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A request for a faculty member in one college to teach a course in another college may be initiated by either the faculty member to his/her own Dean or by the Dean of the receiving college to the Dean of the faculty member's college. If the faculty member initiates the request, then that request is subject to the approval of the receiving Dean. If both the receiving and granting Deans approve the faculty member's assignment, then the receiving college shall provide the granting Dean with funds sufficient to obtain an adjunct faculty to teach one course that the faculty member would otherwise have taught in the granting college. In the event the Deans cannot agree on releasing the faculty member to the receiving college, the matter will be referred to the Provost. If the Provost approves the assignment, then the receiving college will pay the money for an adjunct replacement. If the issue is whether the faculty member is qualified to teach the course in question, the Provost will overrule a Dean only under the most unusual circumstances, e.g., demonstrable bad faith exercised in refusing the request. Interdisciplinary studies are to be encouraged. For example, the Futures Program must be protected under this procedure.

Patterns of interdisciplinary teaching already in place at the time this procedure is adopted will be given preferential treatment in terms of requests and permissions granted.