

Subject: Change in Professor II Title

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Colleagues,

I am very pleased to be able to let you know that the Board of Governors, at its recent meeting, approved a resolution to change the title of Professor II to Distinguished Professor. This change was originally recommended by the Committee on Academic Program Review (CAPR) in their comprehensive report on the matter in 2009. At that time, CAPR noted that the Professor II title is not used by other universities and creates confusion when seeking outside letters for those being considered for promotion to this rank. Further, this is a change that has been supported by many others on our three campuses, including the Chancellors, as well as the Promotion Review Committee (PRC), and it has the concurrence of our faculty union.

Effective July 1, 2013, any faculty member with the title/rank of Professor II will have the option of calling her or himself "Distinguished Professor." Beginning July 1, 2013, anyone being recommended for promotion beyond the rank of Professor, will be considered for promotion to the rank of "Distinguished Professor." The criteria for promotion to Distinguished Professor and the salary increase association with such a promotion will remain the same as currently for promotion to the rank of Professor II.

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