Submitted By: University Bylaws Committee

Title of the Proposal: Amendment of the UNLV Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 18, Guidelines for Unranked Positions

Description:

The UNLV Bylaws in Chapter III, Section 18, is entitled “Guidelines for Unranked Positions”. This bylaw change is submitted to the Faculty Senate to clarify the Lecturer and Faculty in Residence Rank O positions.

Sections of Regents Handbook, Senate Constitution/Bylaws Affected: (deletions indicated by strikethrough and additions by underline):

UNLV Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 18

Section 18. Guidelines for Rank O and Unranked Positions

18.1 Rank O academic faculty members typically do not conform to the general guidelines of academic rank as specified in Chapter III, Section 16. Rank O faculty members are not eligible for tenure but are eligible for promotion.

18.1.1 Instruction intensive faculty are generally assigned to teach 12 credit hours per semester but may receive reassigned time with the approval of the chair and dean.

18.1.1 (A) Lecturer. The title of Lecturer is used for appointment at the professional level where a terminal degree is not required. Lecturers can be promoted to Senior Lecturers.

18.1.1 (B) Faculty in Residence. The title Faculty in Residence is used for appointment at the professional level for persons with a terminal degree. Faculty in Residence may be promoted in accordance with the general guidelines for academic rank as specified in Chapter III, Section 16.

18.1 Lecturer. The term lecturer is used for appointment at the professional level for persons in special circumstances who do not conform to the general guidelines of academic rank as specified in Chapter III, Section 16. The rank of lecturer is not eligible for tenure.

18.2 Titles for Positions Other Than Lecturer. The appropriate guidelines for those other than lecturer shall approximate the commensurate position in the academic ranks (UNLV Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 16).

18.3 18.2 Professor Emeritus. The title "professor emeritus" is reserved as an honorary title for a professor who enters retirement with the respect and admiration of colleagues and students for contributions to the field of specialization and teaching. The qualifications for this title are measured in terms of the person's total contribution to the university based upon both achievement and service. This title is awarded by action of the Board of Regents following approval through regular administrative channels. Faculty members awarded this honorary
title are entitled to privileges specified by the president.

18.4 18.3 Other Titles. Other designations relating to full or part time, non-tenure-track special assignments or positions such as "affiliate professor," "adjunct professor," "part-time faculty," "research professor," "research associate," etc., are subject to the special terms appearing in their contracts or letters of appointment.

18.4.1 18.3.1 Affiliate Faculty. The titles "affiliate assistant professor," "affiliate associate professor," and "affiliate professor" are used for non-tenure-track appointments at the professional level for persons with special qualifications to teach advanced, specialized courses but who do not conform to the general guidelines of academic rank as specified in Chapter III, Section 16. Except under special circumstances, these titles are not intended for persons who are hired to teach introductory courses: rather, they are reserved for persons whose experience, training, and/or unusual talents make them uniquely qualified to teach specialized courses. Examples include eminent artists and musicians or prominent public figures or business leaders.

18.4.2 18.3.2 Adjunct Faculty. The titles "adjunct assistant professor," "adjunct associate professor," and "adjunct professor" are used for non-tenure-track appointments identical to those of affiliate faculty except that adjunct faculty volunteer their services for no remuneration.

18.4.3 18.3.3 Part-time Faculty. The title "part-time faculty" is used for non-tenure-track, temporary appointments for persons hired to teach courses on a part-time, per credit-hour basis.

18.4.4 18.3.4 Research Faculty. The terms "research assistant professor," "research associate professor," and "research professor" are used at the professional level for nontenure-track research appointments determined in accordance with the general guidelines for academic rank as specified in Chapter III, Section 16. The title "research associate" may include those appointees who have not yet achieved the terminal degree in their discipline. (B/R 10/94)

Arguments For:
The bylaw amendment clarifies the Lecturer and Faculty in Residence faculty ranks.
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**Arguments Against:**
None may be contemplated.

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