From ECAC Sept 8th Minutes:

Required Student Numbers for Course Sections:

Professor Hughes shared a concern received from a faculty member regarding adherence to minimum student numbers per course section and problems that have arisen. The faculty member requested governance to address this issue. The Provost will address this issue and bring information back to ECAC next meeting.

Email Received from a Faculty Member, December 18, 2009

I guess the faculty that are asking for this issue to be brought up want a university perspective on this with discussion by the faculty, not just statements by Dean Armstrong or other administrators. Some colleagues feel that since curriculum is a faculty prerogative, section size is also. Some classes need a higher instructor to student ratio. Also, that kind of brings up the issue of why have a 17 to 1 student to faculty ratio if the class sizes are going up?