Letter of Agreement Number 143

The Kean Federation of Teachers (KFT) and Kean University have reached an agreement regarding Doctoral Dissertations as follows:

- Chairs of dissertation committees will receive 1.5 credits per student for each of the first 2 semesters the students are dissertating.
- Payment can be either in-load or overload at the recommendation of the chairperson/executive director and approval of the dean subject to Article XII(B)(1) of the Master Contract. The decision of the dean shall be final and non-grievable.
- 3. In psychology, chairs can have no more than 2 students assigned to them, as mandated by the accreditation requirements unless there is a recommendation of the chairperson/executive director and/or approval/recommendation of the dean. The decision of the dean shall be final and non-grievable.
- 4. Other doctoral programs shall be limited to no more than 6 students and no more than 2 should be in their first year (the payment period) unless there is a recommendation of the chairperson/executive director and/or approval/recommendation of the dean. The decision of the dean shall be final and non-grievable.
- In the event that a dissertation chair does not complete the dissertation advisement function, and a second chair must complete the dissertation advisement, the second person shall receive 1 credit at the completion of the dissertation. No payment shall be made if the dissertation is not completed.
- 6. Under normal circumstances the chair will be selected by the student in consultation with the graduate coordinator. Final approval of the committee will be at the graduate dean's level.
- 7. All decisions of the Dean and/or his/her designee will be governed by Academic Judgment and will consider the best interests of the students and the faculty.
- 8. This agreement shall not be used in any other matters and/or disputes between the parties, except to the extent necessary to enforce the provisions of this Agreement.
- 9. This agreement does not modify the parties Collective Negotiations Agreement.

10. This agreement remains in effect unless terminated by either party for any reason with ten (10) days notice.

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