

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **ACADEMIC CHAIR** is a distinguished faculty appointment financed in whole or in part by endowment, or by special grant, either from an external source(s) or by the University, or by a combination of the University and external sources.
- 1.2 **ACADEMIC YEAR** comprises three terms, Fall (September through December), Winter (January through April) and Spring/Summer (May through August), although it is recognized that the end of one term and the beginning of the next may overlap for certain academic and administrative reasons. (Term and semester are used interchangeably in the Agreement and are defined as outlined above).
- 1.3 **AGREEMENT** is the collective agreement negotiated between the Board and the Association as agents for the Faculty, Professional Counsellors and Professional Librarians, and includes Articles 1 to 27, Appendices A to G, and Memoranda of Understanding 1 to 26.
- 1.4 **ASSOCIATION** is the Ryerson Faculty Association, the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for Members of the Association as listed in 1.3 above.
- 1.5 **BOARD** is the Board of Governors of Ryerson University.
- 1.6 **CHAIR** is the Chair of a Department.
- 1.7 **DEAN** is the Dean of a Faculty/Division or the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. **ASSOCIATE DEAN** is the Associate Dean of a Faculty or Associate Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.
- 1.8 **DESIGNATED INDIGENOUS FACULTY AND LIBRARIANS** are defined as those who self-identify as Indigenous and can show lineage and/or acceptance by an Indigenous community. Their claims will be reviewed by the Indigenous Faculty Committee.
- 1.9 **DIRECTOR** is the Director of a School.
- 1.10 All members of departmental hiring, tenure, promotion, and chair search committees are required to adhere to the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI). One faculty member, Career Librarian, or Career Counsellor from each committee shall be selected/elected by the committee as the **EQUITY ADVOCATE**. The Equity Advocate shall have responsibility to ensure that the committees adheres to these values. The Equity Advocate will complete additional EDI training. OVPECI shall provide to the Equity Advocate and the committee chair relevant diversity self-id data. The committee chair shall advise committee members with respect to the role of the Equity Advocate, and any guidelines that apply.

- 1.11 **FACULTY** is a collection of Departments/Schools headed by a Dean.
- 1.12 **FACULTY MEMBER:** The term member includes all Limited Term Faculty, all Tenured and Pre-tenured Faculty (including those on a re-employment program, reduced workload and/or lay-off status); and including those who are, or have been appointed to supervisory, administrative, and/or developmental positions such as Chair, Director, Associate Dean, Dean, Vice-Provost, Faculty Affairs and Provost and Vice-President, Academic.
- 1.13 **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** The term Associate Member includes a faculty member who holds an appointment to an administrative position described in 2.4 D, or a professional librarian who holds an appointment to an administrative position described in 2.4 E. While they hold these appointments, only the provision of Article 2.4 (terms of Agreement – Membership in the Association) and Article 4.7 A, B (Appointments: Academic Administrative Faculty) shall apply to faculty members who are associate members. Only the provisions of Article 2.4 (Terms of Agreement – Membership in the Association) and 16.6.B. shall apply to professional librarians who are associate members. Other conditions of their service in these functions shall be determined on an individual basis.
- 1.14 **INCREMENT is the CAREER DEVELOPMENT INCREMENT** awarded annually to a faculty member for satisfactory performance.
- 1.15 **INDIGENOUS SCHOLARLY, RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY (SRC)** activity is defined as research in any field or discipline that is conducted by, grounded in or engaged with First Nations, Inuit, Métis or other Indigenous nations, communities, societies or individuals, and their wisdom, cultures, experiences or knowledge systems, as expressed in their dynamic forms, past and present. Indigenous research can embrace the intellectual, physical, emotional and/or spiritual dimensions of knowledge in creative and interconnected relationships with people, places and the natural environment. (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Definitions of Terms. Retrieved from: <https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programsprogrammes/definitions-eng.aspx#a0a>).
- 1.16 **LIBRARIANS:** The term Professional Librarians includes those people employed as Professional Librarians by the University, except if so employed on a part-time or temporary basis.
- 1.17 **LIMITED CONTRACT (Temporary) INSTRUCTOR:** For the purpose of this Agreement, the term Limited Contract (Temporary) Instructor includes those instructors hired for instructional duties for a defined period of less than one year. Limited Contract (Temporary) Instructors are not faculty members as defined in 1.10 above and 1.14 below.

- 1.18 **LIMITED TERM FACULTY (LTF):** The term Limited Term Faculty includes all faculty members hired for defined periods of not less than one year and not more than a cumulative total of four years.
- 1.19 **MIDWIFERY FACULTY:**
- A. Midwifery faculty referred to herein are those faculty members who are required to maintain a midwifery practice as a condition of their being faculty and to qualify for, and to maintain, current registration with the College of Midwives.
 - B. Midwifery faculty in the Midwifery Education Program does not include other faculty or instructors (RFA or CUPE, 3904, Unit 1) who teach in this program if they are not:
 - a) midwives with active midwifery practices who teach courses; and
 - b) hired into the designated “midwifery faculty” positions.
- 1.20 **MINISTER** is the Minister of Labour of Ontario.
- 1.21 **NOTIONAL RFA SALARY:** Notional RFA salary is the annualized base salary for a member of the bargaining unit which designates the gross salary a member is entitled to if engaged in full-time service. Notional salary is a combination of base salary, across-the-board adjustments, Sector Adjustments, Career Development Increments, Anomalies Adjustments and Promotional Adjustments but excludes stipends, administrative allowances, recognition awards and overload payments.
- 1.22 **PRESIDENT** is the President of Ryerson University.
- 1.23 **PRE-TENURE FACULTY:** The term Pre-tenure Faculty includes all faculty members employed at Ryerson on a career basis who have not been transferred to the Tenured Faculty.
- 1.24 **PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS:** The term Professional Counsellors includes those people employed as Professional Counsellors by the University, except if so employed on a part-time or temporary basis.
- 1.25 **SCHOOL OF LAW** refers to the Lincoln Alexander School of Law. In relation to the School of Law, any reference in this agreement to a:
- i. "department" shall be read as “School of Law”;
 - ii. “Departmental Hiring Committee (DHC)” shall be read as “School Hiring Committee (SHC)”;
 - iii. “Departmental Evaluation Committee (DEC)” shall be read as “School Evaluation Committee (SEC)”;
 - iv. "Chair/Director", shall be read as “Dean or designate”

with the necessary modifications.

- 1.26 **SENIORITY:** Seniority shall be determined by the date upon which continuous employment (as active or associate members) in the bargaining unit commenced, less periods, exceeding 12 consecutive months, of leaves of absence without pay from the University. The use of seniority as defined herein shall apply solely and exclusively to Article 22 (Financial Exigency), Article 23 (Redundancy), Article 24 (Lay-off), Article 15.16 (Counsellors), Article 16.17 (Librarians) and relevant associated Appendices B (Librarians) and C (Counsellors) if applicable.
- 1.27 **TEACHING/ACADEMIC ASSISTANTS** are persons hired for a defined period to assist faculty members with academic responsibilities.
- 1.28 **TENURED FACULTY:** The term Tenured Faculty includes all faculty members employed on a career basis who have been awarded tenure by the University.
- 1.29 **TENURE STREAM FACULTY:** The term Tenure Stream Faculty includes all Pre-tenure and Tenured Faculty members.
- 1.30 **UNIVERSITY** is Ryerson University.
- 1.31 **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Unless otherwise specified, is the Vice-President or Vice-Provost, assigned responsibility for Faculty Affairs by the Board.