

Resolution on Faculty Development Leave

Whereas the State of Texas has recognized that a sound program of faculty development leave serves to improve the quality of higher education, and

Whereas developmental leaves can improve the value of both faculty and administrators by providing opportunities for growth and development, and

Whereas opportunities for such growth and development do not necessarily follow a regular or predictable timeline, and

Whereas the time period of service before eligibility for a developmental leave and/or between developmental leaves can be determined by the University so long as it is not less than the 2 year period established by the Texas State Legislature, and

Whereas shortening the service requirements will not change the percentage of faculty that can be on leave at any given time since such percentage is governed by the State, therefore

Be it resolved this 8th day of February, 2006, that the Faculty Senate of The University of North Texas recommends a revision of the current University Policy to allow for regular eligibility for developmental leaves after a period of 6 years of continual service and to allow for the possibility of developmental leave within a shorter time period of service if unique circumstances should warrant.