

Resolution Regarding Professor of Practice Honorific Title

Submitted by Scott Mellor, Assembly Representative District 262 and amended and reintroduced by the Academic Staff Executive Committee

Whereas, the honorific title “Research Professor” was approved by the UW-Madison Faculty Senate in 2004;

Whereas, the process to receive the “Research Professor” honorific title is lengthy and arduous;

Whereas, the Faculty Senate has not approved the honorific title “Teaching Professor”;

Whereas, there has been a request to add the honorific title “Professor of Practice” for selected professionals coming from outside academia;

Whereas, the primary duty of these professionals could be teaching;

Whereas, academic staff teach 33% of credit hours on campus;

Whereas, the approval of the new title of “Professor of Practice” would be demoralizing and detrimental to long-term instructional academic staff on campus in the absence of a similar opportunity;

Therefore be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly is strongly opposed to the use of “Professor of Practice” so long as the honorific title “Teaching Professor” is unavailable to academic staff at UW-Madison.