## CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made and entered into between Plaintiff Lisa Stempien ("Stempien" or "Plaintiff" or "Class Representative") on the one hand, individually and on behalf of the Class (as defined below), by and through HammondLaw, P.C. ("Class Counsel"), and Defendant DeVry University, Inc. ("Defendant" or "DVU"), individually and on behalf of the Released Parties (as defined below) on the other hand, subject to the approval of the Court, as provided below. This Settlement Agreement is intended by Plaintiff and Defendant to fully, finally, and forever resolve, discharge, and settle the Action (as defined below) and Released Claims (as defined below), upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, as follows:

#### 1. Definitions.

As used herein, for the purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, the following terms will be defined as set forth below:

- 1.1 "Action" refers to the civil action entitled: Lisa Stempien v. DeVry University, Inc., Case No. RG19002623, in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
- 1.2 "Class" refers to all current employees or former employees who, between January 15, 2015 and date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement performed the duties of an Adjunct Instructor or Visiting Professor for Defendant in California.
- 1.3 "Class Counsel" refers to the attorneys of record for the Class Representative, *i.e.*, HammondLaw, P.C.
  - 1.4 "Class Members" means all individuals identified in Section 1.2.
- 1.5 "Class Notice" refers to the form of direct-mail notice to Class Members substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A," as may be modified by the Court.
- 1.6 "Class Member Payment" refers to the amount paid to a Class Member who does not timely submit a Request for Exclusion as set forth in Sections 1.20 and 16 below.

- 1.7 "Class Period" refers to January 15, 2015, through the date of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement Agreement.
  - 1.8 "Class Representative" refers to Plaintiff Lisa Stempien.
  - 1.9 "Complaint" refers to the operative Complaint in this Action.
  - 1.10 "Court" refers to the California Superior Court for the County of Alameda.
- 1.11 "Final" means the latest of: (a) if there is an appeal of the Court's Judgment, the date the Judgment is affirmed on appeal, the date of dismissal of such appeal, or the expiration of the time to file a petition for writ of *certiorari*, or, (b) if a petition for a writ of *certiorari* is filed, the date of denial of the petition for writ of *certiorari*, or the date the Judgment is affirmed pursuant to such petition; or (c) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time for filing or noticing any appeal of the Notice of Entry of Judgment.
- 1.12 "Final Approval Hearing" refers to the hearing at which the Court will make a final determination whether the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Class and meet all applicable requirements for approval.
- 1.13 "Final Approval Order" refers to the final order by the Court approving the Settlement following the Final Approval Hearing.
- 1.14 "Effective Date" refers to the date that the Notice of Entry of Judgment of the executed Final Approval Order is entered if no objections to the Settlement are filed. If objections are filed and overruled, and no appeal is taken of the Judgment, then the Effective Date will be sixty (60) days after the Notice of Entry of Judgment is filed. If an appeal is taken from the Court's overruling of objections to the settlement, then the Effective Date will be twenty (20) days after the appeal is withdrawn or after an appellate decision affirming the Judgment becomes final.
- 1.15 "Gross Settlement Amount" (also referred to herein as "GSA") refers to the maximum settlement payment of One Million One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,175,000) Defendant will be obligated to make, except that Defendant shall bear, in addition, all employer-side payroll tax payments (e.g., FICA,

FUTA, etc.) due and payable to federal and state tax authorities as a result of this Settlement. The GSA includes all payments made to Settlement Class Members, Service Award payment to Class Representative, all Settlement Administration Costs, and attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses to Class Counsel as approved by the Court.

- 1.16 "Judgment" refers to the final judgment by the Court approving the Settlement.
- 1.17 "Net Settlement Amount" (also referred to herein as "NSA") is the GSA less the Court-approved attorney's fees and litigation costs and expenses to Class Counsel, Settlement Administration Costs, and Service Award. The NSA is the maximum amount that will be available for distribution to Settlement Class Members.
  - 1.18 "Parties" are Plaintiff and Defendant.
  - 1.19 "Released Claims" are those claims defined in Section 13.
- 1.20 "Request for Exclusion" refers to a request to be excluded from the Settlement, which must be made in writing in conformity with the requirements set forth in the Class Notice, the Court's order granting preliminary approval, and herein, and mailed to the Administrator and postmarked on or before the Response Deadline.
- 1.21 "Response Deadline" refers to a date that is sixty (60) calendar days after the date that the Class Notice is mailed to Class Members and is the deadline by which Class Members' Requests for Exclusion, disputes regarding Credits, and/or objections must be postmarked in order to be timely.
- 1.22 "Service Award" refers to a monetary award to the Plaintiff, in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500), or other amount as approved by the Court, for her services as Class Representative as described in Section 7, to be paid for from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to approval by the Court, as described below.
- 1.23 "Settlement Administrator" refers to the third-party administrator mutually selected by the parties, subject to approval by the Court, to perform the notice,

claims administration, and distribution functions further described in this Settlement Agreement. The costs and expenses of the administrator, to perform its tasks and duties as provided by this Settlement Agreement, are the "Settlement Administration Costs."

- 1.24 "Settlement Administration Costs" refers to the cost of paying the Settlement Administrator. This cost will be paid out of the Gross Fund Value, in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).
- 1.25 "Settlement Class" or "Settlement Class Member" refers to all Class Members or individual Class Members as defined in Section 1.2 and 1.4 who do not request exclusion from the Settlement pursuant to Section 16 of this Settlement Agreement.

### 2. Procedural History and Recitals.

- 2.1 On or about January 15, 2019, Plaintiff filed her Complaint asserting putative class action claims against Defendant, on behalf of Class Members. The Complaint alleges the following causes of action: (a) Failure to pay wages for all hours worked (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.2, 226.7, IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, §§ 4, 12); (b) Failure to authorize and permit paid rest breaks and pay premium pay (Cal. Lab Code §§ 226.2, 226.7, IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, §§4, 12); (c) Failure to pay compensation due upon discharge (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203); (d) Failure to reimburse for business-related cellphone usage (Cal. Lab. Code § 2802); and (e) Unfair, unlawful, or fraudulent business practices (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq.).
- 2.2 On or about February 13, 2019, Defendant answered the Complaint, denying the allegations contained therein and alleged a number of affirmative defenses to the claims contained in the Complaint. On or about February 15, 2019, Defendant removed the case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
- 2.3 On May 20, 2019, the Parties participated in a mediation session before mediator Tripper Ortman, Esq., an experienced mediator who has mediated numerous wage-hour class actions. At the mediation session, the Parties reached the basic terms of

a settlement and executed a Memorandum of Understanding, and agreed to prepare this formal settlement agreement to be presented to the Court for approval.

- 2.4 On June 3, 2019, Plaintiff and Defendant stipulated to remand the Action to the California Superior Court for the County of Alameda. On June 4, 2019, the Action was remanded pursuant to the Parties' stipulation and by Order of the U.S. District Court.
- 2.5 Defendant denies that it is liable to Plaintiff or the Class and further denies that, for any purpose other than settling the Action, this Action is appropriate for class treatment.
- 2.6 Class Counsel represent that they have thoroughly investigated the claims alleged against Defendant in the Action. Class Counsel represent that they have conducted their own investigation into the underlying facts, events, and issues related to the subject matter of this Action. Class Counsel represent that they have further undertaken an extensive analysis of the legal principles applicable to the claims asserted against Defendant, and the potential defenses thereto. Both Class Representative and Defendant have had an opportunity to evaluate their respective positions on the merits of the claims asserted.
- 2.7 Class Counsel has also engaged in intensive arm's-length negotiations with counsel for Defendant with a view toward achieving substantial benefits for the Class while avoiding the cost, delay and uncertainty of further litigation, trial, and appellate review.
- 2.8 As a consequence of said negotiations, and of Class Counsel's investigation, analysis and discovery, Plaintiff and Class Counsel determined to enter into this Settlement Agreement on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, believing such Settlement to be fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of Plaintiff and the other members of the Class. Plaintiff and Class Counsel have determined to execute this Settlement Agreement and urge approval by the Court of the Settlement after considering (a) the substantial factual and legal defenses available to Defendant to the claims asserted in the Action, which render the outcome of the Action substantially

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uncertain; (b) the potential difficulties Plaintiff and Class Members would encounter in establishing the elements of their claims; (c) the substantial benefits made available to Class Members pursuant to the Settlement; (d) the fact that the Settlement ensures that Class Members will receive relief in the most expeditious and efficient manner practicable, and thus much sooner than would be possible were the claims to be litigated successfully through trial and appeal; and (e) the fact that the Settlement allows persons who would otherwise fall within the definition of the Class, if they so desire, to opt out of the Action and individually pursue any Release Claims that he or she may have.

2.9 As set forth above, without admitting any wrongdoing or liability, Defendant is willing to agree to the terms of the Settlement in order to settle, compromise, and fully resolve the Action and Released Claims (as defined below).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements set forth herein, and of the release of all Released Claims, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Class, Class Counsel, and Defendant agree to the terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement, subject to the approval of the Court.

# 3. Limitation on Effect of Settlement.

The Settlement will not constitute, in this or any other proceeding, an admission of any kind by Defendant, including without limitation, that certification of a class is appropriate or proper or that Plaintiff could establish any of the requisite elements for class treatment of any of the claims in the Action. In the event that the Settlement is not finally approved, or the Settlement is otherwise terminated, Defendant expressly reserves all rights to challenge certification of a class on all available grounds.

#### 4. Establishment of the GSA.

This Settlement will be made on a non-claims-made basis and will be non-reversionary. Under no circumstances will any of the GSA revert to Defendant. Defendant shall pay a total of no more than the GSA, which will cover payment by Defendant pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, to Settlement Class Members, Settlement Administration Costs, attorneys' fees and litigation costs to Class Counsel, and Service Award to Plaintiff, except that Defendant shall

pay, in addition, all employer-side payroll tax payments (e.g., FICA, FUTA, etc.) due and payable to federal and state tax authorities as a result of this Settlement

# 5. Calculation of the NSA and Distribution of Settlement Proceeds.

- 5.1 This settlement is a "non-claims-made" settlement. Each Settlement Class Member will be entitled to a share of the NSA in accordance with the formula set forth below. Payments will be made from the NSA only to Settlement Class Members, as set forth herein.
  - in accordance with the following formula: Each Settlement Class Member's potential share of the NSA will be calculated by dividing the number of credits taught by the Settlement Class Member during the Class Period as a Visiting Professor or adjunct instructor in California ("Credits") by all the number of credits taught by all Settlement Class Members as Visiting Professors or adjunct instructors in California during the Class Period, and then multiplying the resulting figure by the NSA. Zero-credit courses will be treated as one-credit courses for the purposes of this calculation. Notwithstanding the formula above, the minimum payment to any Settlement Class Member shall be \$200.00. Settlement Class Members' credits will be weighted as follows: the credits taught as part of a course that was solely online will be reduced by one-quarter (i.e. they will be multiplied by 0.75).
  - 5.1.2 The amount distributed to Settlement Class Members in the form of Class Member Payments, plus all required withholdings, shall not exceed the NSA. If a Class Member timely and validly submits a Request for Exclusion, as set forth herein, his or her portion of the NSA (as calculated pursuant to section 5.1.1 of this Agreement will be re-incorporated into the Net Settlement Amount and be

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distributed to the Settlement Class Members as described in this Settlement Agreement.

5.2 Payments to Class Members pursuant to this Settlement Agreement will not be construed as compensation for purposes of determining eligibility for or benefit calculations of any health and welfare benefit plan, retirement benefit plan, vacation benefit plan, unemployment compensation, including, without limitation, all plans, subject to Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"). The Parties agree these payments do not represent any modification of any employee's previously-credited hours of service or other eligibility criteria under any employee pension benefit plan, employee welfare benefit plan, or other program or policy.

### 6. Attorneys' Fees and Costs.

Class Counsel shall file a motion for attorneys' fees and costs at the same time that they file the motion for the final approval, requesting an award of attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses that is equal to or less than \$391,627.50 (i.e., 33.33% of the GSA) for attorneys' fees and up to \$20,000.00 for reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses. Defendant agrees to not oppose Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses if sought in conformity with this Subsection; Defendant retains the right to oppose a request for attorneys' fees exceeding one-third of the GSA or a request for litigation costs and expenses in excess of \$20,000.00. The terms of this Settlement Agreement will not be abrogated and will continue in full force even if the Court awards a lower amount of attorneys' fees or costs than requested by Class Counsel. However, Class Counsel retains the right to appeal any such reductions, but such an appeal will delay Defendant's obligation to make all payments set forth in this Settlement Agreement. Any unapproved amount of attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses, will be added to the Net Settlement Amount and be distributed to the Settlement Class Members as described in this Settlement Agreement.

### 7. Service Award.

Class Counsel shall file a motion requesting a Service Award for Plaintiff to which Defendant agrees not to object, of no more than Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500),

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from the GSA in consideration for serving as Class Representative. Defendant retains the right to object to a request for a Service Award in excess of this amount. Should the Court approve a Service Award in an amount less than that set forth herein, the unapproved portion or portions will be added to the NSA.

## 8. Costs of Settlement Administration.

The Parties have mutually agreed to the selection of CPT, Inc. ("Settlement Administrator"), to undertake the administration of the Settlement in this Action. administration duties include, without limitation, the following: establishing and maintaining a qualified settlement account for the NSA, obtaining tax identification number(s) for Defendant applicable to the Settlement, calculating the Class Member Payments, performing an initial National Change of Address (NCOA) search upon receipt of the Class Member mailing addresses, mailing the Class Notices, performing one skip trace on Class Notices which are returned as undeliverable, reviewing and processing Requests for Exclusion, disputes, and objections, setting up a toll-free number, mailing the Class Members Payments and tax forms to the Settlement Class Members, and setting up a static website regarding the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will report payment of the individual Class Member Payments to all required taxing and other authorities, take appropriate withholdings, forward payments for withholdings and issue Internal Revenue Service Forms W-2 and 1099. The Settlement Administrator will establish a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF"), pursuant to section 468B(g) of the Internal Revenue Service for the purposes of administering the Settlement. The Parties estimate that the costs and expenses of administration of the settlement will not exceed \$20,000, and these costs and expenses will be paid from the GSA, subject to approval of the Court. Any amounts allocated but not paid to the Settlement Administrator will be added to the NSA and distributed to the class pro rata.

## 9. Payment Procedure.

9.1 <u>Funding the Settlement</u>: Within fourteen (14) business days after the Final Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement Defendant will deposit money into an

account, through the Settlement Administrator, in an amount equal to the GSA, plus Defendant's portion of payroll taxes in connection with the wages portion of the NSA.

- Payments to Settlement Class Members, Class Counsel, Class Representative, and Taxing Authorities: Within fifteen (15) business days after the Final Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay, subject to approval by the Court: (a) the NSA to the Settlement Class Members per the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Final Approval Order and Judgment; (b) attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses to Class Counsel; (c) Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator; and (d) all applicable tax withholdings to the appropriate taxing authorities; (e) the Service Awards to the Class Representative.
- 9.3 <u>Uncashed Class Payment Checks</u>: Class Member Payments will be calculated in conformity with Section 5 and issued by way of check ("Class Member Payment Check"). Class Member Payment Checks that are not cashed within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the date of issuance by the Settlement Administrator, will be cancelled. Class Members whose Class Member Payment checks are not timely cashed and which are cancelled, will be deemed to have irrevocably waived any right in or claim to any payment under the Settlement, but the settlement and their release of Released Claims will remain binding upon them. The value of the cancelled Class Member Payment checks will be transmitted in conformity with California Civil Procedure Code section 384, as follows: one-hundred percent (100%) to the non-profit organization Legal Aid at Work.

#### 10. Tax Treatment.

10.1 <u>Tax Treatment of Class Member Payments</u>: 33% percent of each Class Member Payment will be allocated as wages ("wage portion"), 33% percent will be allocated as penalties and 33% percent will be allocated as interest (collectively, "non-wage portion"). The wage portion will be reported on IRS Form W-2 and subject to reduction for the employee's share of taxes and withholding, and the non-wage portion will be reported on IRS Form 1099 (if required).

10.2 <u>Employer's Portion of Payroll Taxes</u>: Defendant shall pay the employer's portion of payroll taxes with respect to the wage portion of Class Member Payments separately and in addition to the GSA.

- 10.3 <u>Tax Treatment of Service Award</u>: Plaintiff will receive an IRS Form 1099 for her individual Service Award and will be responsible for payment of any taxes owing on said amount.
- 10.4 <u>Tax Treatment of Attorneys' Fees and Cost Award</u>: Class Counsel will receive an IRS Form 1099 for any amount awarded to Class Counsel in the form of attorneys' fees or costs and will be responsible for payment of any taxes owing on said amount.
- 10.5 No Tax Advice: Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant, nor the parties' attorneys, shall give or are giving any tax advice in connection with the settlement or any payments to be made pursuant to this settlement. Each Settlement Class Member agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless Defendant from any liability for taxes, fees, costs, or assessments resulting from his or her failure to timely pay his or her share of taxes, interest, fees, or penalties owed.

## 11. Resolution of Disputes Relating to Credits.

If a Class Member timely disputes the number of Credits listed on his or her Class Notice, the Parties' counsel will make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute informally. If counsel for the Parties cannot agree, the dispute will be submitted to the Settlement Administrator, who will examine the records provided by Defendant and either verify the calculation or provide a corrected calculation. If a Class Member disputes the number of Credits, he or she must do so in writing that is submitted to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline. The dispute must contain: the Class Member's full name, address, signature, and last four digits of his or her Social Security number; the case name and number of the Action; a clear statement indicating that he or she disputes the number of Credits credited to him or her; and facts supporting the Class Member's dispute, along with any supporting materials confirming that the Credits credited to him or her are incorrect. In any event, the

Settlement Administrator will make every effort to resolve any such disputes prior to final approval of this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator's determination of disputes will be final and not subject to appeal.

# 12. Non-Materiality of Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Enhancement Awards.

The attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses to Class Counsel, Settlement Administration Costs, and Service Award provided by this Settlement, will be awarded at the discretion of the Court, provided that they do not exceed the amounts listed in this Settlement Agreement. The Parties agree that the provisions of Sections 6 and 7 of this Settlement Agreement are severable from the remainder of the Settlement Agreement. Any denial or reduction in amount by the Court of the application for attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses, Service Award, and/or Settlement Administration Costs will in no way affect the validity and effect of the remainder of this Settlement Agreement, or give rise to a right to abrogate this Settlement Agreement.

#### 13. Release.

In exchange for the consideration set forth in this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members agree to release all claims as set forth herein.

generally release Defendant, and any of its parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, predecessors, successors, and assigns, and each of their officers, directors, board members, trustees, shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, auditors, accountants, stockholders, representatives, partners, insurers, reinsurers, and other persons acting on their behalf, and each of them (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any and all causes of action, claims, rights, damages, punitive or statutory damages, penalties, liabilities, expenses, and losses and issues of any kind or nature whatsoever, that Plaintiff has or may have had against any of the Released Parties. Plaintiff acknowledges that she may have claims that are presently unknown and that the release contained in this Settlement Agreement is intended to and will fully, finally, and forever discharge all claims against the Released Parties, whether now asserted or un-asserted, known or

unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which now exist, or heretofore existed or may hereafter exist, which if known, might have affected her decision to enter into this release. In making this waiver, Plaintiff agrees that, although she may discover facts in addition to or different from those that are currently known or believed to be true with respect to the Released Claims, it is her intention to fully, finally, and forever settle and release any and all Released Claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which now exist, or heretofore existed, or may hereafter exist, and without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such additional or different facts. The foregoing waiver includes, without limitation, an express waiver, as to the Released Claims, to the fullest extent permitted by law, by Plaintiff of any and all rights under California Civil Code section 1542, which provides:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY."

- 13.2 Plaintiff warrants and represents that she has not assigned or, transferred, to any person or entity any of the Released Claims or any rights, claims, or causes of action arising out of the Released Claims. In addition, Plaintiff shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Released Parties, or any of them, from and against any claims, damages, litigation, causes of action, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from any breach by Plaintiff of this warranty and representation, or any breach by Plaintiff of her release of the Released Claims.
- 13.3 Upon the Effective Date, all Settlement Class Members hereby release and discharge Released Parties, from any and all claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, that were or could have been brought based on the facts or claims alleged in the Complaint, arising during

the period from January 15, 2015, to the date on which the Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement. The claims released by the Settlement Class Members include all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, action or causes of action of any and every kind that were or could have been, asserted in the currently operative Complaint, including, without limitation, to the California Labor Code, the Business & Professions Code (including Section 17200), any IWC Wage Order; claims for restitution and other equitable relief, liquidated damages, punitive damages, interest, wages, overtime, on call time, nonproductive time, business expenses, rest period violations and penalties, waiting time penalties, any other benefit claimed on account of the allegations that were or could have been asserted in the Complaint. This release shall only apply to all claims arising at any point during the Class Period, but this release shall not include claims not at issue in the Complaint, such as unrelated claims like retaliation, discrimination, workers compensation, or ERISA claims or claims arising outside the Class Period, or claims that could not have been asserted in the Complaint. The released claims include without limitation claims meeting the above definition(s), based on the facts or claims alleged in the Complaint in the Action, under any and all applicable statutes, including without limitation any provision of the California Labor Code, California Bus. & Prof. Code sections 17200 et seq., and any provision of the applicable California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders.

13.4 Prohibition on Subsequent Assertion of Released Claims. As of the Effective Date, Plaintiff will be prohibited from asserting any claims released under Sections 13.1 and 13.3 above, and from commencing, joining in, or voluntarily assisting in a lawsuit or adversary proceeding against the Released Parties for any such claims. As of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent allowed by law, all Settlement Class Members will be prohibited from asserting any claims released under Section 13.3 above, and from commencing, joining in, or voluntarily assisting in a lawsuit or adversary proceeding against the Released Parties for any such claims. Excluded from this prohibition are any

instances where any individual is legally compelled to testify through service of a subpoena or other process.

### 14. Class Settlement Notice and Settlement Administration.

- 14.1 Engagement of Settlement Administrator. The Parties agree to mutually select a Settlement Administrator, subject to approval by the Court, to perform the notice and other settlement administration functions set forth herein.
  - and Class Counsel with weekly summary reports, including the total number of Class Notices that were returned as undeliverable, the total number of objections, and disputes regarding Credits, and/or Requests for Exclusion. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain records of its work, which will be available for inspection upon request by Defendant's counsel or Class Counsel.
  - **14.1.2** Should the selected Settlement Administrator be unable or unwilling to serve, the Parties will meet and confer to select an alternate mutually agreeable Settlement Administrator.

#### 14.2 Identification of Class Members.

- 14.2.1 Within ten (10) calendar days of the later of entry of the order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Order") or Court approval of settlement notice to the class, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Administrator with the following information ("Class Data List"):
  - the names, employment identification number, last known addresses, last known telephone numbers, and Social Security numbers of each Class Member;
  - (b) the start and end dates of active employment of each Class
     Member as a Visiting Professor or adjunct instructor in
     California during the Class Period; and

- (c) the number of credit hours taught by each Class Member including the number of credit hours that were taught as part of any solely online course and the number of credit hours taught as part of a classroom course, and the identification of any zero credit hour courses.
- 14.2.2 Upon its receipt of the Class Data List, the Settlement Administrator shall access the National Change of Address ("NCOA") Database, and update the addresses contained therein.
- 14.2.3 Within fourteen (14) days of the later of the Preliminary Approval Order or court approval of settlement notice to the class, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Class Notice by bulk first class mail, forwarding requested, to the Class Members at the addresses identified through the process described above.
- 14.2.4 As to any Class Notices that are returned as undeliverable after the date of the initial mailing of the Class Notice, or where the NCOA Database indicates that the last known address of any Class Member is invalid or otherwise undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator will perform a skip trace procedure and re-mail all returned, undelivered mail within five (5) calendar days of the date on which the Settlement Administrator is informed that a Class Notice is undeliverable or otherwise invalid.
- 14.2.5 If Defendant and the Settlement Administrator determine, based upon further review of available data, that a person previously identified as being a Class Member should not be so included or identify a person who should have been included as a Class Member but was not so included, Defendant and the Settlement Administrator shall immediately notify Class Counsel and Parties

shall meet and confer to mutually determine whether it is appropriate to delete or add such person.

- 14.2.6 Other than the obligations set forth in this Settlement Agreement, Parties will have no additional obligation to identify or locate any Class Member.
- 14.2.7 Parties will not be responsible for nor have any liability in connection with the provision of Class Member data to the Settlement Administrator, outside of the obligations set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator and all those working through, in concert with, or on behalf of the Settlement Administrator, shall be obligated to take all reasonable steps to maintain the confidentiality of Class Member information and to carry out the other duties enumerated in the Settlement Agreement, including calculating each Class Member's potential share of the Settlement.
- 14.3 Class Notice and Notification of Credits.
  - 14.3.1 The Class Notice will be a pre-printed notice, in substantially the form attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> and to be approved by the Court. In addition to other information contained on the Class Notice, the Class Notice will state the number of Credits that the Class Member worked as a Visiting Professor or adjunct instructor in California during the Class Period for Defendant, according to Defendant's records. The Class Notice also will include an explanation of the *pro rata* distribution formula used to determine the share of the Net Settlement Amount that he or she may be entitled to receive under the Settlement.
  - **14.3.2** The Class Notice will state that, if the Class Member disagrees with the Credits, the Class Member must submit a dispute in conformity

with Section 11 herein. Failure to submit written documentation to support such dispute will mean that Defendant's numbers from its records will be controlling.

## 15. Objections to the Settlement.

Any Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement (i.e. Settlement Class Members) may object to the Settlement Agreement. The Class Notice will provide that Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement must file with the Court and serve on the Settlement Administrator, not later than the Response Deadline, a written statement objecting to the Settlement. The written objection must contain: the Class Member's full name, address, the case name and number of the Action, and a clear statement of the basis for his or her objection. The Settlement Administrator shall immediately send all objections to counsel for Defendant and Class Counsel.

## 16. Right to Request Exclusion.

- written Request for Exclusion from the Settlement to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked no later than the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must contain the following: the Class Member's full name, address, and a clear statement that he or she seeks to be excluded from the Settlement of this Action. The Settlement Administrator shall immediately send all Requests for Exclusion to Defendant's counsel and Class Counsel. A Class Member who fails to comply with the opt out procedure set forth herein on or before the Response Deadline, as set by the Court, will not be excluded and will instead be bound by all provisions of the Settlement Agreement and all orders issued pursuant thereto.
- 16.2 Any Class Member who elects to opt out of the Class in the manner and within the time limits specified above and in the Class Notice: (1) will not have any rights under the Settlement Agreement; (2) will not be entitled to receive any compensation under the Settlement Agreement; (3) will not have standing to submit any objection to the Settlement Agreement; and (4) will not be bound by the Settlement Agreement.

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| and within the time limits spec | ified above, in the Preliminary Approval Order, and in the |
| Class Notice, all Class Membe   | rs, will be deemed to be within the Class for all purposes |
| under this Settlement Agreem    | ent, will be bound by the terms and conditions of this     |
| Settlement Agreement (includi   | ng the release provisions in Section 13 and its subparts), |
| including all orders issued pu  | rsuant thereto, and will be deemed to have waived all      |
| unstated objections and opposi  | tion to the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of this |
| Settlement Agreement, and any   | of its terms.  |

16.4 If the Settlement Agreement is given final approval, it will operate as a full, complete, and final release of all the Released Claims of the Class Representative and all Settlement Class Members, and as an effective covenant not to sue.

## 17. Application for Preliminary Approval Order.

- 17.1 After the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiff shall file a motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, requesting a Preliminary Approval Order that contains the following provisions:
  - 17.1.1 preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement and its terms;
  - **17.1.2** preliminarily approving and certifying the Class for settlement purposes only;
  - 17.1.3 approving the form of the Class Notice, and finding that the proposed method of disseminating the Class Notice meets the requirements of due process and is the best notice practicable under the circumstances;
  - 17.1.4 establishing the procedures and the deadline by which Settlement Class Members may assert objections to the Settlement, seek exclusion from the Settlement, and/or dispute Credits that have been credited to them under the Settlement;

17.1.5 establishing a deadline for the Parties to submit papers/briefing in response to any objections and in support of final approval of the Settlement Agreement; and

- 17.1.6 setting a date for the Final Approval Hearing.
- 17.2 Counsel for Defendant will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement prior to its being filed with the Court, and such comments will be implemented to the extent reasonable.

## 18. Final Approval Order and Judgment.

- 18.1 If the Settlement is preliminarily approved by the Court, the Parties shall thereafter request that the Court enter a Final Approval Order and Judgment which includes the following provisions:
  - 18.1.1 confirming certification of the Class for settlement purposes only;
  - 18.1.2 finding that the dissemination of the Class Notice in the form and manner ordered by the Court was accomplished as directed, met the requirements of due process; and
  - **18.1.3** finally approving the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate and directing consummation of the Settlement in accordance with its terms and provisions.
  - 18.2 The Judgment will include the following provisions:
    - **18.2.1** directing the Parties to implement the terms of the Settlement Agreement;
    - 18.2.2 releasing and discharging the Released Parties from any and all liability with respect to the Released Claims as hereinabove provided;
    - 18.2.3 resolving and settling all the Released Claims by the Class Representative and all Settlement Class Members, as herein above provided, with the release precluding them from instituting, commencing, or continuing to prosecute, directly or indirectly, as

an individual or collectively, representatively, derivatively, or on behalf of himself or herself, or in any other capacity of any kind whatsoever, any action in this Court, any other state court, or any arbitration or mediation proceeding or any other similar proceeding, against any of the Released Parties, that asserts any Released Claims.

- 18.2.4 awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs and expenses to Class Counsel as determined by the Court;
- **18.2.5** awarding a Service Award to the Class Representative as determined by the Court;
- **18.2.6** awarding Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator as determined by the Court; and
- 18.2.7 preserving continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters related to the administration and consummation of the terms of this Settlement and enforcement of the Judgment.
- 18.3 Counsel for Defendant will be given an opportunity to comment on the motion for final approval of the Settlement prior to its being filed with the Court, and such comments will be implemented to the extent reasonable.

## 19. Effect of Settlement Not Being Final.

In the event that the Settlement does not become final, then the Settlement Agreement will become null and void, and all negotiations, proceedings, and statements relating thereto will be without prejudice as to the rights of any and all Parties hereto, and all Parties and their respective predecessors and successors will be deemed to have reverted to their respective positions in the Action as of the date and time immediately prior to the execution of this Settlement Agreement. If the Court does not approve either preliminarily or finally any material term or condition of the Settlement Agreement, or if the Court effects a material change to the Parties' settlement (including but not limited to the scope of release to be granted by Class Members or the binding effect of the Settlement on Class Members), the Parties shall work

 together in good faith to address any concerns raised by the Court and propose a revised Settlement for the Court's approval.

### 20. Amendment to Complaint.

On October 2, 2019 the Parties entered a stipulation granting Plaintiff leave to amend her Complaint to add a cause of action under Labor Code section 226. Defendant does not object to Plaintiff's standing to assert a claim under Labor Code section 226.

# 21. Withdrawal From Settlement Based on Requests for Exclusion.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement Agreement, Defendant will retain the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to withdraw from and nullify the Settlement within thirty (30) calendar days after expiration of the Response Deadline, if more than fifteen percent (15%) of Class Members submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion. If Defendant chooses to exercise this right, it shall give timely written notice of that exercise to Plaintiff, the Settlement Administrator, and the Court. Defendant will bear any costs of administration incurred as of that date.

#### 22. Escalator Clause.

The parties agree that if the number of Settlement Class Members exceeds 411 by more than five percent (5%), the Gross Settlement Value will be increased proportionately for each additional Settlement Class Member above the five percent (5%) threshold (i.e., by way of example, if it is determined that there 22 additional Settlement Class Members, the GSA shall be increased by 1/411).

#### 23. No Admissions.

The Parties understand and agree that this Settlement Agreement is the result of a good faith compromise settlement of disputed claims, and no part of this Settlement Agreement or any conduct or written or oral statements made in connection with this Settlement and this Settlement Agreement, whether or not the Settlement is finally approved and/or consummated, may be offered as or construed to be an admission or concession of any kind by Defendant, or any of the Releasing or Released Parties.

## 24. Avoidance of Undue Publicity.

The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases, initiate any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry or have any communication with the press about the fact, amount, or terms of the Settlement. If counsel for either party receives an inquiry about the Settlement from the media, counsel may respond only after the motion for preliminary approval has been filed and only by confirming the accurate terms of the Settlement. Nothing in this provision will prevent Defendant from making any required disclosure.

#### 25. Extensions of Time.

Without further order of the Court, the Parties hereto may agree in writing to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement, except, where an extension will require the Final Approval Hearing to be re-scheduled, the Parties will seek approval of the Court

#### 26. Construction.

This Settlement Agreement was entered into after substantial good faith, arm's-length negotiations between the Parties. This Settlement Agreement has been entered into without any coercion and under no duress. The Parties acknowledge and agree that all Parties had an equal hand in drafting this Settlement Agreement so that it will not be deemed to have been prepared or drafted by one party or another.

## 27. Due Authority of Attorneys.

Each of the attorneys executing this Settlement Agreement on behalf of one or more Parties hereto warrants and represents that he or she has been duly authorized and empowered to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of each such respective Party and to bind them to the terms hereof.

#### 28. Entire Agreement.

This Settlement Agreement (including all Exhibits hereto) sets forth the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any and all other prior agreements and all negotiations leading up to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, whether oral or written, regarding the subjects covered herein. The Parties acknowledge that no representations,

inducements, warranties, promises, or statements relating to the subjects covered herein, oral or otherwise, have been made by any of the Parties which are not embodied or incorporated by reference herein.

#### 29. Modification or Amendment.

This Settlement Agreement may not be modified or amended except in a writing signed by all signatories hereto or their attorneys or their successors in interest.

#### 30. Successors.

This Settlement Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and upon any corporation, partnership or other entity into or with which any Party hereto may merge, combine, or consolidate.

### 31. Counterparts.

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

#### 32. Waivers.

The waiver by any Party of any breach of this Settlement Agreement will not be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other breach, whether prior, subsequent, or contemporaneous, of this Settlement Agreement.

### 33. Governing Law.

This Settlement Agreement will be governed by and construed, enforced, and administered in accordance with the internal laws of the State of California.

#### 34. Headings.

The headings contained in this Settlement Agreement are for convenience and reference purposes only, and will not be given weight in its construction.

#### 35. Notices.

Any notices, requests, demands, or other communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, other than the contemplated Class Notice to the Class Members, must be in writing and mailed as follows:

| 1  | 35.1 To Class Representative, the Class, and Class Counsel to the attention of |
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| 2  | Julian Hammond, Esq., HammondLaw, P.C., 1829 Reisterstown Road, Suite 410,     |
| 3  | Baltimore, Maryland 21208; Telephone: (310) 601-6766.                          |
| 4  | 35.2 To Defendant and counsel for Defendant, to the attention of Andrew M.     |
| 5  | McNaught, Esq., Seyfarth Shaw LLP, 560 Mission St., Ste. 3100, San Francisco,  |
| 6  | California 94105; Telephone: (415) 544-1022.                                   |
| 7  | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Settlement Agreement has been duly executed by and on |
| 8  | behalf of the Parties, as follows:   |
| 9  | Plaintiff and Proposed Class Representative                                    |
| 10 | Dated: 10/10/2019 , 2019 By: Lisa Stempich                                     |
| 11 | Lisa Stempien  |
| 12 | DeVry University, Inc.   |
| 13 |  |
| 14 | Dated:, 2019 By:<br>Name:  |
| 15 | Title: On behalf of Defendant  |
| 16 | APPROVED AS TO FORM:   |
| 17 | Counsel for Plaintiff and  |
| 18 | Proposed Class Counsel   |
| 19 | Dated:, 2019 By:   |
| 20 | Julian Hammond   |
| 21 | HammondLaw, P.C.   |
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| 23 | Counsel for Defendant  |
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| 25 | Dated:, 2019 By:Andrew M. McNaught   |
| 26 | Coby M. Turner Parnian Vafaeenia   |
| 27 | Seyfarth Shaw LLP  |
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