

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
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(First Reading; Information)

SP.25.01 Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 3 – Faculty Role in Governance, Article IX, Section 3.c – Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff, and Article X, Section 1.a(6) – Tenure of Academic Staff

BACKGROUND

In April 2024, the Urbana-Champaign campus implemented a promotion status of “principal” above the status of “senior” for its instructors and lecturers (see *Provost’s Communication #25*). The modifier “principal” parallels the use of “senior” when designating academic ranks, so should be included in a list of such modifiers in *Statutes* II.3.a, IX.3.c, and X.1.a(6) so that those with a “principal” modifier can readily identify where they belong in these sections.

The proposed revisions integrate the term “principal” in the relevant lists of modifiers for the ranks for instructor and lecturer (lines 20-21, 40-41, and 51-52), reorder those lists of modifiers for clarity (lines 20-21 and 51-52), and truncate the list of example modified titles in lines 21-23 for clarity. These proposed revisions do not alter the faculty rights or status of any of the identified academic staff in these portions of the *Statutes*, which may be addressed via a future proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE *STATUTES*, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3; ARTICLE IX, SECTION 3.c; AND ARTICLE X, SECTION 1.a(6)

1 **Article II. LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION**

2 **Section 3. Faculty Role in Governance**

3 a.(1) The faculty of the University of Illinois System and any of its units except for the
4 Graduate College consists of those members of the academic staff with the rank or title in that
5 unit of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who are tenured or receiving
6 probationary credit toward tenure, and those administrators in the direct line of responsibility
7 for academic affairs (persons who hold the title director or dean in an academic unit, provost or
8 equivalent officer, chancellor/vice president, and president). Administrative staff members not

in the direct line of responsibility for academic affairs are members of the faculty only if they also hold faculty appointments. The bylaws of any academic unit may further mandate a minimum percent faculty appointment in that unit for specified faculty privileges, such as voting privileges.

(2) The bylaws of a unit may grant specified faculty privileges to selected faculty of other units. The bylaws may also grant specified faculty privileges to members of the academic staff of the unit or of other units who are not included in subsection 1 above (i.e., neither tenured nor receiving probationary credit toward tenure), and who have the rank or title of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, or lecturer. The bylaws may also grant specified faculty privileges to members of the academic staff of the unit or of other units who have the rank or title of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, or lecturer modified by the terms “teaching,” “research,” “adjunct,” “clinical,” “senior,” “principal,” “adjunct,” “visiting,” and/or “emeritus”/ “emerita” (e.g., ~~“research professor,” “adjunct assistant professor,” “clinical associate professor,” “visiting professor,” “adjunct clinical associate professor,” “principal instructor”~~). Only academic staff with the above titles, including those modified by the terms listed above, may be extended faculty privileges. Voting on these provisions of the bylaws is limited to those named in subsection (1) above.

ARTICLE IX. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS

Section 3.c Appointments, Ranks, and Promotions of the Academic and Administrative Staff

c. The following ranks, and only these ranks, of the academic staff as defined in Article IX, Section 4a, are subject to the provisions of Article X, Section 1: professor, associate professor, and assistant professor. Modifying terms such as “adjunct,” “clinical,” “research,” “teaching,” and “visiting” may be used in conjunction with these academic ranks (e.g., “research professor,” “adjunct assistant professor,” “clinical associate professor,” “visiting professor”); but no appointment for an indefinite term may be made in which a modifying term is used in the academic rank. Furthermore, an appointment in which a modifier is used in the title will not count toward completion of the probationary period, as provided in Article X,

Section 1, unless specifically recommended by the executive officer of the unit and approved by the dean and by the chancellor/vice president or by an officer authorized to act for the chancellor/vice president.

Other academic ranks recognized within the academic staff are: (1) instructor, senior instructor, principal instructor, lecturer, ~~and~~ senior lecturer, and principal lecturer, which may be modified by “adjunct,” “clinical,” or “visiting”; (2) clinical associate, research associate (which may be modified by “postdoctoral”), and teaching associate, each of which may be modified by “adjunct” or “visiting”; (3) clinical assistant, research assistant, teaching assistant, and other graduate assistants.

ARTICLE X. ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

Section 1.a(6) Tenure of Academic Staff

a(6) An appointment which includes in the title the term “adjunct,” “clinical,” “research,” “teaching,” ~~and or~~ “visiting” modifying the term “professor,” “associate professor” or “assistant professor,” as authorized in the first paragraph of Article IX, Section 3c, or an appointment with the rank of instructor or lecturer ~~or~~ , modified by “senior,” lecturer “principal,” or ~~instructor, “clinical” instructor, or senior instructor,~~ shall be for not longer than five years.

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