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Friends: in a meeting with the Provost, I brought up concerns of some faculty members regarding the recent summer school policy change. Here is my understanding of some points expressed by the Provost:

1. The Provost regrets that the faculties of some colleges have been given short notices regarding these changes. He said that the budgetary changes were put in place early last fall, but their consequences would have been apparent to the deans only during registration.
2. Unfortunately, the question of compensation for summer courses never came up during the planning process. Had it come up, the Provost would have made clear that a reduced or negotiated fee paid to the faculty member is not appropriate. The Provost believes that regular faculty members who teach summer courses should be paid the customary and prevailing rate. However, cancelling an "expensive" course which could just as easily be offered during the academic year is a part of sound fiscal management. There might also be circumstances (e.g., outreach mission) where a course might need to be offered regardless of financial considerations.
3. The Provosts and the deans will be revisiting this funding model at the end of the summer to examine the negative and positive implications.

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