



Memo To: Faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics
From: Jianke Yang, Chair
Subject: Policy addressing Articles 16.15, 16.17 and 16.18 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Mathematics and Statistics faculty
Date: July, 2021

In what follows, replace “Chair” with “Director of Statistics Program” when applying these policies to Statistics faculty.

1. **Course Equivalencies.** The Department guidelines for achieving the qualifying description of “excellent” in teaching include

- Takes on additional teaching responsibilities when the need or opportunity arises (e.g., supervises independent study and practicum courses, student research projects, TAP, URECA students, etc).
- Supervises honors theses, masters theses or doctoral dissertations.
- Supervises student projects or presentations, including accompanying students to conferences.

Consequently, some activity in these areas is expected of every faculty member. Workload effort for these activities may be reflected in the percentage devoted to advising, including graduate students. Nonetheless, these activities may warrant recognition as a **Course Equivalency Activity** (CEA) by the faculty member, defined to be any of the following:

- Giving a reading course or independent study course to fewer than five students;
- Supervising to completion an undergraduate thesis;
- Other activities which the chair agrees are worthy of CEA designation.

There are two situations where CEA credit could be given:

- A. If the faculty member knows they will be engaged in course equivalency activities when the workload plans are completed, then those activities will appear on that work form.
- B. After the faculty member’s teaching loads for a year have been established, they may agree to engage in a CEA. In this case, the workload form will be modified to reflect the CEA.

No unofficial courses **will be considered**. Student(s) must register for a MATH/STAT X81, X93, X94, X95, HON 288, or an existing Math/Stat course with a special section assigned for independent study purposes. The faculty member will ask the chair to create these sections as needed.

2. **On-Line Instruction.** Selection of courses to be delivered in full or in part in an on-line format will largely be determined by the faculty offering the course, in consultation with and with approval of the Chair. The Chair will not assign an instructor to teach in an on-line format without the instructor's consent, and a faculty member may not offer a course in an on-line format without the Chair's consent. In accordance with the CBA, all faculty offering on-line instruction should be sufficiently trained in on-line teaching, at University expense, prior to delivering on-line instruction.

3. **Large Sections.** Teaching sections with 100 or more students will be counted as equivalent to teaching two courses.

These guidelines will be revisited annually during the fall semester.