Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Resolution on Summer School Teaching Load Limit

a) Brief Description:
Because current summer teaching load limit is somewhat arbitrary and vaguely defined, and because in all cases the faculty member and the Department Head are responsible for the academic rigor, quality, and integrity of all course offerings, it is requested that the Office of the Provost amend APR 19, Section 8, as follows:

Teaching assignments are voluntary and not guaranteed for summer session. The need and opportunity for teaching assignments vary among the colleges. Teaching assignments should be made with the primary goal of maintaining the highest standards of academic quality. Actual teaching assignments and overall faculty teaching load are ultimately the responsibility of the Department Head, who should consider such factors as number of students in each course, overall number of students, faculty member's history with specific courses being offered, spread of courses among the multiple summer sessions, and number of preparations. In general, a faculty member's typical spring or fall load, expressed in SCH or FTE terms, should be used as a guideline for determining the summer course load. Be it also resolved that we request that Student Affairs adjust the Student Handbook to include a statement to this point.

b) Initiated by: Faculty Affairs Council

II. Faculty Senate Action: ☒ approved ☐ not approved ☐ other date: 11/4/2010

Comments: The Faculty Senate approved this resolution with a hand vote:

Vote: Voice Vote, ☒ Unanimous ☐ Hand Vote, Majority In Favor
doElectronic Clicker: 22 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

FS Secretary signature: [Signature] date 11/24/2010

III. Provost: ☐ for information ☒ for action................. ☐ approved ☐ not approved

Comments:

Person responsible for Implementation: Beth Lefquist

Provost signature: [Signature] date 12-14-10

IV. Chancellor: ☒ for information ☐ for action................. ☐ approved ☐ not approved
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Chancellor
Provost
Chair of Faculty Senate
Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (for catalog and handbook)
Associate Dean of Graduate School (for catalog)
Others (i.e. person responsible for implementation)
Resolution on Summer School Teaching Load Limit  
(Passed FAC 10/8/2010)

APR 19 includes the following stipulation regarding maximum faculty teaching load for summer:

**Faculty Summer Course Load**
Teaching assignments are voluntary and not guaranteed for summer session. The need and opportunity for teaching assignments vary among the colleges. The summer is divided into terms of varying duration. The maximum teaching load for summer session is 12 credits. Deans may approve an additional 3 credit course in special situations.

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