The EPC has endorsed and forwards to the Senate the following slightly stronger version of the statement included in the Faculty Administrative Manual (FAM 435):

GUIDELINES FOR SCHEDULING OF FULL-TIME FACULTY

Faculty shall not be assigned to teach more than four consecutive scheduled class hours without at least a one-hour break, and shall not be assigned more than six scheduled hours of instruction on a single day. Instruction involving laboratories, studio, rehearsals, and supervised instruction is exempt from this requirement. Exceptions will be made only with the approval of the faculty member and the appropriate college dean.

Justification: As the Executive Committee eloquently framed the issue in its charge to the EPC, "a continuous six hour schedule results in fatigue on the part of the instructor, little time for advising, and sporadic faculty supervision of the independent study which justifies our 'five units for four contact hours' policy." Though the distinction between "instruction" and laboratories, studios, and the like is not always clearcut, a formal distinction (supported by differing staffing formulas) does exist and should be adhered to.