

Workload compliance hard, UT prof says

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The president of the University of Texas' Faculty Senate says there's "no way" UT-Austin will be able to comply this fall with newly passed faculty workload rules.

Dr. William Livingston, professor of government, said Monday at the first senate meeting of the fall term that it's "ridiculous" for the university to try to mesh teaching and class arrangements concluded last spring with minimum teaching load requirements approved by the UT System Board of Regents Aug. 4.

However, UT deans for the most part disagree, as does Dr. Gerhard Fonken, executive assistant to UT-Austin President Lorene Rogers.

The large majority of UT college deans contacted by the *American-Statesman* said their departments will have little trouble complying with the guidelines, mandated by the last regular session of the Texas Legislature. The guidelines are roundly despised, not only by most UT faculty members, but by Rogers as well, judging from her remarks to the regents.

The workload policy for the whole UT System was reluctantly approved by regents after months of work by system administrators and college presidents.

It basically requires each faculty

member to teach three formal undergraduate courses or two graduate courses, or a combination of those each semester.

The policy also contains an intricate system of exceptions and equivalencies designed to allow faculty members to go on with research and administrative duties.

"The deans have told us verbally that, with a little pushing and shoving, they should be able to comply this fall," Fonken said. "There may be a few odd spots where we have some difficulty, (because of the late passage of the rules), but that's all."

LBJ's brother hospitalized

Sam Houston Johnson, the only brother of Lyndon B. Johnson, was admitted to St. David's Hospital Monday afternoon, a family friend said.

Johnson, 65, underwent surgery for lung cancer in 1976.

The family friend said the former president's brother had fallen recently and was experiencing other difficulties.