**ARTICLE XXVI**

**OPEN CLASSROOM**

The parties acknowledge that the activities of the classroom are an integral part of the teaching-learning process and constitute a significant aspect of the professional role of the faculty member. Members of the Board of Trustees, the academic Dean of each college, and others holding academic rank at Rider University, shall be welcome to visit classes. Such visitors shall observe the professional courtesies and amenities of the academic environment and shall always honor the integrity of the classroom. Visits shall be made with at least forty-eight (48) hours’ advance notice, unless waived by the affected faculty member, or unless an emergency exists which threatens the physical or psychological well-being of students, the affected faculty member, or others, giving rise to a need to visit the classroom without such prior notice. Such visits may produce formal written evaluations of classroom instruction. No evaluation of the faculty member shall be made and submitted to any third party unless the faculty member is notified thereof and given a copy of the written evaluation. . Classroom visits in accordance with

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this Article shall occur no more frequently than once every other week, and shall include no more than two (2) persons at a time.

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