Revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between UTFA and the University of Toronto

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The MOA between U of T and UTFA

- Protection of Rights & Employment Terms
- Formalized Decision-Making
- Established Relationship Structure





2015 Special Joint Advisory Committee (SJAC): Key MOA revisions



Expanded academic freedom protections to explicitly include creative professional activities Introduced a facilitation and fact-finding process for reviewing 'frozen policies' and employment terms



Included sick leave, parental leave, and other benefits in salary and workload discussions



Timeline of current MOA negotiations

September 2023

Article 6 negotiations commence and the University invites UTFA to formally negotiate changes to the MOA

October 2024

U of T and UTFA begin mediation with mediator Eli Gedalof

May/June 2024

Parties begin exchanging proposals on revisions to MOA

February 2025

Parties reach agreement on changes to Articles 7 and 13 of MOA



Revisions to Articles 7 & 13



Article 7: Grievance Procedure

- Replacement of the Grievance Review Panel with a professional labour arbitrator
- Refinement of process and timelines
- Removal of reference to old Sexual Harassment policy



Article 13: Association Relations

 Exclusion of Vice-Deans and Associate Deans with duties involving academic labour relations from UTFA membership



The benefits of these revisions

Individual Faculty Members & Librarians



Article 7: More efficient grievance process Article 13: Locally-informed Academic Administrators will be involved in earlier

Faculties and Divisions



Article 7: More efficient grievance process

Article 13: More capacity for academic labour relations processes

UTFA

resolution stages



Article 7: More efficient grievance process Article 13: Non-UTFA members leading academic labour relations processes



University Administration



Article 7: More efficient grievance process

Article 13: More engagement of Faculty and Division Academic Administrators in academic labour relations processes

Next steps

- Revisions will continue to move through governance for approval at Governing Council
- Invitations will be sent to proposed arbitrators on mutually agreed list as part of new grievance procedure
- UTFA dues deduction for newly excluded Vice-Dean and Associate-Dean roles will stop in April
- Transition provisions will apply to specific ongoing grievances
- Article 6 negotiations for July 1, 2023 have moved to interest arbitration





Questions?

