4/16/2013 email from David Barsky

Susan,

I’ve drafted up something for updating the Student Course Load “Policy” to reflect the fact that the 9-unit bar for establishing full time standing is set too high. I haven’t put it into a policy template because I couldn’t find the existing policy. Perhaps Marcia can find something in the Senate files from 1994-1995 when the rules seem to have been set for summer; I don’t have these records. (Lourdes: Can you please look into this in the morning? Thanks!)

I’m copying Thomas and Vonda on this so that they can begin thinking about how/whether this will work. Thomas and Vonda: You may recall that Minerva Gonzalez had pointed out to us that current bar is set too high for CAMP students to qualify for Financial Aid when they are taking 4 units in a 5-week term (even though the workload is equivalent to taking 12 units in a full semester).

I’m also copying Gerry, because as I was doing this, I realized that perhaps there should be a corresponding change for graduate students. The current catalog statement on course load for graduate students (page 111) is entirely silent on the issue of summer:

Graduate Student Course load

Graduate students who are enrolled in nine (9) units or more in

a fall or spring semester are classified as full time. Graduate

students who hold a University assistantship requiring one third

time services or more are considered full time when enrolled in

six (6) units during an academic term.

My sense is that if there is not (yet) a crying need for such a policy, then we would probably be best off NOT writing it in haste.

– David