

Referral, CR-518-19, TA Fee Waiver



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**Fwd: request for modification to TA fee waiver policy**

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Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 12:32 PM

Reply-To: stefan.frazier@sjsu.edu

To: Eva E Joice <Eva.Joice@sjsu.edu>

Hi Eva - could you give this referral a number? Thanks.

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From: **Noelle Brada-Williams** <noelle.brada-williams@sjsu.edu>

Date: Wed, Mar 28, 2018 at 12:24 PM

Subject: request for modification to TA fee waiver policy

To: Winifred Schultz-Krohn <Winifred.Schultz-Krohn@sjsu.edu>, Stefan Frazier <stefan.frazier@sjsu.edu>

Dear Stefan and Win:

Please accept this request on behalf of my graduate Teaching Associates. They are an essential and hard working part of our program and the recent change in units for the graduate courses from 3 to 4 units now makes it difficult for students to progress towards graduation in a timely fashion because the fee waiver now covers only one 4-unit graduate course as opposed to two. We had always urged our students to take no more than 3 graduate courses as full time students and yet 12-units was required to be considered full time by financial aid. Raising our courses to 4 units has brought them in line with the time commitment we expect out of our graduate students to their English MA and MFA coursework, but it has limited their ability to progress through the program if they are financially dependent on the 6-unit fee waiver. We never ask new Teaching Associates to teach more than one class because of the intricacy, complexity, and the importance of ensuring the quality of our English 1A program for all of the University's students

Note that the fee waiver FAQ on our Human Resources page for staff says:

How many units does fee waiver cover?

**Answer:**

Fee waiver covers 6 units or 2 courses per term, whichever is greater.

[http://www.sjsu.edu/hr/training/fee\\_waiver/fee\\_waiver\\_help/units/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/hr/training/fee_waiver/fee_waiver_help/units/index.html)

**We would just like the TA's to be given the same response and amend the exiting policy(F01-03) with this one phrase.**

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