To be adopted:

Present:

NR2.3.1 Course enrollments in any quarter of fewer than 12 units must have the approval of the Dean of the college.

NR2.3.3 Up to the end of the second full week of instruction a student may add a course to his/her enrollment. During the third full week of instruction a student may, with the approval of his/her advisor and instructor, add a course to his/her enrollment. Before the end of the second full week of instruction a student may, without prior approval, drop a course without penalty. From the second through the sixth full week of instruction, a course may be dropped with the approval of the advisor.

NR2.3.4 A student on probation may enroll for more than 13 quarter units only with the consent of the Dean of the college.

NR2.3.5 With the approval of the Dean, students may withdraw from the University at any time prior to the end of instruction.

NR2.3.6 Any changes in a student’s quarterly course enrollment not covered by the above regulations must have the approval of the Dean.

Proposed:

NR2.3.1 No change.

NR2.3.3 No change.

NR2.3.4 A student on probation may enroll for more than 15 quarter units only with the consent of the Dean of the college.

NR2.3.5 No change.

NR2.3.6 No change.

NR2.3.7 Students in “Good Standing” may enroll for more than 20 quarter units only with the consent of the Dean of the college.

Justification:

The “Conversion Factor” that determines Full-time student FTE is traditionally below 1.0 at UCR. The campus is paid for student FTE, not head count. Inasmuch as 1 student FTE is equal to an enrollment of
15 units per quarter, one stumbling block to students taking, on average, up to 15 units per quarter lies in the colleges regulations that restrict students on probation (or, by implication, on STD) to a maximum enrollment of 13 units each quarter. Another barrier, currently only campus policy, is that students in good standing are limited to an enrollment of 18 units per quarter. To rectify these two issues, for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, it is proposed here to raise the unit limit per quarter for students on probation to a maximum of 15 units and for those in good standing, to 20 units. Additional unit enrollment beyond these limits would require Dean’s approval.

As a point of reference, in the College of Agricultural and Natural Sciences as of 31 January 2006 (end of 3rd week, Winter 2006), the overall average number of units taken per student was 14.29. This may be broken down to 12.41 for “on probation” students and 14.87 for “good standing” students.

Effective Immediately Upon Approval

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