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Wim Wiewel, PSU President via US Mail pursuant to CBA Article 39

Re: Demand To Bargain- SBA Class Size Task Force Committee Report
Implementation

Although the University has not provided PSU-AAUP with the required notice, PSU-AAUP has become aware that the SBA Class Size Task Force has recommended changes in class size that will be implemented as new policy. Class size as a direct bearing on faculty workload and is a mandatory subject of bargaining.

Without waiving our right to file a grievance, the Association hereby demands to bargain over the University's decision, and/or the effects of the decision to increase class or section sizes as proposed by the SBA Class Size Task Force.

PSU-AAUP further demands that the status quo be maintained until bargaining is complete or a related grievance, if filed, has been resolved.

It is not clear to us what is being implemented, what plans are pilot programs and what are permanent changes, or how the workload impact on faculty members for these changes has been determined. It is, hence, not clear to us how faculty workload is increasing. We request to begin the discussion with having the SBA Class Size Task Force present and explain their proposal to the AAUP and Admin Negotiating Teams in early July.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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