

Language for motions related to sabbaticals and teaching relief for the improvement of instruction

To address the lack of support for course relief for curriculum innovation:

*Whereas, UIC has benefited greatly from the way that sabbaticals have supported innovation and achievement within our research work, it is important that we also have policies for similar support of our teaching mission. Therefore, UIC should establish a mechanism, including adequate funding, to allow faculty release time for teaching innovation. This mechanism should be targeted at those faculty, including NTT faculty, who are most involved in teaching. We recommend that funding be provided for five one-semester releases from all teaching responsibilities to occur on a yearly basis.*

To address the lack of information on what is done in granting sabbaticals:

*The Senate requests the Provost to work with the Colleges and Units to provide an overview of the policies they use to respond to faculty requests for a Sabbatical, and to make these policies transparent by including them in their bylaws. The overview should be provided to the Senate by August, 2021.*

To adjust the Statutes:

*The Senate should prepare proposed revisions to the University System Statutes to extend the right for NTT faculty to apply for sabbaticals.*