

Faculty Fellows for Online Teaching

As we face the reality of a possible partial or fully online fall 2020, the Senate proposes an emergency **Faculty Fellows** program for Summer and Fall 2020 to ready our entire faculty and their courses to be online. Even a partial semester online will require considerable effort, but the good news is that we have excellent resources and a structure that is reflected in the Senate’s method of calculating Senators and arranging conversation.

Faculty Fellows for Online Teaching will take the load off the TLI and provide disciplinary/area specific content, assignment adaptations, and instructional design ideas by granting a course release to faculty members with success in online teaching (whether recent or more established). Those Fellows would help triage locally, and recommend the OIT, TLI, or other resources as needed. The benefits are many, but the economic benefits include not having to staff out, keeping NTT faculty employed in a credit hour downturn, and structuring a quick solution that does not lead to firing a new temporary workforce.

The Senate’s Caucus model reflects an approximate 15:1 FTE to Senate seat, and each group reflects a group of related fields. The Caucuses and their current counts are listed below with a proposed number of fellows based on FTE:

Caucus	Current FTE	Number of Senators	Proposed Fellows
Architecture	43	3	1
Business (Haslam)	156	9	4
CCI	69	5	2
EHHS	156	9	4
Engineering	215	12	4
Law	39	3	1
CAS Arts & Humanities	335	18	6
CAS Natural Sciences	237	13	4
CAS Social Sciences	125	7	2
Nursing	75	5	1
Social Work	41	3	1
Library	43	3	1
Ag (*Ag Research, Herbert, Extension—rep by area)	191*	11	3
Vet Med	99	6	2