

Resolution to Retain the Distinguished Prefix as Part of the New Titling System

1. Whereas, the Distinguished prefix was created as a result of a circuit court case ruling following the implementation of Hays-Hill in 1986, which was the last UW-Madison titling study;
2. Whereas, the Distinguished Prefix Review Policies and Procedures were first codified by the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly in January 1993 (ASA #109) and are reviewed periodically;
3. Whereas, applications for the Distinguished prefix are reviewed by a panel of academic staff peers;
4. Whereas, academic staff receive the Distinguished prefix for being recognized as experts in their fields with meritorious work above and beyond the duties of their positions; and
5. Whereas, there are now 92 academic staff with Distinguished prefix on the UW-Madison campus;
6. Therefore, be it resolved the Academic Staff Assembly at UW-Madison calls for the Distinguished prefix to be preserved in the new titling system; and
7. Furthermore, the Academic Staff Assembly calls on the leadership of the Title and Total Compensation Study in the Office of Human Resources to work with the Academic Staff Executive Committee as the Title and Total Compensation Study proceeds to maintain the Distinguished prefix with its current definition and procedures.