



TO: Monique Musick, Chair, Staff Alliance

FROM: Erik Seastedt, Chief Human Resource Officer

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: Proposed Emergency Revisions to R04.07.110 Layoff, Recall and Release; & R04.08.060.G

This is in response to your February 17, 2015 memo regarding the proposed revisions to R04.07.110 and R04.08.060.G. I appreciate the thorough review and professional response by Staff Alliance especially in light of the expedited timeline. Following is a brief summary of the changes that were made based on incorporated. The subsection references are to the revised version of the re-draft which is attached.

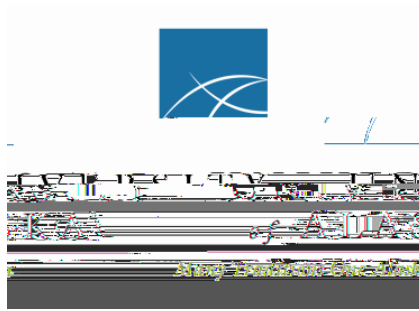
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as requested.

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In subsection C, Selection for Layoffs, length of service is one of several factors considered in selecting individual employees for layoff. It does not create a seniority system. Since selection for layoff is not based on seniority, the regulation leaves open the possibility that either an employee with longer service in the unit, or an employee with longer overall university service, could be selected for layoff, depending on the other factors listed.

affected department leadership will continue to have input into the selection for layoffs.





may assign an appropriate reviewer. Depending on the issues raised, the reviewer may decide the issues on the materials submitted, may choose to schedule a meeting with *both* representative, or may provide for a different procedure. A layoff, unlike a termination for cause, is not a decision that is directed at an individual employee. Thus the purpose of review in the context of a layoff is not to require the university to demonstrate that it has cause to terminate employment; it is primarily to protect employees and the university from those unusual situations in which the selection criteria for layoff is applied improperly, e.g., based on illegal motivations. The vast majority of layoffs in a widespread downsizing effort are not likely to raise such issues. The re-drafted regulation provides a better fit between the rights at stake and the process provided. It permits a simpler review in cases that require only a simple review, and allows for a grievance-like process in those infrequent cases where there is an issue of illegal motivation. In those cases, the Chief Human Resources Officer would refer the matter to a hearing before a different hearing officer. Thus the re-draft does not eliminate due process rights, it provides for due process procedures when the request for review raises issues that require them, and does not require those elaborate procedures when the request does not. In doing so it better fits the process to the issue.