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### **Telework and Alternative Work Schedules Policies**

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#### **Definitions**

- 1. Alternate Work Schedule- An alternative work schedule is one that is different than the normal university hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Examples of alternative work schedules include Long Term Alternative Work Schedule (Flex Time) and Short Term Alternative Work Schedules (Temporary).
- 2. Long Term Alternative Work Schedule (Flex-Time)- Flex Time allows employees to maintain a work schedule other than normal University hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM). Flex Time does not alter the standard workweek of 40 hours for full-time employees.
- 3. Short Term Alternative Work Schedule (Temporary)- Intermittent, incidental adjustments in work schedule or other temporary work schedule changes which last less than a semester long and are approved by the employee's supervisor.
- 4. Telework- Telework allows employees to perform their work duties from somewhere other than their normal workplace.

## Long Term Alternative Work Schedule (Flex Time) Policy

Flex Time allows employees to maintain a work schedule other than normal university hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Flex Time does not alter the standard workweek of 40 hours for full-time employees.

- 1. Flex Time is limited to employees in benefits-eligible, non- faculty positions.
- 2. Flex Time is voluntary and the University or employee may terminate the arrangement at any time and for any reason.
- 3. Flex Time schedules may not interfere with the office's ability to serve students and customers during traditional office hours.
- 4. Flex Time must be approved by the employee's supervisor, Dean/Director, and Vice President/President.
- 5. Flex Time may be changeable on a semester basis.

- 6. This policy does not alter the established Summer Hours policy. Information regarding Summer Hours can be found in the Summer Hours FAQ on the HRS web page.
- 7. This policy does not preclude additional requirements by the employee's supervisor.

## **Telework Policy**

The ability of employees to perform their work duties from other than their normal workplace (Telework) may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

Proposals to Telework will be considered only when the nature of the job does not require a physical presence on campus. Telework is a prerogative of the University, not an entitlement of employees.

- 1. Telework is limited to employees in benefits-eligible, non-faculty positions.
- Telework requires a Telework Agreement detailing the conditions of the Telework arrangement, signed by the employee and supervisor, and approved by Dean/ Director and the Vice President/President.
- 3. Telework is voluntary and the University or employee may terminate the arrangement at any time and for any reason.
- 4. Telework is not intended to be used while convalescing, providing dependent care, or caring for an ill family member.
- 5. Teleworkers must comply with all applicable policies, regulations and laws that are expected of employees who work onsite.
- 6. Teleworkers are expected to work a schedule consistent with the requirements of their job, including interactions with customers, collaborators, and co-workers, and to be available at such times as required by their supervisor.
- 7. Software necessary to secure University data will be provided and required by the University.
- 8. Costs associated with maintaining a home office, including supplies, internet, phone, and furniture, will not be reimbursed by the University. Travel to campus does not qualify as reimbursable travel.
- 9. Employees injured on the job at an off-site work location must follow University procedures for reporting accidents. Refer to the Worker's Compensation information on the HRS web page.
- 10. This policy does not preclude additional requirements by the Teleworker's supervisor.

#### **FAQs**

Link to Access VPN- <a href="https://www.pittstate.edu/it/information-technology-services/vpn.html">https://www.pittstate.edu/it/information-technology-services/vpn.html</a>

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