

April 11, 2008

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Executive Committee of the Academic Council

From: Peter Lange

Re: Arts and Sciences Accelerated Leave Policy

I am pleased to submit the attached proposal presented by Arts and Sciences requesting approval for an Accelerated Leave Policy. The proposal was presented to the Academic Programs Committee on February 13, 2008 with revisions distributed on March 12, 2008, the revised proposal was strongly recommended for approval. I submit this proposal to ECAC for discussion and consideration with my fullest support.

The proposed change will require an amendment to the Faculty Handbook, it will also, assuming Board of Trustees approval, require an amendment in the University Bylaws since sabbatical policy is covered there. What we are proposing is that the policy change recommended by and for Arts and Sciences be approved now and that language, consistent with the new policy, for both the bylaws and the Faculty Handbook be developed over the summer in a coordinated manner. Those changes would then be brought to Academic Council and the Board of Trustees respectively at their September meetings.