MEMORANDUM

TO: All AFT Local 1796 Unit Members
FROM: Bob Bing (AFT President) and Sue Tardi (AFT Negotiations V.P.)
DATE: May 23, 2001

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

COMPENSATION FOR
INDEPENDENT STUDY, MASTERS THESIS AND HONORS THESIS SUPERVISION
RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 15, 2001

At long last, thanks to the conscientious efforts of the AFT Local 1796’s negotiating team and the support of the Local membership, WPU has in place a compensation agreement regarding supervision of independent studies, and honors and masters theses. On May 17, 2001, we signed an agreement with the Administration. This agreement is retroactive to the Spring 2001 semester.

RATE OF COMPENSATION

The rate of compensation shall be 1.17 credits times the current overload rate per student per 800 minutes of student contact.

HOW TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION

Faculty, librarians and professional staff who engaged in the aforementioned supervision of students in the Spring 2001 semester should adjust their FSPA form so that they will be appropriately compensated. This modification may be made by contacting your department secretary, requesting a copy of your original FSPA form for the Spring semester, and filling out a new FSPA Spring semester form which includes your supervision of independent studies, and/or honors and masters theses.

ENCLOSED MATERIALS

A copy of the final agreement, independent study policy and application are enclosed. If you have any questions or problems relating to this agreement, please contact Bob Bing (845-354-4711), Linda Dye (973-857-0378), or Sue Tardi (973-467-1628).

On behalf of the Executive Council of AFT Local 1796, we wish you a productive and enjoyable summer.
APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY

Registration for an Independent Study must be completed in the Registrar's office. Undergraduate Independent Study program is open to students who have completed at least 60 credits and have an overall GPA of at least 3.0. No more than nine (9) credits of Independent Study may be used towards a degree. May not take more than three (3) credits of Independent Study in a semester.

Graduate students who wish to undertake an Independent Study must have a GPA of 3.0 and Deans approval. No more than six (6) credits of Independent Study may be used towards a degree program. May not take more than three (3) credits of Independent Study in a semester.

An Independent Study may not be used as a substitute for an existing course, but may be used in lieu of degree requirements.

Please complete all sections of this form. The title entered on this form will appear on the student's transcript so complete that section appropriately (do not enter Independent Study). This completed form with the required signatures must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than the last day of Late Registration for the semester in which the Independent Study course will be taken.

Name of Student: ___________________________ SID: ______________________

Semester: ______________________ Earned Credits: __________ GPA: ______

Faculty Supervisor: ______________________ Department: ________________

Course Number __499(Undergraduate) ___700(Graduate) Number of credits: _____

Title of proposed study: ____________________________

Brief Summary of Proposal (one page proposal should accompany the application):

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Grade Received:

Student Signature:___________________________ Date:________________________

Faculty Supervisor:___________________________ Date:_______________________

Chairperson:_______________________________ Date:_______________________

Dean:____________________________________ Date:_______________________

CC: REGISTRAR
ACADEMIC DEAN
CHAIRPERSON
FACULTY SUPERVISOR
STUDENT

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