ARTICLE _22? - LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

A. Leaves of absence without pay are for the purpose of professional development, personal convenience, or the completion of a terminal degree. Such leaves may be for a period up to two consecutive years.

B. The granting of a leave of absence without pay to members of the faculty is subject to the needs of the academic program, department/division/program and School and requires the approval of the department chairperson, and the dean and the Chancellor. Such approval may not be unreasonably withheld, and a written statement of the reasons for withholding approval shall be given to the faculty member upon request within ten working days of that request.

C. A request for a leave of absence without pay shall normally be made one year in advance, shall be made in writing to the department chair and will specify the requested dates of commencement and termination of the leave. The date for the commencement and termination of such leave shall be at the discretion of the University, but normally such leave shall commence on July 1 or on January 1 and shall terminate on December 31 or June 30.

D. A first-year's leave of absence without pay shall automatically extend the term of appointment by a period equal to the time excluded from the probationary period. No extension applicable to the final year of the faculty member's probationary period may be requested or granted. If a faculty member is granted a leave of absence without pay, he/she may submit a request in writing to the department chair for an exclusion of time from the probationary period. Such a request requires approval from the department chair, the dean and the Provost. An exclusion of a year from the probationary period shall automatically extend the term of appointment equal to the time excluded from the probationary period. No extension applicable to the final year of the faculty member's probationary period may be requested or granted. No faculty member may have more than two years excluded from his/her probationary period.

E. A second-year's leave of absence without pay shall not automatically extend the term of appointment. When the second-year's leave of absence is requested, a faculty member may request an extension of his/her appointment for a period of time equal to the amount of the leave, except that no extension applicable to the final year of the faculty member's probationary period may be requested or granted. If the University grants the leave, it shall at the same time respond to the faculty member's request for an extension of the appointment. Denial by the University of a faculty member's request for an extension of the appointment shall be grievable under Article V, Category 2.

F. Faculty on the tenure track should refer to section II.B.1. of the Policies and Guidelines Governing Appointments, Promotions, and Professional Activities of the Faculty regarding
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extensions to the timetable for tenure consideration. These requests shall be made by the faculty

member at the time the leave of absence without pay is requested, and, if the University grants the leave, it shall at the same time respond to the faculty member's request for an extension to the tenure timetable. Denial by the University of a faculty member's request for an extension of the appointment shall be grievable under Article V, Category Two.

EG. If eligible, A faculty member who has been on a leave shall receive on return any salary improvements to the academic base salary he/she would have received had he/she been serving at Rutgers during the leave period.

F. Normal University policy regarding benefits during a period of leave without pay shall apply. The University shall provide to faculty members who are beginning a leave of absence without pay the forms and instructions necessary to re-enrolling in those benefit plans for which they are eligible upon their return to paid employment.

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