

Trends in Teaching Loads

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Institutional Setting

1. Most Departments Reside in Colleges of Agriculture.
2. Declining per Capita / per Student State Support.
3. Shrinking Membership in Professional Associations

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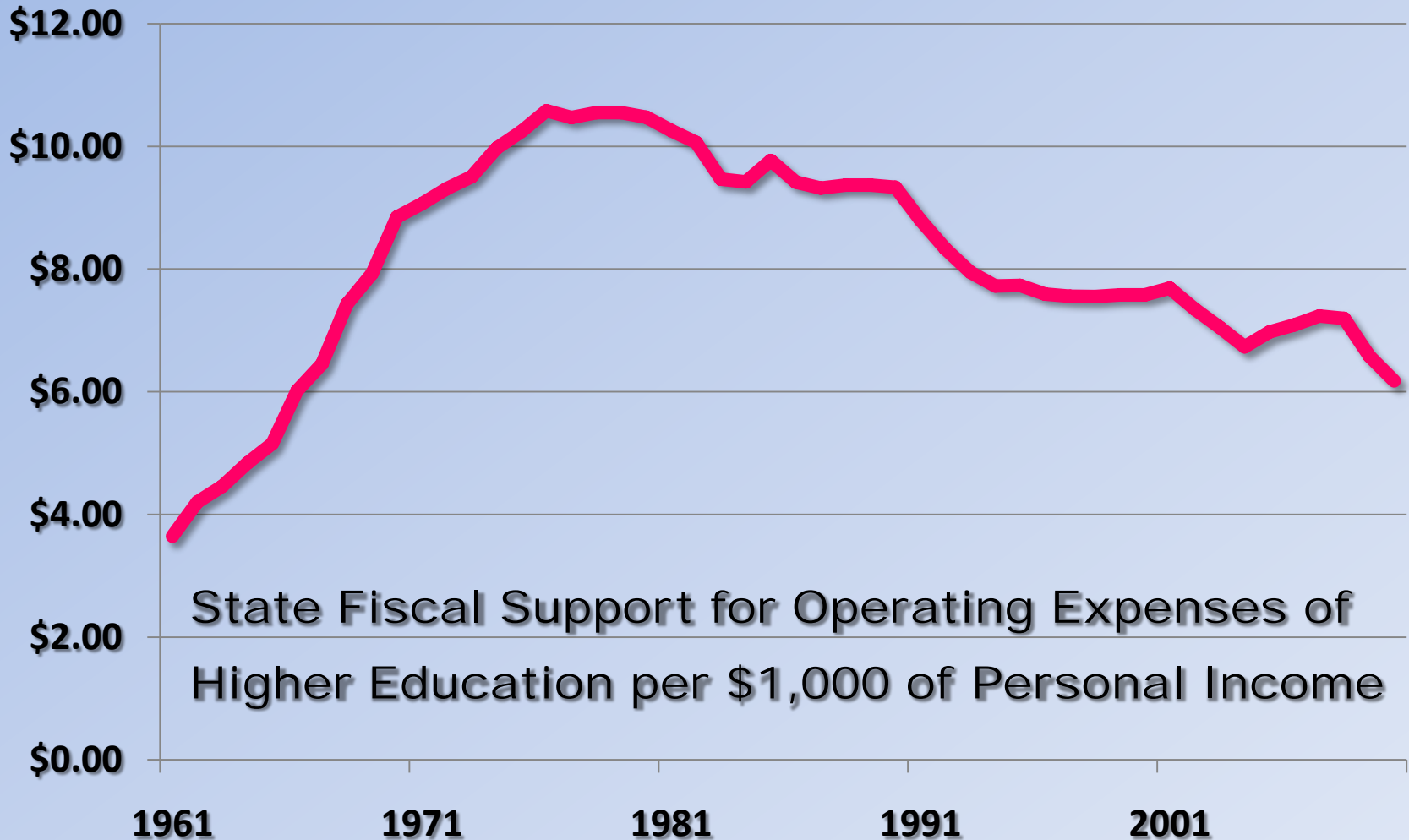
1. Departments in Colleges of Ag.

Ag. vis-à-vis Other Colleges

- Disparities in Teaching Loads, Numbers of Majors, SCH, & Degrees Conferred.
- Notion of “Splits”.

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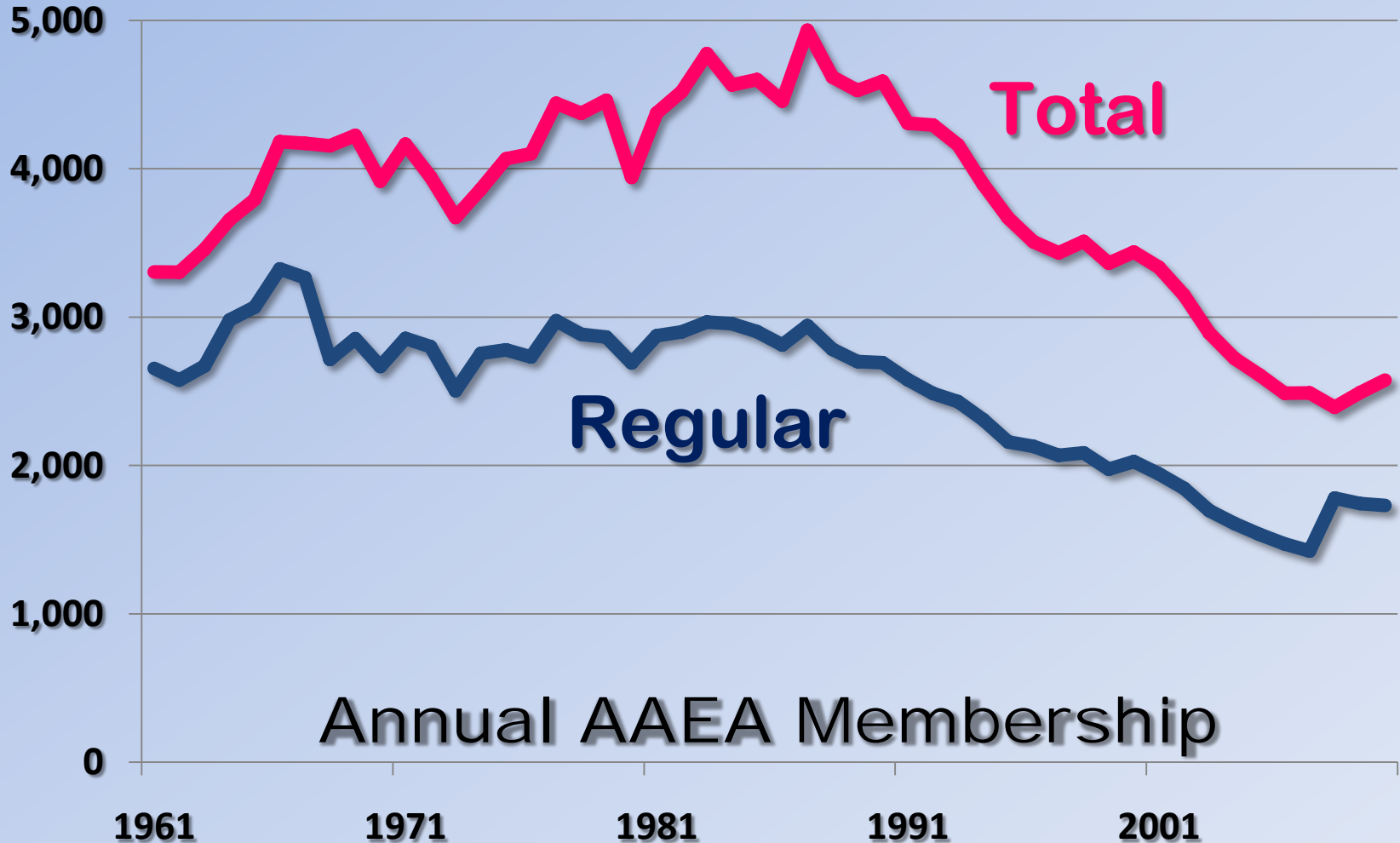
2. Declining State Support



State Fiscal Support for Operating Expenses of Higher Education per \$1,000 of Personal Income

Institutional Setting:

3. Shrinking Membership



Stylized Facts

- Declining State Budgets
 - Faculty Attrition \Rightarrow Smaller Depts.
 - Stable or \uparrow Undergrad Enrollments
- \Rightarrow Without Curriculum Adjustment,
Mounting Pressure to Increase
Teaching Loads
- \Rightarrow Research / Teaching Trade-off

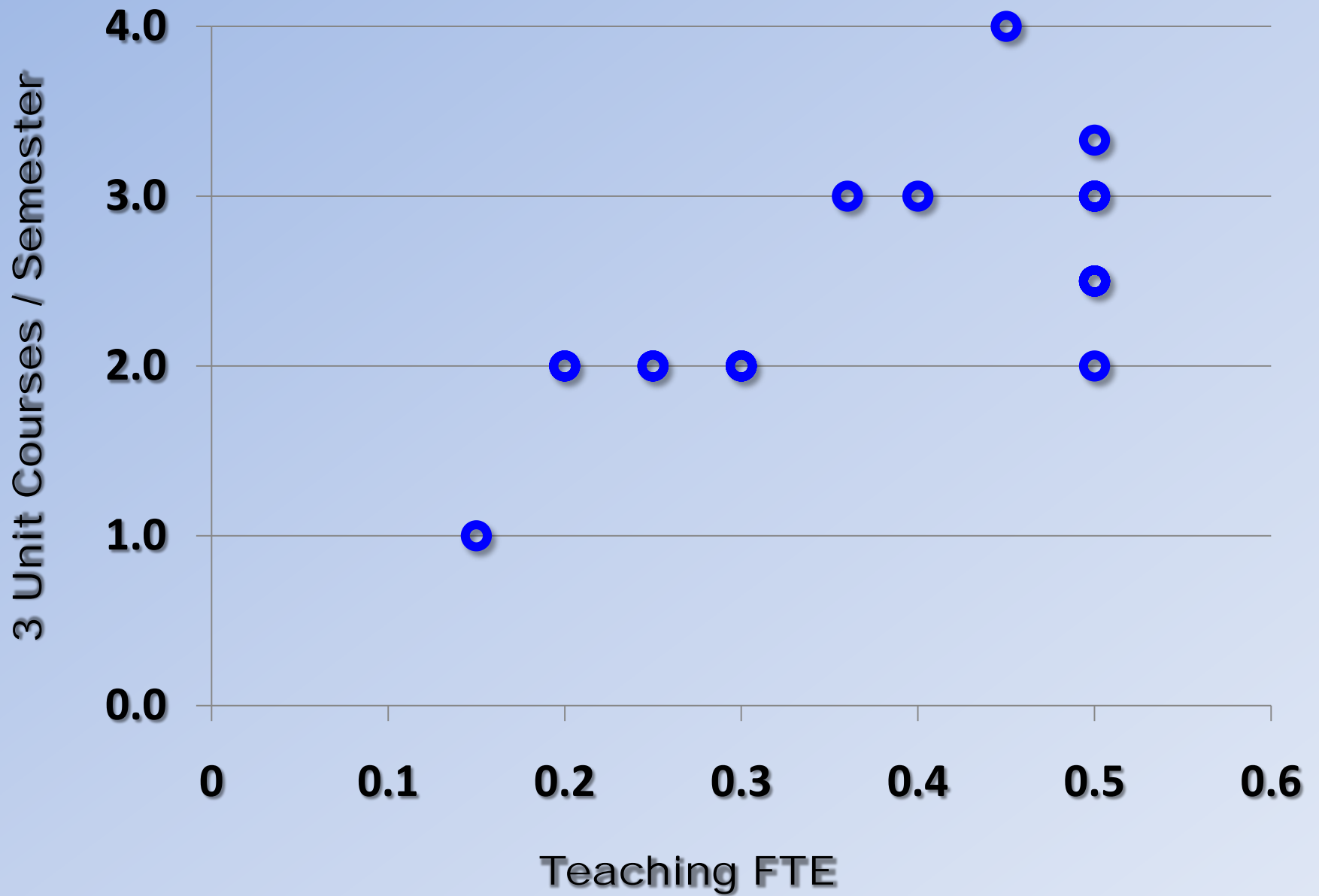
Survey Instrument

- Informal Email Survey, Dec. '09 & Aug. '11.
- Min, Median, Max Loads & Splits
 - 12/09: 20 Responses
 - 08/11: 16 Responses.
- Comment on Teaching Loads & Splits.

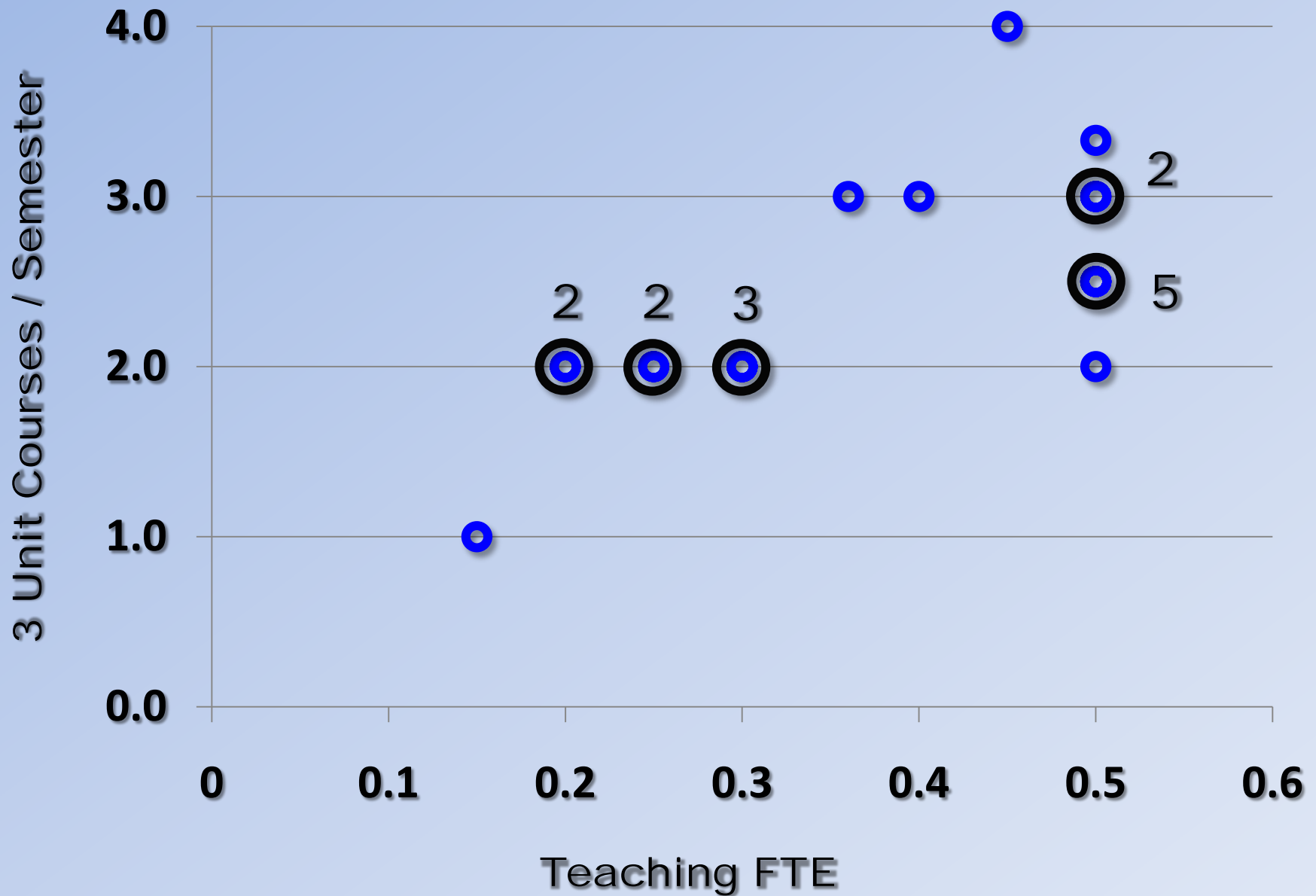
Measurement Issues

- AY/FY Contracts; Tenure-Track vs. Teaching Only
- Semesters / Quarters
- Class Size
- Undergrad / Grad
- Advising / Diss. Committees
- Summer School, Distance Ed.
- Teaching Institutions Only Excluded

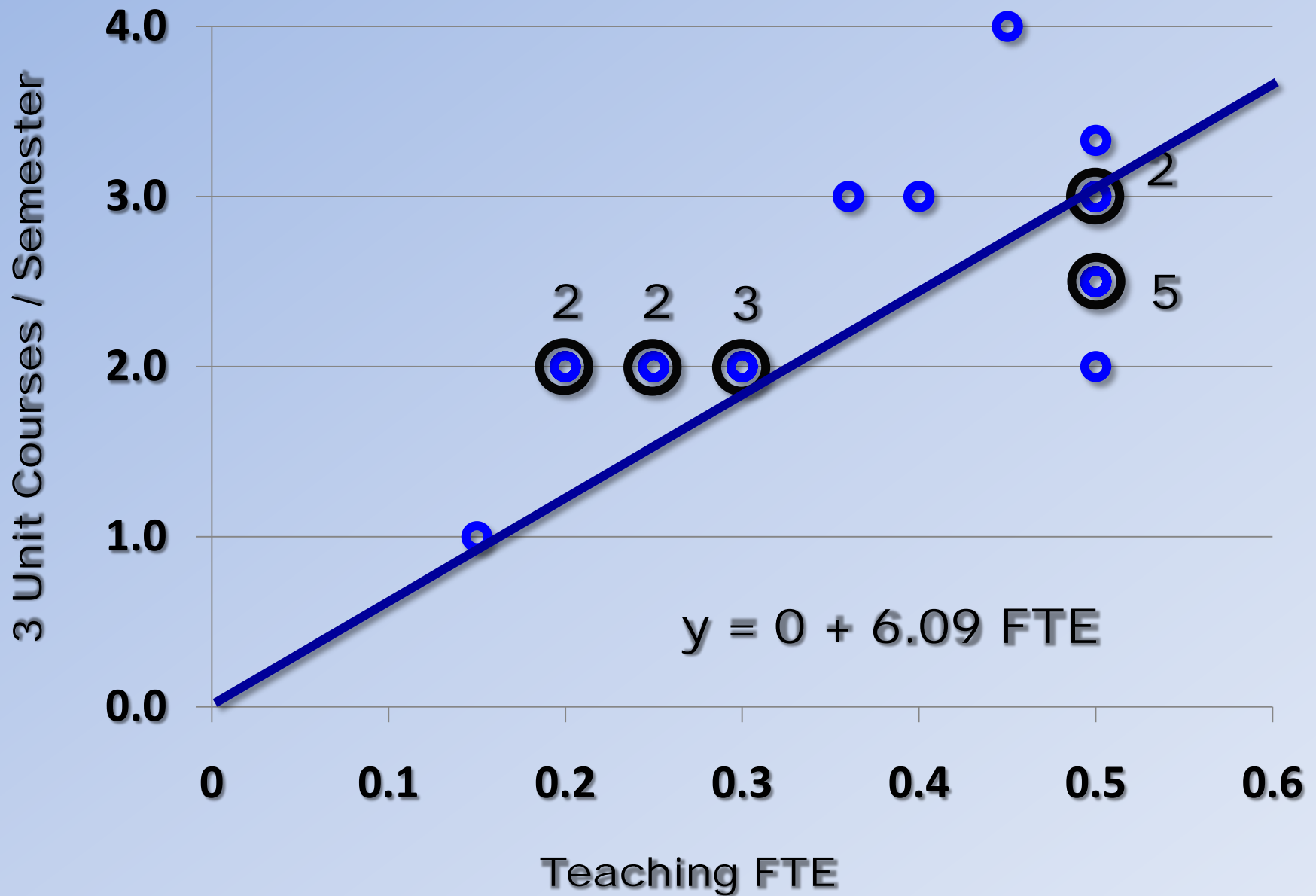
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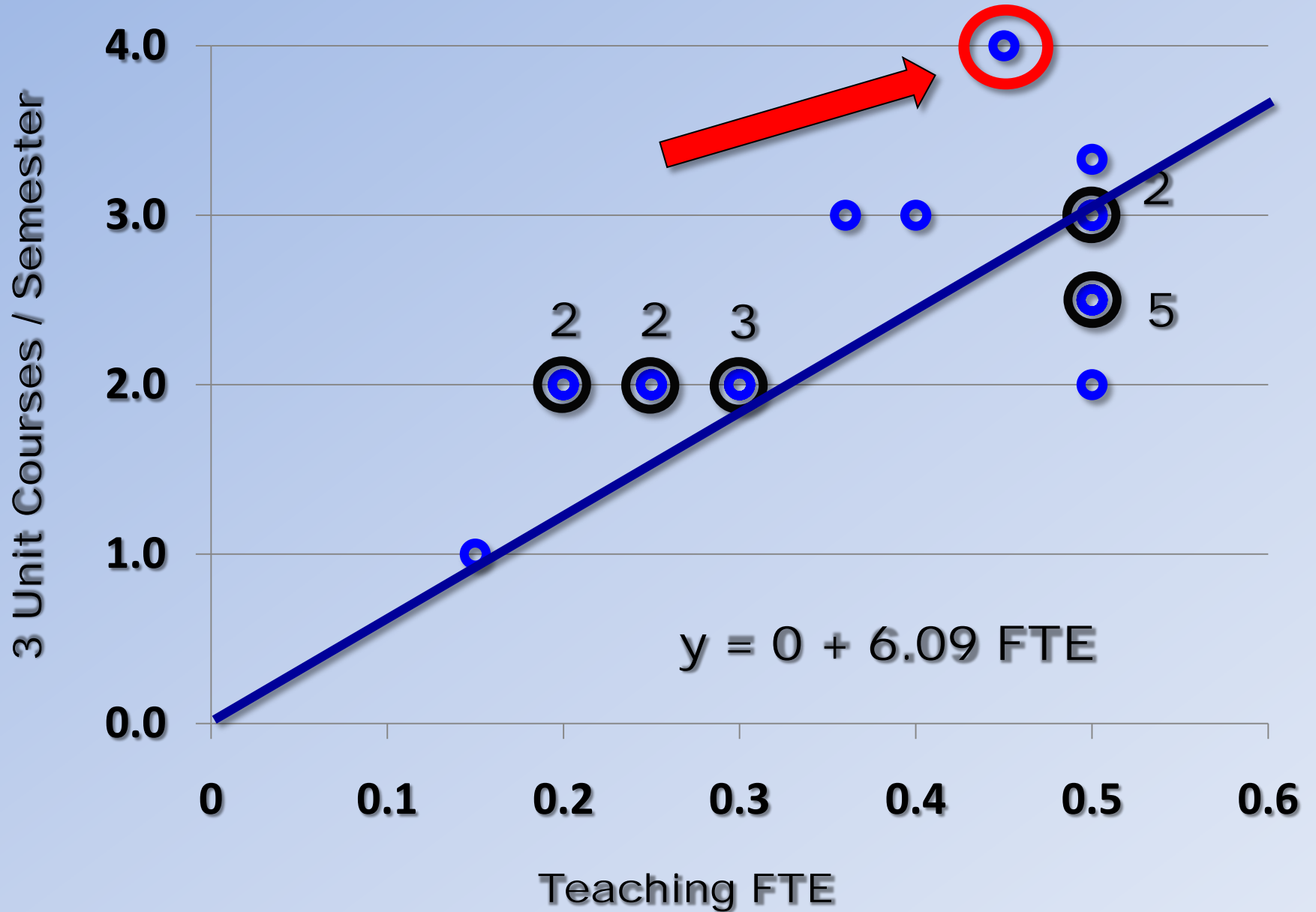
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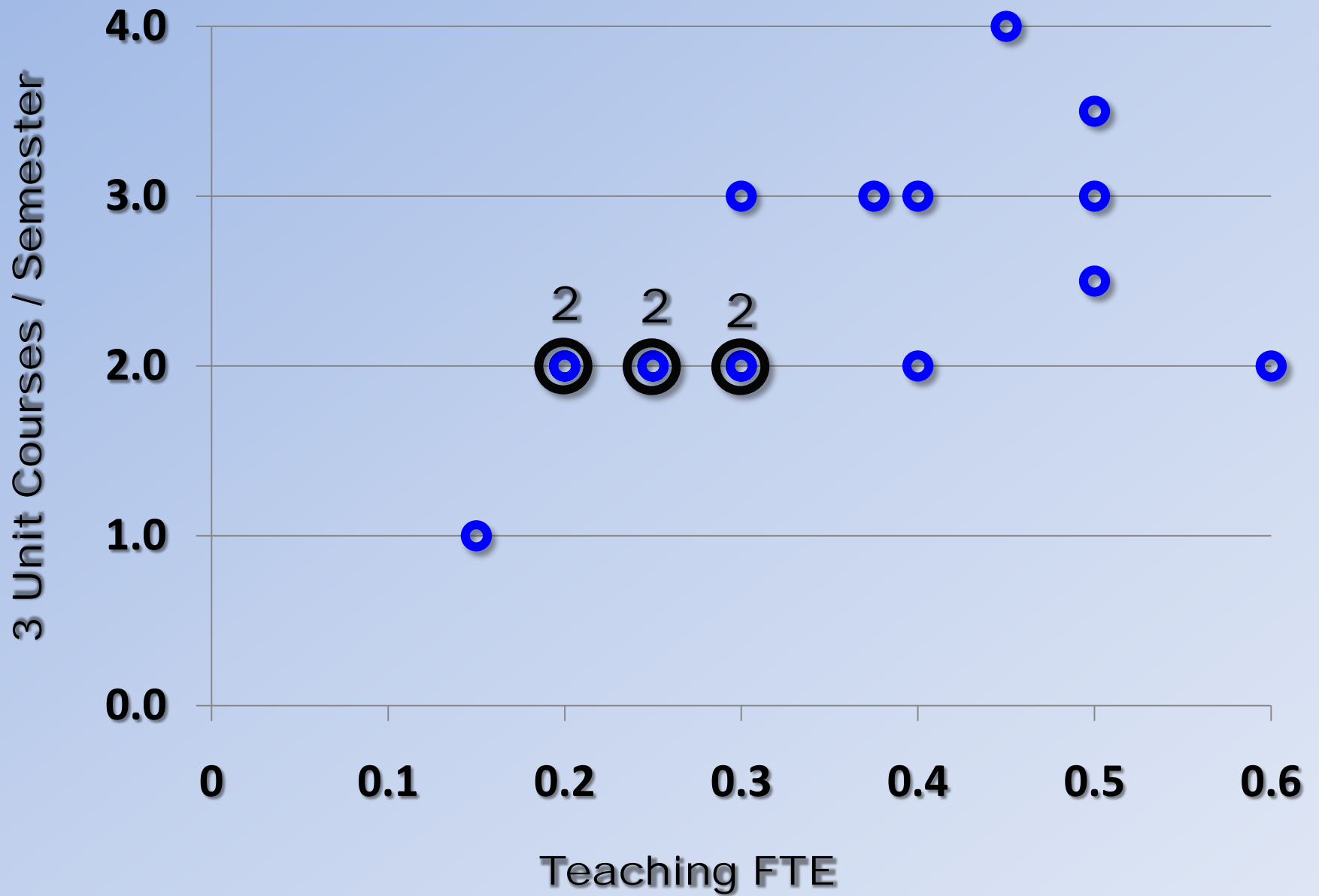
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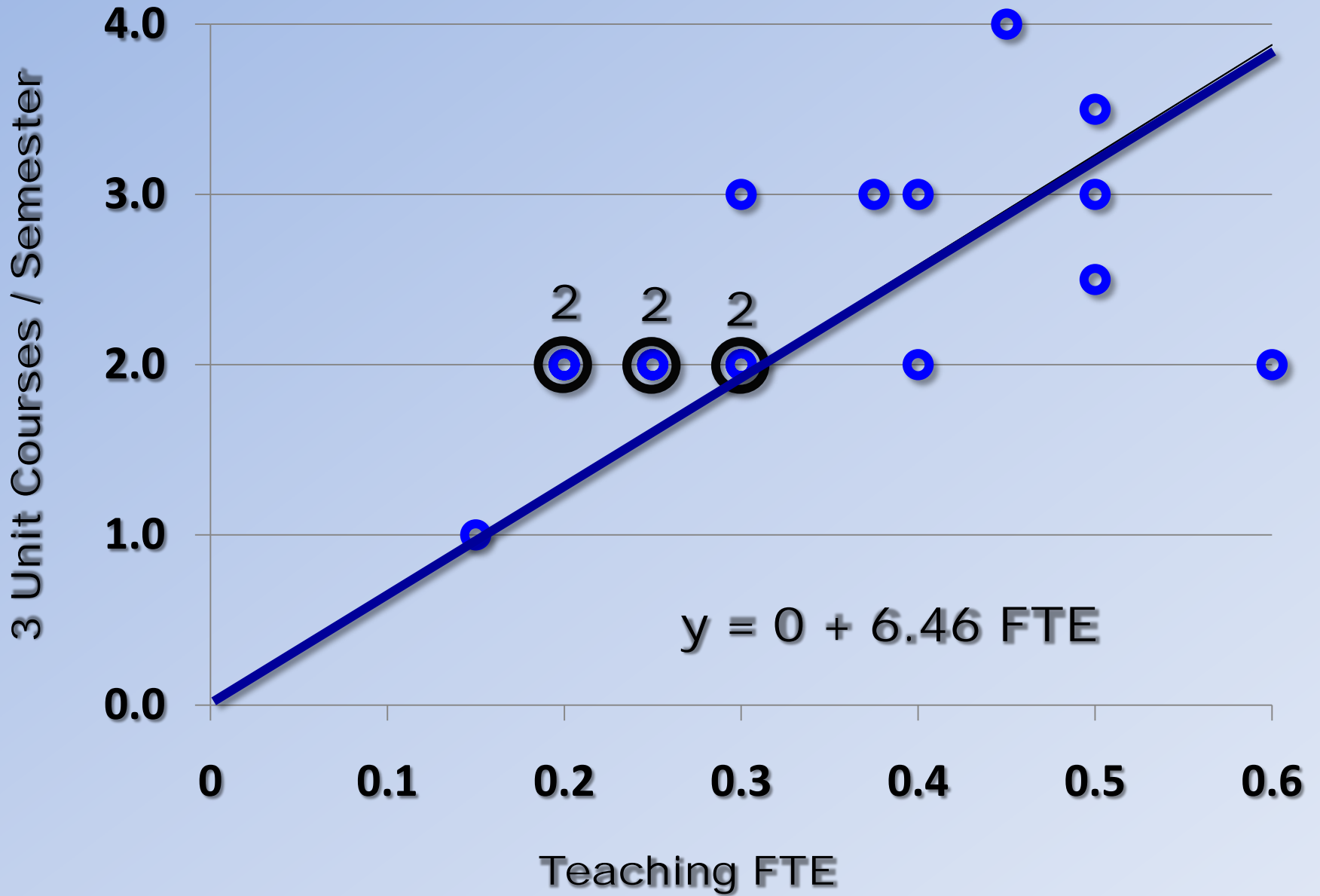
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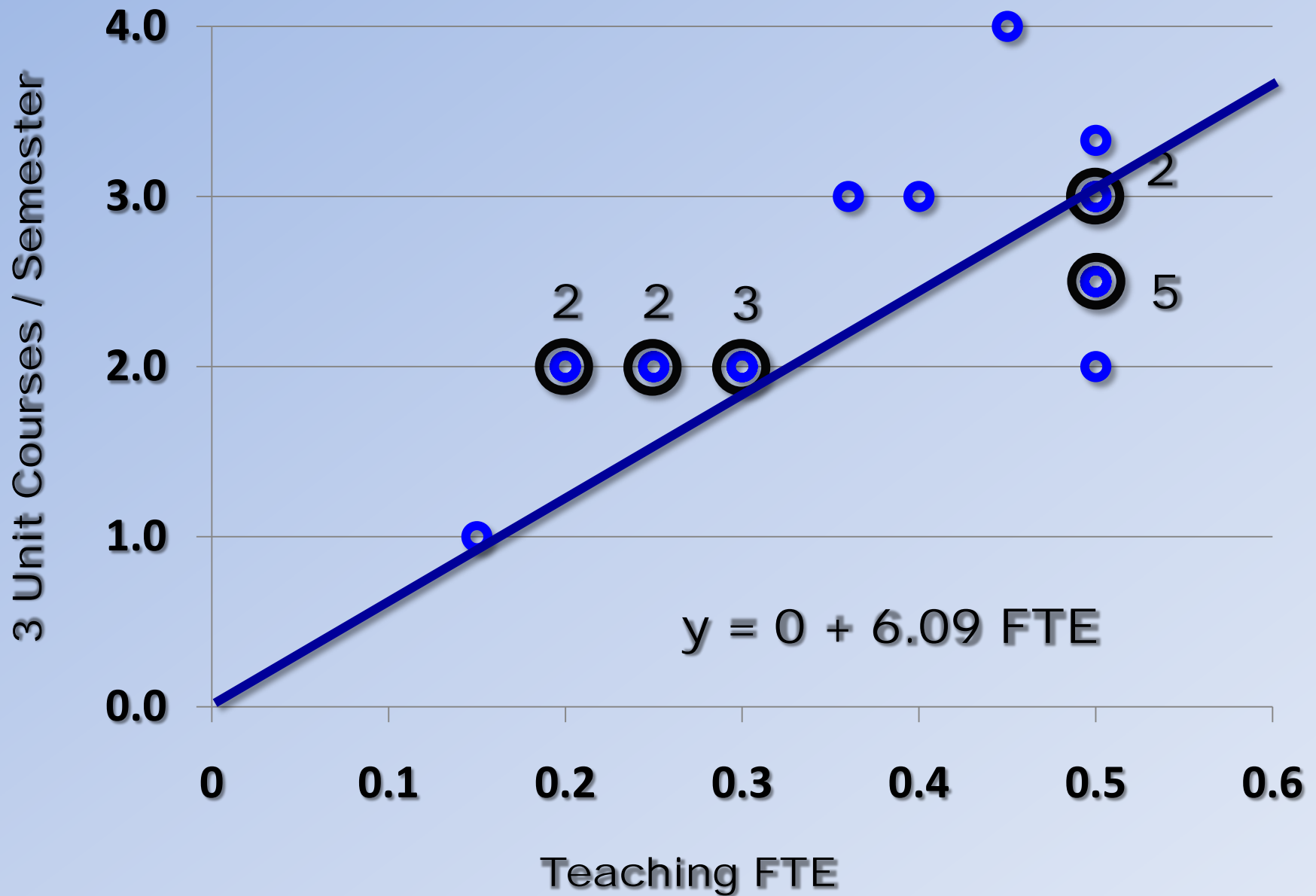


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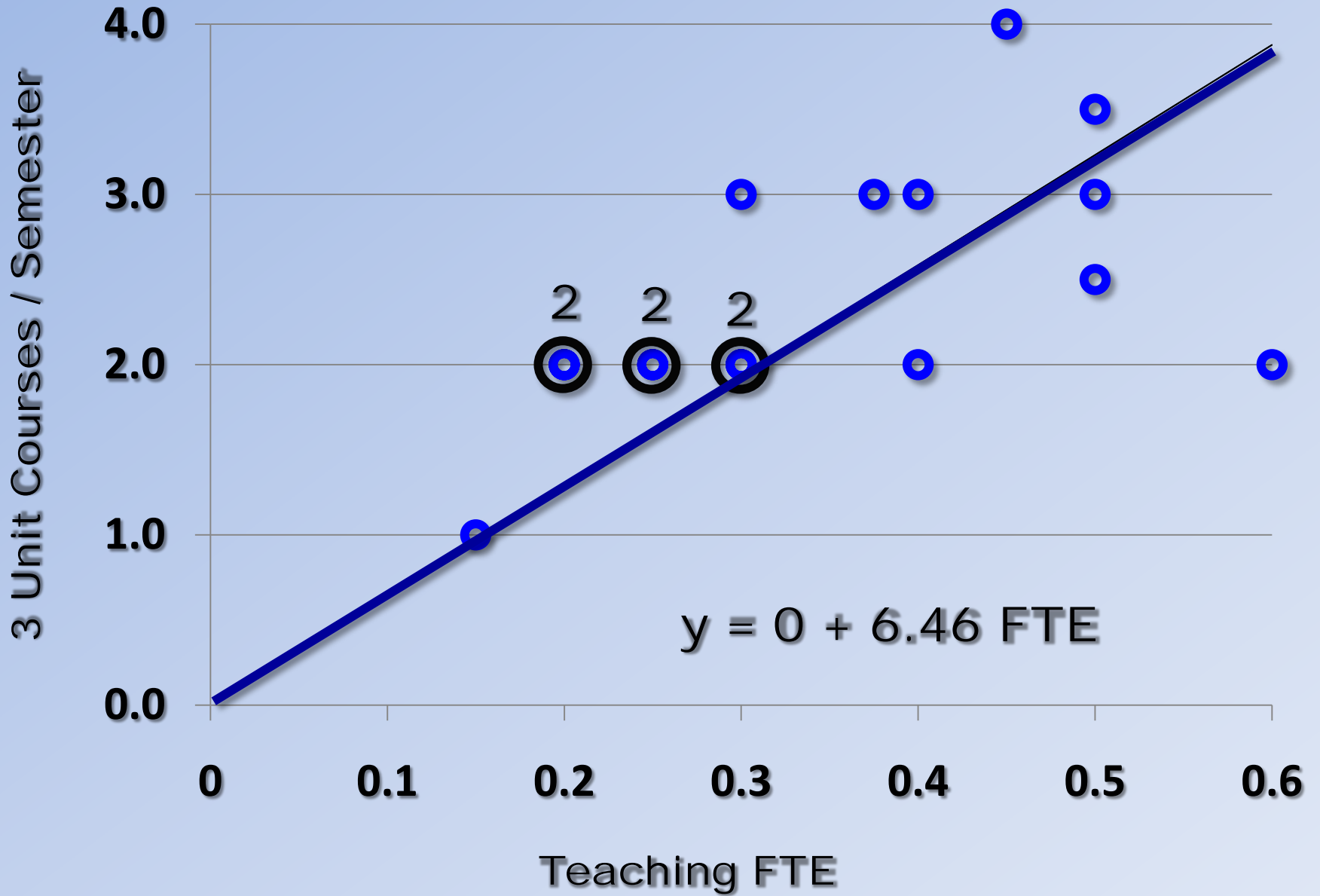
Caveats

- Very Small Samples
- Not a Panel
- Measurement Error
- Selectivity Bias

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Some Tendencies

- Full-Time Teaching Faculty, Non-Tenure Track.
- Teaching May be Justification for Faculty Positions.
- Enrollments High Within Colleges but Low Relative to Other Colleges.
- Heads/Chairs Trying to Reduce Loads.
- Deans & Other Administrators Trying to Increase Loads

Thank You!

Questions?

Comments?

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