

**Resolution Concerning the Faculty Titles “Curators’ Professor”
and “Curators’ Teaching Professor”**

Background:

It was brought to the Faculty Affairs Committee’s attention that outside the University of Missouri System, there is some confusion about the title “Curators’ Professor.” There is anecdotal evidence from those who hold the title that it causes confusion about what the title means, for example when applying for grants or writing reference letters. At other universities (e.g., Penn State) there are equivalent titles that use the word “Distinguished” to designate excellence.

Similar concerns have been raised about the title “Curators’ Teaching Professor.”

Resolution:

The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends that the name of the “Curators’ Professor” title be changed to “Curators’ Distinguished Professor,” and that this change have retroactive effect for faculty already holding the title of Curators’ Professor.

In addition, the Committee recommends that the name of the “Curators’ Teaching Professor” title be changed to “Curators’ Distinguished Teaching Professor,” and that this change have retroactive effect for faculty already holding the title of Curators’ Teaching Professor.

Further, the Committee requests that the MU delegation to the Intercampus Faculty Council suggest that the IFC endorse these proposed changes and then bring the recommendations to appropriate officials of the UM System.