

## **ARTICLE 31** **SEPARABILITY**

Section 1. Shall any portion of this Agreement be found by a duly constituted court or regulatory authority to be in conflict with applicable law or public regulation, from which no appeal can be taken, then such conflicting portion of this Agreement shall be rendered null and void and the applicable law or regulation shall be controlling. In such event, upon request of either party, the parties shall commence good faith bargaining for replacement language.

Section 2. The invalidation of any portions of this Agreement in accordance with this Article shall not affect the legality and enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement.

Section 3. If any provision of this Agreement that is rendered null and void by operation of Section 1 of this Article is subsequently rendered valid (a) by a duly constituted court or regulatory authority (*i.e.*, by reversal on appeal or by virtue of a court decision being overruled), or (b) by the amendment, abolishment or enactment of a statute(s) or regulation(s), then the original provision shall be reinstated, notwithstanding that the parties may have agreed to replacement language in the interim time period. In that event, the replacement language shall be superseded and rendered null and void by the reinstated provision.

Section 4. For purposes of this Article the University of Akron Board of Trustees shall not be considered a regulatory authority.