Memorandum of Agreement
between Portland State University (University)
and the Portland State University Chapter
of the American Association of University Professors (Association)
August 12, 2021

Subject: “Attend Anywhere” and Asynchronous Instructional Modality

Recitals
The University implemented a trial period for the “Attend Anywhere” instructional modality for
selected classes beginning in Fall 2021 and extending through Spring 2022. The Attend
Anywhere modality trial period provides an opportunity for the University, faculty and students to
monitor the effectiveness of this instructional modality and inform future pedagogical needs.

Agreement during this trial period:

1. Neither of these two course offering types (Attend Anywhere or the 2 CRN Remote
   Synchronous/ Asynchronous) constitute two different courses for purposes of calculating
teaching load.

2. The use of these codes will be made with the approval of the department chair, and
   should only be used after the faculty member and chair have evaluated the course and
determined that the teaching strategies used by the instructor are within the limits of the
technology and other support available from the University and can be used satisfactorily
to deliver the course effectively to those students who consume it remotely.

3. The college, department chair and faculty member will determine what the optimal
   balance of course offerings are, in terms of modalities (i.e. in-person, hybrid, Online,
   Attend Anywhere, Remote Synchronous) based on the enrollment needs/demands of
   the students they serve, the faculty member’s preferences and capability/capacity, and
   the nature of the pedagogical requirements of the courses.
4. The faculty members will have the opportunity to discuss and resolve their preferences regarding the Attend Anywhere modality with their Chairs. Faculty members will not be required to teach using the Attend Anywhere or the 2 CRN Remote Synchronous/Asynchronous modality.

5. Faculty will continue to determine the appropriate course design and methods for assessing student performance.

6. Student evaluations will be solicited in the usual manner. Faculty members may opt to provide a statement to include in their dossier during promotion, tenure, and PTR and/or PCAR review periods with regard to the new Attend Anywhere modality that will be considered during evaluation.

7. If a faculty member decides to use/try one of these modalities in one term, it does not mean they will be required to utilize the delivery mode in the future.

8. The pilot timeline will be in effect for the AY 22. The parties agree to meet in January 22’ and April 22’ to review results of faculty and student surveys and other assessment data, to evaluate the effectiveness of these modalities and to consider reports of positive outcomes as well as any unintended consequences.

This MOA will be effective upon signature and ratification of the parties. It shall remain in effect for the duration of the trial period.

For the University

Shelly Chabon, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel

Date

For the Association

Theresa McCormick, Vice President Collective Bargaining

Date