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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire administration and the UNH chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) announced today a tentative contract agreement. The contract covers the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

If formally ratified by the USNH Board of Trustees and the AAUP membership, the agreement would end a negotiation process that started in the spring of 2006.

“I am extremely happy we have reached this point,” said UNH President Mark Huddleston. “Everyone involved has worked very hard to get to where we are today. I look forward to both sides formally ratifying this agreement.”

Dale Barkey, president of the AAUP, said “I am pleased we have completed negotiations successfully. This is a contract that our negotiating team can recommend to the faculty.”

Few details will be released before both sides vote, but the tentative agreement calls for annual across-the-board salary increases totaling 14.5% over the three-year contract period, an additional flat dollar increase of $225 per faculty member in the second year of the contract, a merit/equity component of .75% in the third year, and new salary minimums for each faculty rank. In addition, agreement was reached on increases in faculty medical benefits premiums and co-pays, as well as associated mitigation to ease the transition to these higher costs.

The USNH Board of Trustees is expected to vote on the proposed settlement on April 17. The AAUP is planning a ratification vote during April as well.

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