Manager.

- (5) Level V includes employees who occupy positions which call for professional preparation and competence but which are essentially entry or intermediate level support positions.
 - (6) Medical doctors providing health services.
 - (7) Department Chairpersons (hereinafter referred to as Chairpersons).
- c. Civil Service and other employees, including without limitation, lecturers and adjunct appointments, shall be categorized pursuant to guidelines established by the President.

a. Adoption of Appointment Procedures

The University shall develop procedures for the appointment (including acting appointment) of faculty, administrative, civil service, and other employees. The procedures shall contain such provisions as are necessary and appropriate and shall be: (a) consistent with the Board's delegation of authority in Section II.A.3.; (b) consistent with the Board's commitment to affirmative action and nondiscrimination in employment practices; and (c) consistent with the Board's policy on participation in University governance. The procedures and any changes shall take effect when approved by the President for the University.

b. Policy on the Avoidance of the Appearance of Nepotism by WIU Administrative Officers

All Western Illinois University employees who have control or influence over decisions involving the use of public resources or authority have the responsibility to exercise that control or influence in a manner which maintains public confidence in the integrity of the institutional decision making processes. This responsibility includes the expectation that, in their exercise of this]

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- (2) Civil Service employees ordered to absent themselves from work under such circumstances shall not lose seniority because of such absence.
 - (3) Employees not excused from work under such circumstances who fail to report for o

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An employee's participation in outside employment must be consistent with the employee's obligation to the Board as the primary employer and is subject to such conditions as may be imposed by federal or state law or the terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

Employees are subject to the statutes and rules governing the State Universities Retirement

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- a. Summary: This regulation constitutes the Western Illinois University Tuition Waiver Plan, which is established within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.
- b. Purpose: The purpose of the Plan is to provide Eligible Employees a means of obtaining Tuition Waivers.
- c. Applicability: The provisions of the Plan are applicable only to Eligible Employees of the Employer in current employment on or after the Effective Date.
- d. Definitions: Whenever used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, unless otherwise expressly provided.
- (1) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time.
 - (2) "Collective Bargaining Agreement" means any agreement in effect on or after the effective date between the Employer and any duly certified "exclusive representative," as defined in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act.
 - (3) "Effective Date" means January 1, 1987.
 - (4) "Eligible Employee" means any employee who meets the conditions for eligibility for a tuition waiver set forth in the Regulations or a Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - "Employer" means the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University.
 - (6) "Employee" means an employee of the Employer.
 - (7) "Member" means an Employee who meets the conditions of paragraph e. of the Plan.
 - (8) "Plan" means the Western Illinois University Tuition Waiver and Educational Assistance Plan, as set forth in this regulation, as amended from time to time.

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The specific benefits available to Eligible Employees under the Plan are described in Sections II.B.12.i. and II.C.7.h. of these Regulations and the Tuition Waiver provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board and the University Professionals of Illinois, which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

f. Membership

Any Eligible Employee shall become a Member in the Plan on the first day of eligibility for a Tuition Waiver, but not before the effective date, provided that membership in the Plan by such Employee does not constitute discrimination under the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

g. Duration of Membership

A Member shall cease to be a Member when he or she is no longer eligible for a Tuition Waiver.

h. Commencement of Participation

Participation in the Plan shall commence when a Member receives a Tuition Waiver and shall remain in effect for the duration of such Tuition Waiver.

i. Administration

- (1) The Employer has the full authority to administer the Plan and adopt, amend, or revoke internal management procedures which are consistent with, and necessary to implement and maintain, the Plan.
- (2) The Employer intends that the Plan terms, including those relating to coverage and benefits, are legally enforceable and that the Plan shall at all times be maintained for the exclusive benefit of the Employees.
- (3) The Employer shall provide reasonable notification to E-#

- b. No collective bargaining agreement shall be effective or implemented until first ratified by the certified employee representative and then approved by the Board.
- c. All collective bargaining agreements shall be signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board or, where appropriate, by officials of the University authorized to sign such instruments in the names of the Chairperson and Secretary.

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- 1) The term “intellectual property” as used herein is broadly defined to include inventions, discoveries, know-how, show-how, processes, unique materials, copyrightable works, original data, and other creative or artistic works that have value. Intellectual property includes that which is protectable by statute or legislation, such as patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, mask works, and plant variety protection certificates. It also includes the physical embodiments of intellectual effort, for example, models, machines, devices, designs, apparatus, instrumentation, circuits, computer programs and visualizations, biological materials, chemicals, other compositions of matter, plants, and records of research, and other examples cited under clause (5).
- 2) : Technology Transfer involves

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- 4) The inventors, acting collectively where there is more than one, are free to place their inventions in the public domain if they believe that would be in the best interest of technology transfer and if doing so is not in violation of the terms of any agreements that supported or are related to the work.
 - 5) Waivers of the provisions of this policy may be granted by the Provost upon recommendation of the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee on a case-by-case basis, giving consideration among other things: to University obligations, to sponsors, whether the waiver would be in the best interest of technology transfer, whether the waiver would be in the best interest of the University, and whether the waiver would result in a conflict of interest.
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- 1) The Board recognizes that the creation of scholarly materials can be of benefit to the author and the Board and the University and thus it is to be encouraged. Therefore, the Intellectual Property Policy is intended to foster the traditional freedoms of faculty, staff, and students with regard to the creation and publication of copyrightable works. At the same time, this policy is intended to provide a fair and reasonable balance of the interests in such works among authors, sponsors, and the Board and the University.
 - 2) Works subject to copyright may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) books, journal articles, texts, glossaries, bibliographies, and proposals
 - (b) study guides, laboratory manuals, syllabi, and tests
 - (c) lectures, dramatic or musical works, and unpublished scripts
 - (d) films, film strips, charts, transparencies, and all other visual aids
 - (e) pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works
 - (f) audio and video tapes and cassettes

continue to retain a non-exclusive license to use the material for instructional purposes for all course-related intellectual property developed by the employee while employed by the University.

Faculty owners of course-related intellectual property maintain the right to update, correct, or withdraw course material from use. In the interest of maintaining instructional continuity, the University may negotiate a transition agreement with the owners of course-related intellectual property that specifies a "phase-out" period before the intellectual property is withdrawn from use. If an agreement cannot be reached a minimum phase-out period of one year shall be granted to the University.

If an author is uncertain about the ownership of a work arising out of a particular project, before undertaking the project the author shall be entitled to request in writing and to receive a clarifying written statement from the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee.

- 1) Derivative Policies: The University may develop derivative policies implementing the provisions of the sections on copyrights and patents above.
- 2) The Intellectual Property Oversight Committee: The application of the Intellectual Property Policy will be supervised by the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee. The committee will meet as needed, at least annually to review the requests for commercialization of intellectual property produced by the University community and to hear appeals on the application of the Intellectual Property Policy to particular cases. Appeals may be brought by the creator(s) of intellectual property, their college or vice presidential area or by the University administration. The Intellectual Property Oversight Committee will consist of five members each appointed for a three-year period. Three members of the committee will be faculty members (from different colleges) appointed by Faculty Senate, one member will be appointed by Deans' Council, and one member will be appointed by the Vice President for Administrative Services. The Director of the Sponsored Projects will serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the committee. A chairperson will be selected from among the faculty committee members. Minutes will be recorded for all meetings of the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee and these minutes a "#

service on a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive basis. When the circumstances of development lead the University to claim more than minimum license rights, the rights of the creator and the University shall be outlined in a written agreement prior to development. Questions or conflicts shall be resolved by the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee.

Student Collaborations with Faculty or Staff: Intellectual Property that is produced by collaborations between students and faculty or staff will be treated in the same manner as collaborations involving only faculty and staff.

Interagency Collaborations: Intellectual Property created through collaborations between the faculty and staff employed by Western Illinois University and individuals (other than students of Western Illinois University) who are not employed by the University may be eligible for commercialization through the University. In such cases, all creators and (where appropriate) their employers must agree in writing to be bound by the terms of Western Illinois University's Intellectual Property Policy.

Notes: The term "resources usually and customarily provided" refers to the resources provided to faculty members in the normal course of their duties. The exact nature of such resources can be highly specific to the academic area of the faculty member(s). If the Intellectual Property Oversight Committee needs to clarify whether a particular resource is "usually and customarily provided" it will abide by the judgment of the faculty member's departmental committee.

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Educational Requirements

A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, shall be eligible for consideration for tenure if he/she meets the educational requirements established by the University for tenure for faculty employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Years of Service

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (3) below, a Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, may not apply for tenure before his/her sixth probationary year of employment at the University.
- (b) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, who has no previous full-time teaching or professional service in a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education shall be placed in probationary year one at the time of initial appointment.
- (c) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, who has one year of prior full-time teaching or professional service in a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education shall be placed in probationary year two at the time of initial appointment.
- (d) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, who has two years of prior full-time teaching or professional service in a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education shall be placed in probationary year three at the time of initial appointment.
- (e) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, who has three or more years of prior full-time teaching or professional service in a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education shall be placed in probationary year four at the time of initial appointment.
- (f) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, may elect to be placed in a lower-numbered probationary year by written notification to the appropriate Provost/Vice President by the close of the first academic term following his/her initial appointment.

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(b) A Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, who applies for consideration for tenure as an exception to the educational requirements or years of service requirements shall present evidence in support of his/her claim for an exception.

Tenure for Chairpersons, Assistant/Associate Deans, and Assistant/Associate Vice Presidents, shall not be acquired automatically by length of service. Tenure shall be granted and may be acquired only by specific action of the Board after receipt of a specific recommendation of the President. Tenure shall be in an academic department or equivalent unit.

The performance of a Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, during the entire term of employment shall be considered by the Board in determining whether to grant tenure.

An eligible Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, must apply to the Dean of his/her college (or equivalent unit) prior to the commencement of the tenure process in order to be considered for tenure. In the event that an eligible Chairperson, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Assistant/Associate Vice President, does not submit his/her application for tenure in the sixth probationary year, such employee shall receive a terminal contract for the next subsequent academic year.

Removal From Office

In appropriate circumstances, removal of a Chairperson from office may be initiated by vote of a 2/3 majority of all probationary and tenured faculty members of the department/division, or by the Dean of the College after consultation with members of the department/division and the Provost/Academic Vice President. The final decision with respect to removal of a Chairperson shall be made by the President. In the event of removal from office, a Chairperson shall be entitled to return to his/her department/division to assume faculty responsibilities at his/her then current faculty rank. The Provost shall establish guidelines concerning the removal of a Chairperson from office. The guidelines shall ensure due process for the incumbent Chairperson.

- f. At the time of initial employment or at any subsequent time during employment, the President of the University may be granted tenure upon approval by the Board.

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a. **Administrative Employees at the University:**

Administrative Employees at the University may be reassigned by the President without notice in advance. The President shall consult with the Board's Chairperson prior to the reassignment of a Vice President. Employees, other than employees with a temporary appointment (including employees whose appointment is supported by grant or contract funds), who are reassigned shall receive written notice of any reduction in monthly compensation as follows:

in the first year of employment at the University, not later than one month prior to the effective date of reduction in monthly compensation; and

in the second or subsequent year of employment at the University, not later than three months prior to the effective date of reduction in monthly compensation.

This paragraph a. does not apply to Chairpersons.

b.

All employees other than the President shall be employed by the Board and serve at the pleasure of the President. Employees, other than employees with a temporary appointment (including employees whose appointment is supported by grant or contract funds), shall receive written notice of termination signed by the President, as follows:

in the first year of employment at the University, not later than one months prior to the termination date specified in the notice or an immediate termination

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offered employment by the other entity with-in (30) days of the contract, assignment or transfer, provided the employees receive 90% of previous salary (compensations)

(1) Employees Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Termination of a tenure appointment at any time or of a probationary, temporary, or other nontenure appointment before the end of the specified term shall be governed by the appropriate collective bargaining agreement.

(2) Employees Not Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Termination of employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement before the end of the specified term of employment may be effected at any time for adequate cause after notice and an opportunity to be heard as provided in these Regulations. Termination proceedings shall be initiated by the President. The President shall notify the Board prior to the initiation of a termination proceeding against a Provost/Vice President, Dean, or Associate/Assistant Provost/Vice President who supervises Deans.

"Adequate cause" as used in this paragraph c. shall mean one or more acts or omissions which, singly or in the aggregate, have directly and substantially affected or impaired an employee's performance or fulfillment of his/her duties.

(3) The following provisions shall apply to university employees:

(a) The President shall have the right to a hearing by the Board.

(b) Prior to issuance of a notice of intent to seek termination of an employee, the supervising §§

a hearing, the committee shall be selected within fifteen work days after the President has received the request. The employee shall select two employees to serve on the committee, and the President shall select two employees to serve on the committee. The four employees so selected shall select a fifth employee to serve on the committee. If a committee is not selected by the method described above within fifteen work days, the President shall appoint the remaining members of the committee.

- (f) If the President issues a notice of intent to seek termination, the following procedure shall apply (continued)
- (iii) The employee shall be provided with a notice of the hearing and specific written charges at least twenty work days prior to the hearing. During the proceedings the employee may be assisted by a counselor or advisor of his/her choice.
 - (iv) A verbatim record of the hearing will be taken and a typewritten copy will be provided to the employee. The burden of proof that adequate cause exists rests with the University and shall be satisfied only by clear and convincing evidence in the record considered as a whole. The employee will be afforded an opportunity to present witnesses and to confront and cross-examine all witnesses.
 - (v) A termination hearing shall not exceed three months unless extended by a majority vote of the hearing committee. The findings and recommendations of the committee shall be reduced to writing and furnished to the employee and the President within twenty work days after the conclusion of the hearing. If the hearing committee concludes that adequate cause has not been established by the evidence in the record, it will so report to the President. If the President rejects the report, he/she shall state the reasons for doing so in writing to the hearing committee and the employee and provide an opportunity for a written response. If the hearing committee concludes that adequate cause for termination has been established, it will so recommend, with supporting reasons in writing, to the President. If the hearing committee concludes that adequate cause for a sanction less than termination has been established, it will so recommend, with supporting reasons in writing, to the President.

- (vi) The recommendation of the President, along with that of the hearing committee should it not concur with the President, shall be submitted in writing to the Board.
- (vii) If a hearing committee fails to provide its findings and recommendations in writing within twenty work days after conclusion of the hearing, the President shall submit his/her recommendations in writing to the Board.
- (viii) If the employee fails to request a hearing in writing within fifteen work days after service of the notice of intent to seek termination, the President shall consult with the Chairperson of the Board before deciding whether or not there is adequate cause for termination or for a sanction less than termination. The

decision of the President shall be reduced to writing and furnished to the employee with supporting reasons.
The decision of the President in such cases shall be final.

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Part-time faculty employees paid on a per-course basis and employees with appointments for less than half-time shall not be eligible for any benefits described in this paragraph 12.

b.

Employees (including UPI Unit B Academic Support Professionals) with annual appointments of ten or more months shall earn vacation leave at the rate of two days per month during each month, or major fraction thereof, of service in pay status. All employees with less than ten-month appointments shall earn no vacation leave. This provision does not apply to persons employed in UPI Unit A positions. Vacation leave

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under this policy. In-laws are defined as: mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

Other relative is defined as: aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin of the employee. Such relatives are regarded as members of the immediate family only if in

No such refund shall be necessary should the employee be terminated prior to the completion of the service agreed upon.

Ordinarily, educational leaves may not result in an increase in net salary cost.

An educational leave shall not be awarded more than once in every seven years, and educational leave time shall not be cumulative.

Salary payments during educational leave shall be: one-half pay if leave is granted for a full year; full pay if leave is granted for one-half year.

The maximum number of educational leave units that may be used during each fiscal year shall be one unit for each unit for each twenty-five full-time faculty and administrative employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

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(c) suspension;

(d) discharge; and,

(3) an employee appeal procedure.

b. The discipline programs described above and any changes therein shall become effective when approved by the President.

a. Limitations and Eligibility

Except as otherwise indicated for prevailing wage rate groups, employee benefits shall be made available to employees in status positions, including, for the purposes of this paragraph 7., employees in appointments designed to qualify employees for status in the class, i.e. learner, trainee, apprentice, and, where appropriate, provisional. Civil

(2) Exempt employees, as defined by Fair Labor Standards Act criteria, shall earn vacation leave in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service Completed</u>		<u>Leave Days Earned Per Year</u>
<u>At Least</u>	<u>Not More Than</u>	
0	3	25
3	6	26
6	9	27
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(3) Beginning October 1, 1972, where there has been a break in service, the service year shall be determined by the addition of all previous periods of State service which qualified for earning of vacation leave.

(4) Employees who have completed probation will be compensated for accrued vacation upon separation from the University. Vacation time will be paid at their current rate of compensation and will be remitted in the next available payroll following separation. Employees who are re-employed within 30 calendar days are ineligible for vacation payouts.

(5) Except as provided below, an employee may not accumulate more than two times the appropriate annual level of vacation leave. Upon reaching this maximum, vacation leave will cease to be earned except as the accumulation is reduced. An employee who is required to work on a special assignment may, at the discretion of the President, be permitted to earn up to 12 days of vacation leave beyond the maximum provided above. Such additional vacation leave must be used within 12 months after the employee completes work on the special assignment. Extra pay in lieu of vacation leave will not be allowed. An employee's preference as to time of leave shall be considered, but the employer representative shall have the right to assign leave periods. Observed holidays that occur during the approved vacation leave shall not be charged against vacation leave.

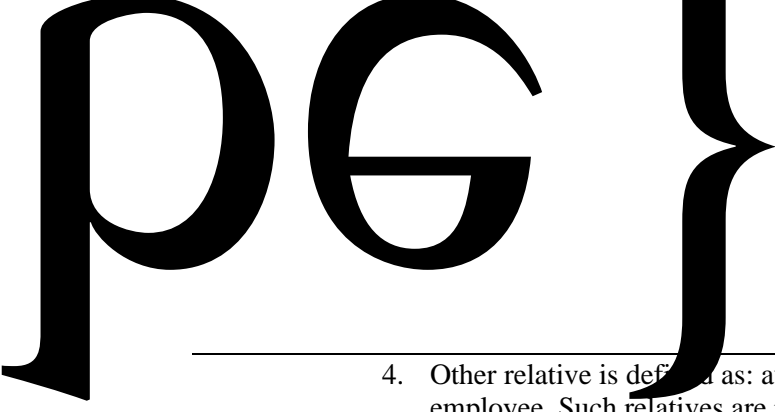
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- (4) In the event that work is required on any observed holiday as specified in paragraph (1) above, compensation shall be determined as follows:
- (a) i. Employees who are eligible for holiday pay shall receive straight time pay for the holiday, plus compensation at the rate of time and one-half for hours worked or, by mutual agreement between the employee and employer representative, shall be credited with compensatory time equal to one and one-half times the number of hours worked.

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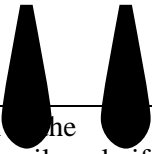
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- (d) An employee who has received a lump sum payment for accrued sick leave from an employer covered by the State Universities Civil Service System and who, within two years, is employed or reemployed by the Board may, if separated in good standing, have his or her accrued sick leave restored if, within 30 days after commencement of such employment or reemployment, the employee pays said lump sum payment to the Board.

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- (2) Following the parental leave granted above, the appropriate vice president may approve the employee's use of additional sick leave for the recovery of the employee, employee's spouse, domestic partner, or child.
- (3) Upon a positive recommendation from the employee's immediate supervisor, and/or department chair, dean, and/or director, the employee may request to the appropriate vice present or President a change of status and salary at less than 100% employment (e.g., 50% employment will be compensated at 50% salary), for up to eight (8) months after the birth or adoption of a child. The request for less than 100% employment should be made as early as possible and must be taken in eight (8) or less consecutive months. If an employee is granted less than 100% employment after the birth of a child, only the first four (4) weeks of that employment shall be compensated at full salary.
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4. Other relative is defined as: aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, or the employee. Such relatives are regarded as members of the immediate family only if in residence in the employee's household at the time of death.

5. Bereavement leave benefits are not granted in the event of the death of a member of the employee's spouse's or domestic partner's family unless specifically stated. For example, grandparent refers to the grandparent of the employee. For purposes of application of bereavement leave, relationships existing due to marriage or domestic partnership will terminate upon the divorce or termination of domestic partnership of the relative through whom the marriage or domestic partnership relationship exists. Current marital status will be defined in accord with Illinois State Law.

6. The employee's supervisor may grant additional leave to an employee who cannot, because of special circumstances, return to work at the completion of the allowable bereavement leave days. An employee may choose to take such leave without pay or may use accrued vacation or sick leave time.

Requests for leave of absence without pay for reasons other than disability (including but not limited to leaves of absence without pay for advanced study), upon recommendation of a supervisor, may be granted by the employer representative after vacation leave is reduced to not more than five days. Each request will be considered on the basis of its individual merits and the operational needs of the employer representative. The employer representative may waive the above vacation reduction requirement when it is determined to be in the best interests of the employer to do so.

(1) Tuition and fee waivers shall be granted by each state university in Illinois to status civil service employees of the University. The following credit hour maxima shall apply to employees who enroll in courses at Western Illinois University:

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These maxima are employee benefit limitations and do not apply to enrollment in approved work-related training programs, the purpose of which is to improve service. The fees which will be waived by the University include credit evaluation fees, activity fees and graduation fees. In addition, service fees, such as those imposed to secure revenue for bond

retirement, will be waived by the University for an employee of the University. For employees who enroll in courses at state universities in Illinois other than Western Illinois University, the credit hour maxima and fees which will be waived will be determined by the institution in which such employees enroll.

- (2) Employees are encouraged to enroll in courses having scheduled class hours outside their scheduled work hours. For courses held during the employee's work schedule, the employee may be excused to attend classes subject to a maximum of 4 clock hours per week or the number of clock hours required to attend one course, whichever is greater. Requests for excused absences to attend classes must be submitted to the supervisor for aⁿ 1-"- " 1

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For employees of the Board other than faculty, administrative, and civil service employees, the President or the President's designee shall develop guidelines concerning appointment, benefits, and other conditions of employment.