

**Faculty Workload and Responsibilities During Intersessions
Resolution 2017 – 01**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on policy development and implementation with respect to academic and professional matters; and

Whereas, faculty are academic employees with workload assignments during the academic year that consists of the fall and spring semesters and, therefore, Academic Senate and its shared governance committees only conduct business during the primary academic terms (fall and spring semesters); and

Whereas, increasingly, State deadlines result in the need for faculty participation on time sensitive academic matters and for college decisions to occur during times when the Academic Senate is not conducting official business; and

Whereas, significant numbers of task forces, work groups, hiring committees, and other initiatives requiring faculty participation have proliferated during intersessions;

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that, to the extent possible, College decision-making and planning pertaining to academic and professional matters occur during the primary academic terms so as to allow for proper Senate and Senate Committee involvement; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that, when time sensitive academic and professional matters requiring Senate approval or the signature of a Senate officer arise, representatives of the College liaison with the Senate to develop a timeline that allows a reasonable amount of time for either information to be circulated to the Academic Senate or its Executive Board or for the Senate officer to make an informed decision on providing their signature; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that, to the extent possible, College work groups, committees, management hiring committees, and other groups that require faculty participation avoid meeting during winter intersession to allow for greater faculty involvement.

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