

Faculty Affairs Committee Recommendation  
For IUPUI Faculty Council: March 7, 2017

**Creating the title and rank of Professor of Teaching {discipline or field}**

Rationale:

Over the past decade or so the character of the faculty has changed and with it titles and ranks that reflect the more specialized nature of the faculty. For faculty with primary responsibility in “clinics” or with “clinical service” the title and rank of clinical professor has served those colleagues and the university well. In comparison, the “clinical” title and rank does not suit faculty with primary responsibilities in teaching. The recommendation is, therefore, to create a title and rank that is comparable to the clinical professor. Appointment of faculty to the title and any of the ranks of professor of teaching {name of discipline or field} requires a terminal degree in that particularly named discipline or field. Such appointment offers faculty the option of advancing through the ranks of assistant, associate, and full professor.

The professor of teaching does not obviate the need or option for lecturers and senior lecturers, a title and rank that has teaching as its major responsibility and excellence of teaching as criterion for promotion. Faculty with advanced but not terminal degrees typically hold those positions. Faculty with terminal degrees currently holding senior lecturer positions would be offered the option of appointment to associate professor of teaching; and, subsequently, to full professor.

For the policies and procedures with regard to appointments and promotion of the professor of teaching the model is the clinical professor. Academic units interested in adding this title and rank to those already recognized and employed it will have to articulate and implement policies and procedures pertaining to the responsibilities and workload characteristics of such position, including requirements for appointment to such a position and the performance expectations for re-appointment and promotion.

Motion:

The IUPUI Faculty Council shall take the necessary steps with respect to requisite policies and procedures to create the title and rank of professor of teaching {name of discipline or field}, comparable to the clinical professor, a non-tenure-line title with ranks of assistant, associate, and full professor.