TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)

SUBJECT: 17-18 CIC 71: Maximum number of Units for Summer Sessions

PURPOSE: For action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve the units limits for Summer Sessions under semesters. Upon signature of the President, effective Summer, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At their meeting on May 7, 2018, CIC discussed the issue of students who are enrolling for 17 units during the shortened Summer Quarter, 2018. Under quarters, there were no shortened sessions. So, the policy in 12-13 CIC 14 did not need special conditions for shortened terms. CIC did consider the need for a separate registration calendar for shortened sessions and half-semester classes (cf. 15-16 CIC 43), but did not change the unit caps.

Some Committee members noted that students signing up for 17 units on the shortened summer are committing to well over 50 hours per week on school work. This invites failure. While nothing can be done at this point about summer, 2018, these committee members successfully argued for lower caps on future summers under the semester calendar. Since those summers will be 8 week terms, the Committee recommends a 9 unit cap for summer enrollment. Winter intersession classes will enroll as part of spring semesters. It is not clear that a separate unit cap can be put in place for those sessions. In standalone sessions, however, the students should be limited to a pro-rated number of units, though allowances may be given to account for rounding to allow multiples of 3 be accommodated.

CIC voted unanimously to recommend the following policy.

PROPOSED POLICY:
Students will be limited to enrolling in 9 units in summer sessions under semesters. Exceptions on a pro-rated basis may be allowed as per existing procedures documented in 12-13 CIC 14.