Possible revision to the current teaching load statement, Faculty Handbook

216.07 Teaching Load (Current first paragraph – second is moot)

The standard teaching load for full-time faculty is 12 credit hours per semester. Adjustments to that load may be made with the recommendation of the chair and approval of the dean.

216.07 Faculty Workload (NEW WORKING DRAFT)

Faculty teaching load and workload assignments are made by the unit head, with the approval of the dean. The standard teaching load for regular full-time faculty is 12 credit hours per semester, within the standard workload of 15 hours per semester. The difference reflects the non-teaching duties of the faculty member in the areas of scholarship and service. It is expected that full-time regular faculty will contribute in the three areas of teaching, scholarship, and service each academic year. Adjustments to the standard workload distribution may be made through consultation with the faculty member, recommendation of the unit head, and approval of the dean. It is incumbent upon every faculty member to demonstrate performance consistent with his/her particular workload distribution. Overload assignments agreed to by faculty shall be made according to Section 216.08 of this handbook. Twelve-month appointments are standard for full-time library faculty. Professional responsibilities for full-time library faculty include librarianship/teaching, scholarship, and service. Library unit heads and the dean establish workload assignments for library faculty during an annual planning meeting held with each faculty member.

The standard teaching load for full-time temporary faculty is 15 credit hours per semester. Full-time temporary faculty may have opportunities to make non-teaching contributions in support of the University’s mission. However, in the absence of non-teaching assignments, or in cases when those assignments total fewer than 3 hours, the unit head, with approval of the dean, shall adjust the teaching load such that a 15-hour total workload is maintained. Part-time faculty assignments shall be limited to teaching, unless otherwise approved by the dean.

The Provost must approve exceptions to this policy.