

UARTP - SECTION 5.05.E.1.C(1) EXCEPTIONS TO THE
RULE REQUIRING ALL CLASSES TAUGHT TO BE
EVALUATED OF UNIVERSITY ARTP POLICY,
AMENDMENT OF

The Faculty Senate recommends amending Section 5.05.E.1.C(1) by adding the following paragraphs immediately following the first paragraph. (March 6, 2013)

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Exceptions to the rule requiring all classes taught to be evaluated.

On this campus, it is assumed that the provision of M.O.U. 15.15 quoted above has been agreed to by the bargaining agents in order to provide every student an opportunity to record an opinion of the instruction and support for the student's work received from the instructor in every class taken by the student. It is assumed as well that the provision has been agreed to in order to give the better opportunity to demonstrate teaching ability to every member of the teaching faculty for purposes of periodic evaluation and performance review as provided elsewhere in this document, as well as to improve teaching performance generally.

On the basis of these assumed reasons, the campus has concluded that, consistent with M.O.U. 15.15 quoted above, student evaluations shall be conducted in all classes (every section of every course) taught except classes with five or fewer students enrolled. Notwithstanding the exception for classes with five or fewer students enrolled, a primary unit may require that all courses regardless of enrollment numbers shall be evaluated.

Primary units desiring to except a class with more than five students enrolled from being evaluated by the students in it shall seek to persuade the University ARTP Committee and the Provost, acting for the President, that its reasons for excepting that class are sufficiently compelling to outweigh the reasons assumed by the campus to support the requirement that every class taught shall be evaluated by the students in it. For instance, some experimental or supervisory courses may not be appropriate for evaluation.

Primary units seeking approval of a proposed exception shall submit to the University ARTP Committee the text of the amendment of its RTP document proposing the exception. With that text, the unit shall submit a supporting argument written to persuade the reader that the unit's reasons for the exception sought are sufficiently compelling to override the reasons assumed by the campus to justify the requirement that all classes taught be subject to student evaluations.

Procedures to govern student evaluations submitted online.

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Carried.