27.1 The parties agree to the Academic Calendars for 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years contained in Appendix H.

27.2 During each of the years specified in Section 27.1, the academic calendar shall consist of 175 days for the academic years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10. The first day of Fall quarter each academic year, referred to as “District/Senate Flex Day,” and the second day of Fall quarter each academic year, referred to as “College Flex Day,” shall be scheduled for beginning-of-the year meetings including division meetings and other professional development activities. No classes shall be scheduled on these days. When extenuating circumstances exist, the Chancellor, in consultation with the College Presidents and the Academic Senates, may alter the sequence and activities designated for these days. Participation in these flex days is mandatory for contract and regular faculty.

27.2.1 Each part time faculty employee who attends the College Flex day shall be compensated at a fixed rate of one hundred dollars. This compensation provision excludes full-time faculty who teach overload under Article 7. Part-time faculty shall not have the College Flex Day included for the purpose of computing the sixty percent (60%) load limitation.

27.3 In addition to the two flex days cited in Section 27.2, three additional faculty flex days (one “Faculty Professional Development Day” and two “Faculty Conference Days”) may be used on an elective basis by all regular, contract and part-time faculty. At their own discretion and with the prior approval of the Division Dean or appropriate administrator, faculty employees may schedule a faculty flex day on the school day they designate. A faculty flex day is four to six hours of professional growth activity, planned in accordance with the requirements provided by and outlined in Title 5, in lieu of a day of instructional service during the academic year. Faculty shall provide appropriate notice to the Division Dean or appropriate administrator of their intent to take a faculty flex day pursuant to Appendix H4, “Individual Proposal for Faculty Flex Day.”

27.3.1 One “Faculty Professional Development Day” may be utilized at any time of the academic year for the purpose of professional growth activities including conferences and workshops.

27.3.2 Two “Faculty Conference Days” may be utilized during the academic year for the purpose of attending a conference or workshop, or planned district-, college-, division-, or department-wide activities determined through mutual agreement of the participating faculty and the appropriate administrator.

27.4 In the event that part-time faculty, at the request of the Board, participate in District/Senate Day as described in 27.2 such participation shall be governed by the provisions of Article 7, specifically Section 7.16.3.

27.5 Either the Board or FA may reopen negotiations on this article at any time by delivering a written request to reopen to the other party.