

OVERLOAD COMPENSATION GUIDELINES FOR KSU FACULTY

According to the Board of Regents Academic Affairs Handbook (Section 4.10), overload compensation may be paid under certain circumstances. The BOR policy states:

Under certain circumstances, qualified teaching faculty and administrative faculty may be called upon to take on additional teaching, research, or service responsibilities at their home institution. Whenever possible in this situation, institutions should consider adjusting the individual's primary duties to incorporate the extra duties associated with the overload(s). If it is determined that a workload adjustment cannot be made, the faculty member's contract should be amended to reflect a temporary change in compensation warranted by the additional responsibilities. A contract modification should also be done when faculty are involved in joint staffing agreements that warrant additional compensation at another USG institution (see Section 5.3.3 in the Business Procedures Manual).

Contract modifications should be done using the USG Contract Addendum for Temporary Overload Compensation. Because overloads involve a modification to a faculty member's original contract, Section 5.3.2 of the Business Procedures Manual on Extra Compensation does not apply to faculty overloads.

KSU's procedures for complying with and interpreting Regents Policy are outlined below. Prior approvals for proposed overload compensation are expected to be secured using the required form before the overload assignment commences.

Conditions of an Overload Assignment

Faculty who assume overload assignments for overload pay must meet expectations in all of their normal in-load work assignments. In-load work assignments typically include the expected full-time commitment of the faculty member to teaching, supervision and mentoring duties, professional service (including administration), scholarship and creative activity, and academic achievement and professional development. Overload pay is not appropriate for an individual if the work can be readily assigned on an in-load basis to another qualified person or if the individual's existing assignments can accommodate the work or can be readily reduced, rearranged, or reassigned in order to accommodate the work on an in-load basis.

Since KSU is in full or partial operation seven days a week in the mornings, afternoons and evenings, many faculty do not share the same daily or weekly work schedules. A "normal full load" must take flexible scheduling into account, regardless of when and where an individual's faculty-related work is done during the week.

Avoiding Conflicts with Regular Duties

Because faculty are salaried professional employees, overload assignments are most acceptable when the nature of the work in the overload assignment is significantly different from the nature of an individual's work assignments in the normal full load. When the nature of the work is similar for in-load and overload pay, the potential for an appearance of a conflict of interest or conflict of obligation exists and should be avoided or thoroughly justified. Faculty members who write themselves into grants or contracts for services that involve overload pay create the potential for a perceived conflict of interest or obligation.

When an apparent conflict of interest exists within a department, college, or division, an administrator at another level of authority beyond that unit must confirm that the overload compensation is appropriate and does not constitute a conflict of interest or obligation.

Teaching a degree credit course typically constitutes a substantial workload assignment. KSU faculty loads are considered too heavy by most faculty to justify the teaching of extra degree credit courses on an overload basis. Every effort should be taken to avoid assigning faculty degree credit courses on an overload basis.

Faculty with the rank of dean and above will not be eligible for overload pay because of the extensive workload carried by those individuals and the breadth of their professional obligations in those positions. Exceptions, if any, must be approved by the President.