

**THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE  
401(a) SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN  
Amended and Restated, Effective July 1, 2011**

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## ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Amendment and Restatement. This document [sets forth] the terms and conditions of the supplemental retirement benefit provided for in RCW 28B.10.400(3), as amended.

1.2. 401(a) Status. The Plan, as set forth herein is a governmental plan as defined in Section 410(d) of the Code intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code, and shall be construed accordingly.

## ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. "Average Annual Salary" means the average annual Basic Salary paid to a Participant for his or her highest 24 consecutive Months of Service.

2.2. "Basic Salary" means the salary received by a Participant under the terms of his or her appointment, including any regular summer pay, but excluding other extended appointments. Basic Salary shall be determined before taking into account any salary reduction under Code sections 125, 132, 403(b) or 457(a). Basic Salary shall exclude leave cash-out payments, any settlement, severance or tenure purchase payments, and any other amounts that are not taken into account in computing TESC RP contributions. For any Participant who first became a participant in this Plan or the TESC RP on or after July 1, 1996, Basic Salary shall not be taken into account for any Plan Year in excess of \$230,000 (or such other limit as shall apply for such Plan Year under Section 401(a) (17) of the Code).

2.3. "Beneficiary" means the surviving spouse or domestic partner registered with the State of Washington of the Participant or, with the written consent of such spouse or domestic partner, if any, such other person or persons as shall have an insurable interest in the Participant's life and shall have been nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the TESC Payroll & Benefits Office.

2.4. "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the The Evergreen State College.

2.5. "Break in Service" means termination of all TESC employment and appointments for a full calendar month.

2.6. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Title 26 of the United States Code).

2.7. "Eligible Employee" means any employee of TESC who either

(a) is (and was on June 30, 2011) employed in an Eligible Position (as defined), other than an employee who has retired from a position which is covered by RCW 28B.10.400 et seq.; or

(b) was an employee of TESC who was employed in an Eligible Position (as defined) but who, before June 30, 2011, was moved to or whose position was converted to a position that qualifies for participation in a Washington State Retirement System, and who has irrevocably elected to remain in the TESC RP under TESC RP Section 3.1(c).

This provision shall not adversely affect the right of any individual who on June 30, 2011 has satisfied all conditions for receiving benefits under the Plan to receive those benefits.

2.8. "Eligible Position" means a faculty, civil service exempt, or other salaried position designated by the Board that requires at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months. However, a position held by a person on a fee, retainer, or special contract basis, or as an incident to the private practice of a profession or to the employee's education, is not an Eligible Position.

2.9. "Fixed Annuity" means a Retirement Annuity contract issued by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association ("TIAA") under which 100% of the accumulation is invested in the TIAA Traditional Account.

2.10. "Month of Service" is a calendar month throughout which the employee is employed in an Eligible Position with a work load of at least fifty percent of the normal full-time workload per month in at least six consecutive months. If the employee is employed in an Eligible Position for only a fraction of a month, prorated credit shall be given for that month.

2.11. "Participant" means any Eligible Employee who participates in the Plan in accordance with Article 3.

2.12. "Plan" means the The Evergreen State College 401(a) Supplemental Retirement Plan set forth in this document as it may be amended from time to time and, prior to January 1, 2009, as set forth in Part III of the TESCRP plan document.

2.13. "Plan Year" means the calendar year.

2.14. "Retirement Age": "Normal Retirement Age means the last day of the calendar month in which age 65 is attained; Early Retirement Age means the last day of the calendar month in which age 62 is attained.

2.15. "Trust" means the trust established to hold and invest assets of the Plan.

2.16. "Trustee" means the trustee or trustees appointed by TESC to administer the Trust.

2.17. "USERRA" means the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

2.18. "TESC" means the The Evergreen State College.

2.19. "TESCRP" means the The Evergreen State College Retirement Plan.

2.20. "Variable Annuity" means a variable Retirement Annuity certificate issued by the College Retirement Equities Fund ("CREF") under which the entire accumulation is invested in the CREF Stock Account.

2.21. "Year of Service" is a Plan Year in which the employee completes at least five Months of Service, excluding Months of Service before a prior Break in Service (if any) and, after July 1, 1979, any Months of Service for which no contributions were made under the TESCRP or

any other plan established pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400. Authorized leaves of absence for illness with pay and professional leave time with compensation will also be included, as will periods of absence for the uniformed services to the extent provided in USERRA. A Participant's Years of Service will also include his or her credited Years of Service in a position covered by RCW 28B.10.400 et seq. or in a TESC position covered by a Washington State Retirement System, provided that, with regard to the Washington State Retirement System, (a) the Participant transfers directly from the System to the TESC RP, (b) the Participant was vested and will receive a retirement income benefit from such System, (c) service that has been withdrawn does not count, and (d) the Participant signs a release within 60 days after the application for benefits, as needed to obtain the relevant information from the System. Any retirement income benefit that he or she is eligible to receive under the System attributable to Years of Service that are covered under the preceding sentence shall be included in the assumed benefit offset described in Section 5.3. Except as otherwise provided in USERRA, an Employee may receive credit for no more than two years during his or her entire working career for periods of authorized leave without pay, provided that the Employee contributes both the Employer and Employee contributions under the TESC RP while on authorized leave, and returns to the employment of TESC immediately following the leave for a period of not less than two years. The Employee and Employer contributions shall be based on the average of the Employee's compensation at the time the leave of absence was authorized and the time the Employee resumes employment. However, the benefit provided by this Plan shall be based only on the Participant's compensation earned from employment with TESC.

### ARTICLE 3. PARTICIPATION

3.1. Commencement of participation. An Eligible Employee begins (or began) participation in this Plan on the later of (a) the date he or she begins (or began) participation in the TESC RP or (b) the beginning of the first period for which the Eligible Employee has made a contribution under the TESC RP.

3.2. Cessation of participation. A Participant will continue to be a Participant so long as he or she continues to contribute under the TESC RP (except while on authorized leave), and shall cease to be a Participant in this Plan when he or she ceases to contribute under the TESC RP.

### ARTICLE 4. RETIREMENT

4.1. Retirement because of age. On the first of any month after attaining Retirement Age, a Participant who is actively employed by TESC may elect to retire by submitting a written application to his or her administrator, with a copy to the TESC Payroll & Benefits Office. A person is ineligible for any benefit under this Plan if he or she ceases to be a Participant prior to age 62 for reasons other than retirement because of condition of health as described in Section 4.2

4.2. Retirement because of condition of health. A retirement because of condition of health may be approved by the Vice President of Finance and Administration or designee of TESC upon request by a Participant who is actively employed by TESC or by the administrative officer concerned. The basis for approval is whether continued service by the Participant is likely to seriously impair or endanger the Participant's health, or if the Participant is permanently unable to carry on his or her usual duties because of health. A request for retirement because of condition of health is referred to the Payroll and Benefits Manager, who will obtain

recommendations to be presented to the Vice President of Finance and Administration or designee of TESC. In addition to any recommendations submitted by the administrative officer concerned and by the individual's health care provider, TESC may require an opinion or second opinion at TESC's expense from a health care provider selected by TESC.

4.3. Retiree reemployment means the reemployment of a former Participant up to 40 percent of full time or for fewer than five consecutive months following the date of retirement under Section 4.1. Such reemployment shall be subject to all applicable TESC rules. Such reemployment after retirement will not be counted as service under the Plan nor result in any eligibility for increased benefits under the Plan. A reemployed retiree who retired under this Plan or the TESC RP is not a Participant under the Plan.

## ARTICLE 5. BENEFITS

5.1. Eligibility for benefit. A Participant is eligible for a benefit under this Plan if, at retirement, all of the following are true:

- (a) The Participant has reached age 62 or retires under Section 4.2, and
- (b) The number of his or her Years of Service is ten or more, and
- (c) The amount of his or her benefit, as calculated under Section 5.2, is a positive amount.

5.2. Amount of benefit. The monthly amount of lifetime benefit payable to an eligible retired Participant is the amount determined by TESC at the time of retirement to be the excess, if any, of

- (a) one-twelfth of two percent of the Participant's Average Annual Salary multiplied by the number of his or her Years of Service (such product not to exceed one-twelfth of fifty percent of the Participant's Average Annual Salary) over
- (b) the amount of the assumed annuity benefit offset the retired Participant would receive in the first month of retirement, calculated as provided in Section 5.3.

The percentage factor in (a) above shall be 1.5 percent instead of two percent for any Month of Service commencing on or after July 1, 1974, during any portion of which the Participant, having attained the age of fifty, had not elected to participate in the TESC RP at the 10% plan contribution rate. The benefit hereunder is reduced by .5% times the number of full calendar months that the date of retirement because of age precedes the Normal Retirement Age; however, if the Participant was given a retirement because of condition of health under Section 4.2, this reduction will not apply.

5.3. Assumed annuity benefit offset. The assumed annuity benefit offset for a married Participant is equal to the amount of monthly benefit from the Fixed and Variable Annuities calculated as a joint and survivor annuity with two-thirds of the benefit to the survivor, with the Participant's spouse as the survivor (using the spouse's actual age, if within five years of the Participant's age; otherwise, using the age closest to the spouse's age that is five years less than or five years greater than the Participant's age). For an unmarried Participant, the benefit offset is calculated as a single life annuity with a ten-year guaranteed period. In either case, the

assumed annuity benefit offset will be the amount estimated by TESC at the time of retirement.

The following assumptions shall be used in computing the assumed annuity benefit offset:

- (a) Benefit calculations related to contributions under the TESC RP shall be computed on the assumption that the Participant had allocated 50 percent of such contributions to the Fixed Annuity and 50 percent of such contributions to the Variable Annuity and made no subsequent transfers from these accounts.
- (b) Any portion of a Participant's accumulation account under the TESC RP which is awarded by a court to such person's spouse under a domestic relations order is included in any subsequent calculation of the benefit under the TESC RP as if such portion had remained in the Participant's accumulation account under the TESC RP until the date of retirement.
- (c) Annuity accumulations attributable to any additional voluntary employee contributions, beyond those provided for in the TESC RP, and any contributions paid through employers other than State of Washington institutions of higher education, are excluded.
- (d) All benefits that a retired Participant is eligible to receive from a plan established pursuant to RCW 28B.10.400 or (to the extent attributable to Years of Service) from a Washington State Retirement System shall be included in the assumed annuity benefit offset to the same extent as if received from the TESC RP.

5.4. Death benefit. If a Participant dies while eligible for benefits under the Plan after attaining age 62, the benefit, if any, payable to the Participant's Beneficiary shall be equal to the benefit that the Beneficiary would have received if the Participant had begun to receive retirement income on the first day of the month following the month in which the Participant's death occurs and had elected a two-thirds benefit to survivor option with the Beneficiary as the survivor.

5.5. Form of distribution. Benefits under the Plan are to be received as lifetime income and may only be made over (a) the life of the retiree, or (b) at the written election of the retiree, the lives of the retiree and a Beneficiary, in any form of lifetime annuity made available by TESC that does not include a guarantee period. If option (b) is chosen, the actuarially equivalent income shall be computed using the dividend, interest and mortality basis then in effect for the Fixed Annuity. Any form of distribution hereunder to a married Participant, other than a joint and survivor form under which the spouse to whom the Participant is married at the time of the election hereunder receives a survivor annuity equal to 50% or more of the lifetime annuity payable to the Participant, requires the consent of the Participant's spouse at the time of the election hereunder, in accordance with Section 5.7. Once an election has been made hereunder, the form of distribution may not be changed at any later time for any reason, including (without limitation) remarriage of the Participant, provided that in the event of a Beneficiary's death (or any other change in circumstances) before the starting date of any annuity payments a new Beneficiary may be designated by the Participant prior to that starting date. Benefit payments are made in equal monthly installments or more frequently, consistent with TESC's payroll practices. At the election of TESC, the supplemental payment may be made at longer intervals if the installments for a Participant or his or her Beneficiary would otherwise be less than a minimum amount established from time to time by the TESC Benefits office.



5.6. Application for benefits; spousal consent. To begin receiving benefits, the Participant or Beneficiary must write directly to the TESC Benefits Office. The TESC Benefits Office will provide the necessary forms to the Participant or the Beneficiary. TESC will pay benefits upon receipt of a satisfactorily completed application for benefits and supporting documents. In any case in which the consent of the Participant's spouse is required, the consent must be in writing, must acknowledge the effect of the election or action to which the consent applies, and must be witnessed by a notary public. Unless the consent expressly provides that the Participant may make further elections without further consent of the spouse, the consent will be effective only with respect to the specific election of form of benefit, or Beneficiary, or both, to which the consent relates. Spousal consent will be effective only with respect to that spouse. Spousal consent will not be required if it is established to the satisfaction of the TESC Benefits Office that the spouse cannot be located.

5.7. Application for benefits. Procedures for calculation of the benefits under this Plan are initiated by submitting an "Application for Retirement" form to the TESC Benefits Office.

5.8. Benefit payments. Any benefits that become payable under this Article 5 will be paid from the general assets of TESC, unless paid from the Trust. If benefits are paid from general assets of TESC, they shall be treated as a contribution to the Trust and payment by the Trust. Nothing in this Plan will be construed to create a trust or obligate TESC to segregate a fund, purchase an annuity contract, or fund in any other way the future payment of any benefits under this Plan.

5.9. Minimum distributions. All benefits under this Plan will be made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the regulations thereunder. Minimum distributions must begin no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½ or, if later, April 1 following the calendar year in which the Participant retires from TESC. Upon the Participant's death after the time benefits are required to begin hereunder, any remaining benefits will be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution in effect at the time of the Participant's death. If the Participant dies before benefit payments are required to begin under the second sentence of this Section 5.10, any benefits payable to (or for the benefit of) the Beneficiary will be paid beginning no later than the date the Participant would have attained age 70 1/2 over the life of the Beneficiary.

5.10. Maximum benefit. Benefits under the Plan shall not exceed the limitation of Section 415(b) of the Code, to the extent applicable.

5.11. Forfeitures. Forfeitures shall not be applied to increase the benefits any employee would otherwise receive under the Plan.

## ARTICLE 6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Plan administration. TESC is the administrator of this Plan and has designated the TESC Benefits Office to be responsible for the day to day administration of the Plan.

6.2. Authority of TESC. TESC shall have final authority to determine all questions concerning eligibility and benefits under the Plan, to interpret all terms of the Plan, including any

uncertain terms, and to decide any disputes arising under and all questions concerning administration of the Plan. Any determination made by TESC shall be given deference, if it is subject to judicial review, and shall be overturned only if it is arbitrary and capricious.

6.3. Requests for information. Any request for information concerning eligibility, participation, benefits, or other aspects of the operation of the Plan should be in writing and directed to the TESC Benefits Office.

6.4. Payment of expenses. All reasonable costs and expenses incident to the administration of the Plan and the Trust, including but not limited to legal, accounting, and Trustee fees, shall be paid by the Trust unless TESC elects to pay such expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any and all expenses relating to settlor functions such as creation or termination of the Plan shall be paid by TESC and may not be paid from the Trust.

## ARTICLE 7. FUNDING

7.1. Trust agreement or declaration. TESC shall appoint a Trustee (which may include TESC itself) and enter into a trust agreement or declaration of trust. The Trustee will receive and invest all contributions, if any, made under the Plan to the Trust and all income derived therefrom. TESC may remove a Trustee and may appoint a successor or additional Trustees and may divide their duties and responsibilities as it sees fit.

7.2. Exclusive benefit of Participants. All assets of the Trust shall be held for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to Participants and Beneficiaries under the Plan and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan and as otherwise permitted by law and the Plan. In no event shall it be possible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities under Plan for any part of the assets of the Trust, whether principal or income, to be used for or diverted to purposes other than those stated herein.

7.3. Return of contributions. Nothing herein shall prohibit a return to TESC, within one year after payment, of excess sums contributed to the Trust as a result of a good faith mistake of fact. In addition, in the event that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (or his or her delegate) determines that the Plan is not initially qualified under the Code, any TESC contributions made to the Plan shall be returned to TESC within one year after the date the initial qualification is denied.

## ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

8.1. Amendment and termination. The Board reserves the right at any time to amend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, to the extent permitted by law. If the Plan is terminated, TESC will notify all Participants. All benefits accrued to the date of termination will be nonforfeitable to the extent funded or as otherwise required by law. No amendment shall be effective if it permits any part of the Trust assets (other than such part as is required to pay taxes and administration expenses) to be used for or diverted to any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of the Participants or their Beneficiaries, or permits any portion of the Trust assets to revert to or become property of TESC, except as permitted by law.

8.2. Limitation. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.1, the Board shall not make any amendment to the Plan that operates to recapture for TESC any contributions previously made under this Plan except to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. Non-alienation of benefits. Except as provided in this section, no benefit under the Plan may at any time be subject in any manner to alienation, encumbrance, the claims of creditors, or legal process. No participant will have power in any manner to transfer, assign, alienate, or in any way encumber his or her benefits under the Plan, or any part thereof, and any attempt to do so will be void and of no effect. This Plan will comply with any judgment, decree or order that establishes the rights of another person to all or a portion of a Participant's benefit under this Plan to the extent that it is treated as a qualified domestic relations order under Code Section 414(p).

9.2. Plan does not affect employment. Nothing in this Plan is a commitment or agreement by any person to continue his or her employment with TESC, and nothing in this Plan is a commitment on the part of TESC to continue the employment or the rate of compensation of any person for any period. All employees of TESC will remain subject to nonrenewal, discharge or discipline to the same extent as if the Plan had never been put into effect.

9.3. Claims of other persons. The Plan does not give any Participant or any other person, firm, or corporation any legal or equitable right against TESC, or its officers, employees, or Trustees, except for the rights that are specifically provided for in this Plan or created in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Plan.

9.4. Governing law. Except as provided under federal law, the provisions of the Plan are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Plan has been signed for and on behalf of

The Evergreen State College this 23 day of September, 2011.

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

By: 

Thomas L. Purce

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