## **Compensation Terms**

**Compensation:** Compensation includes all forms of financial returns, tangible services, and benefits employees receive as part of an employment relationship.

**Equity Review:** An equity review is an analysis of a position that benchmarks it against salaries in the local market and with other local institutions. The review also includes a comparison to similar positions within the university.

**Exempt Position:** An exempt position is not subject to the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA).

Job Code: A job code is a number representing a distinct job title.

**Job Description:** The job description is the official, written description of the position, including information regarding the general nature of the work performed with specific responsibilities, duties, and qualifications.

**FLSA:** The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) establishes minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and youth employment standards affecting employees in the private sector and in Federal, State, and local governments.

**Merit Award:** A merit award is a salary increase or one-time payment for an employee based on individual work performance. A merit program is approved by University Leadership with defined criteria and an allocation of funding.

**Nonexempt Position:** A nonexempt position is normally responsible for performing work that is subject to the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**Pay Plan:** The pay plan is a structure of classified positions that provides a framework of job codes, position titles, FLSA designations, and salary ranges.

**Reclassification:** A reclassification is a change in job title for a particular position when the job title does not properly reflect the position's job responsibilities or duties. A reclassification will not necessarily involve a change in salary or pay range.

**Salary Range:** The salary range represents the minimum and maximum range of the salary designated for each position.