

# **STATEMENT OF POLICY ON MULTIPLE POSITIONS**

## **1. PREAMBLE**

Each full-time faculty member is obligated to view his/her appointment to a college or university faculty position within The City University as his/her major professional commitment. This commitment obligates the faculty member in two ways: he/she is at once a member of the national and international world of learning and a member of The City University community. Though his/her first responsibility to The City University is that of teaching, he/she recognizes the important and essential obligation to be regularly accessible for conferences with his/her students, to participate in appropriate extracurricular undertakings, and to serve on various college and university committees and as a member of college and university councils and other assemblies.

The City University of New York is a major research university. A full-time faculty member is expected to create new knowledge in his/her discipline through scholarly research, writing, and creative works. He/she constantly makes all efforts to improve his/her professional standing through study and thought, and also through activities such as research, publication, attendance at professional conferences, and the giving of papers and lectures. Such professional involvements also enhance his/her abilities as a teacher and as a member of The City University community; such professional involvements support the value of his/her activities on campus and equip him/her to participate in significant educational innovations as well as furthering his/her professional stature.

## **2. MULTIPLE POSITIONS**

### **a. OUTSIDE THE CITY UNIVERSITY**

Full-time appointment to a college or university faculty position is a full-time assignment. Faculty members have a responsibility to observe professional standards of behavior in becoming involved in activities supplemental thereto. No employment, consultative, or other work outside The City University may be engaged in by a faculty member unless he/she receives prior approval from the P & B of his/her department after full disclosure of his/her total academic commitment, the proposed outside employment, consultative, or other work, and other outside work theretofore approved. The P & B committee shall not approve any outside employment, consultative, or other work unless such employment or work relates to the professional interests, strengthens the professional competence, or enriches the professional performance, and does not interfere with the professional standing of the faculty member. No employment, consultative or other work, remunerative or otherwise, shall be approved by the P & B Committee or engaged in if the services of the faculty member to his/her college or the university or his/her ability to meet his/her commitments to his/her college or the University (including teaching, research, and service obligations) will be impaired thereby. If the departmental P & B approves such employment or work, the amount of time that the faculty member may expend thereon shall be determined by the departmental chairperson after

consultation with the faculty member, and subject to the review of the college president. In no event shall the total amount of time to be expended on such outside employment or work be or be approved for more than an average of one day a week, or its equivalent over the course of the academic year.

In connection with any outside employment, consulting arrangement or other work, each faculty member shall abide by, make known to the other party and incorporate in any written agreement, the following principles:

- i. The faculty member is serving in an individual capacity, and not as an agent, employee or representative of The City University and that the name of The City University or any of its constituent units may not be used in connection with the faculty member's services, other than to identify his/her employer, without the written permission of The City University.
- ii. The faculty member's primary employment responsibility is to The City University, and he/she is bound by its policies, including those related to consulting and other outside work.
- iii. In rendering services to the outside party, the faculty member may not make substantial use of The City University's resources, including but not limited to its facilities, equipment, employees, proprietary information, or clinical data bases, without written permission of The City University.
- iv. No relationship or agreement between the faculty member and another party may grant rights to intellectual property owned by The City University and/or the Research Foundation without their written authorization.
- v. The outside party may not (i) restrict or hinder the ability of the faculty member to conduct current or foreseeable research assignments as an employee of The City University, (ii) limit his/her ability to publish work generated at or on behalf of The City University or (iii) infringe on his/her academic freedom as a faculty member.

**b. WITHIN THE CITY UNIVERSITY – TEACHING**

- 1) Where the best interests of the college or the university make it desirable or necessary to draw upon full-time personnel in one unit or branch for service in another, requests for such service should originate with the principal academic or administrative officer of the requesting unit and have the approval of the principal academic or administrative officer of the other unit. It is the policy of the university and its colleges to achieve exchanges of services, wherever possible, by budgetary interchange or by the balancing of interchanged services, with no additional academic load or extra remuneration for the individuals concerned. Variations from this norm will be allowed only with the special permission of the Chancellor, or the appropriate President.

- 2) Within the framework noted in section 1, full-time non-tenure-track and tenured faculty will be eligible for consideration for an overload assignment when such assignment is determined to be in the best interest of the college and to serve a specific academic need. Permission to take on an overload teaching assignment will only be granted up to a maximum of eight classroom contact hours total over the fall and spring semesters.
- 3) In addition to the overload assignment permitted in paragraph 2, a full-time non-tenure-track or tenured faculty member will be eligible for consideration for additional overload assignments of no more than a total of six classroom contact hours during the academic year in courses offered during the Winter Session, in courses offered exclusively on Saturdays or Sundays, or in courses offered as part of on-line degree programs.
- 4) Overload teaching by full-time, non-tenured, tenure-track faculty is not permitted, but if a faculty member is not currently using the contractually-mandated research reassigned time, exceptions can be made on an individual basis with the special permission of the Chancellor, or the appropriate President.

c. WITHIN THE CITY UNIVERSITY – RESEARCH, CONSULTING, EMPLOYMENT

The City University regards scholarly activity and research as part of the normal activity and responsibility of the faculty. In fact such activities are part of the basis on which faculty members are evaluated, reappointed, or promoted. The public looks to the University as a source of new information, reinterpretations, and advancing intellectual activities. Also, the University is looked upon as a community of scholars. This carries the implication of joint scholarly effort and mutual support and availability amongst faculty and students. The faculty is given full-time annual paid employment to cover all the activities of teaching, research, consulting, curriculum development, counseling, committee work, etc.

When special funding in support of research is available, it is presumed to make possible, or easier, the scholarly activity that faculty and students wish to or are willing to pursue. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board of Trustees that there may not be paid any extra compensation to full-time members of the faculty for work done during the academic work year. This limitation applies to research, consulting, or any other employment with The City University or any of its associated organizations, regardless of the source of funds. For the particular case of extra teaching, the policy is expressed in Section 2b above.

Under the special circumstances of an urgently needed short-term administrative and/or service assignment, a President or Vice Chancellor in the Central Office may authorize specific extra compensation for a faculty member whose services are required as an overload. This authorization must define both time and money limitations, and must state that it was not possible to relieve the faculty member of other duties to an equivalent extent. Such non-teaching overload assignments will be limited to 150 hours per semester at the nonteaching hourly rate, or

a total of 300 hours for the entire academic year. Further adjustments may be authorized by the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee.

**d. WITHIN THE CITY UNIVERSITY – SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Compensation for CUNY summer activities from the University and related entities, such as the Research Foundation and the college foundations, shall not exceed a total for all such activities of three-ninths of the faculty members' full-time CUNY salary. This includes, but is not limited to, teaching in a summer session in The City University of New York, performing administrative duties (such as service as a department chairperson), and conducting research paid for using funds originating from the CUNY Research Foundation. During the first three summers of a faculty member's employment at The City University, the President of a College or a Vice Chancellor, as appropriate, may authorize payment to a faculty member to conduct his/her research during the summer from tax-levy funds, subject to the same total three-ninths limitation for all summer activities noted above.

Notwithstanding the limitation in the preceding paragraph, a college foundation may pay faculty for research or additional work during the summer, in an amount that will cause the faculty member's total compensation from the University and related entities to exceed three-ninths of his/her annual salary, under the following conditions: (i) such payment is consistent with the rules and regulations applicable to the college foundation; (ii) the circumstances surrounding such payment have been rigorously documented and justified; and (iii) such payment has been approved by the Chancellor or the appropriate President.

The faculty member shall report to the college at which he/she has a full-time appointment all such summer activities in advance of participating in them to ensure that they do not exceed contractual rules or University practices.

**3. RESTRICTIONS ON MULTIPLE POSITIONS FOR FACULTY ON LEAVES FROM THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

When faculty members are granted leaves of absences, they are expected to devote their time and energy to the purposes for which the leave is granted. As a general rule, employment within or outside of the University during leaves of absence is prohibited, unless such involvement is integral to the purpose for which the leave is granted. Employment either within or outside of the University during a leave of absence requires the approval of the President, pursuant to guidelines to be promulgated by the Chancellor. Notwithstanding the forgoing, faculty on Travia Leave may be employed outside of the University with prior notice to the President, but only if they have given an irrevocable commitment to retire.

For the purposes of this policy, Fellowship Leaves and Scholar Incentive Awards will cover periods within the boundaries of the academic year, and do not include the period of the annual summer leave.

#### **4. MULTIPLE EXTRA INVOLVEMENT**

From the beginning of the fall semester until the day after spring commencement, the total extra involvement shall not exceed 300 hours of extra consultation or non-teaching adjunct work (see section 2.c), or 14 classroom contact hours of extra teaching (that is, the combined extra teaching permitted under Paragraphs 2.b.2 and 2.b.3), or a proportional combination of these two types of activities.

#### **5. MECHANISMS OF PAY**

During the academic year, all work done for CUNY must conform to the rates of pay indicated in the collective bargaining agreement.

During the summer, faculty are paid at the hourly rate to do teaching or non-teaching CUNY work in conformity with the collective bargaining agreement. Further, the pay given to faculty during the summer for service as a department chair must conform to the contractual formula negotiated for that purpose. In addition, during the summer faculty paid with funds originating from the CUNY Research Foundation must be paid at the CUNY rates of pay.

#### **6. ANNUAL REPORT**

At the regular June meeting, the Chancellor shall report to the Board the steps taken by the Presidents to implement these regulations and the extent of compliance with the limitations set. The reports shall contain details from the Presidents about all excesses over any of the guidelines herein stated, including the names of all persons involved and the specific reasons for the excesses. The University will continue to monitor overload assignments. Overload assignments shall be reported to the Board of Trustees as part of the annual report.