

NTT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Dear Colleagues:

Executive Vice President John Applegate established a task force to address the creation of a third tier within the lecturer rank. The task force is to bring its recommendation to the University Faculty Council (UFC). The charge for the UFC Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Task Force is below.

The Task Force has two representatives from IUPUI (Robert Yost and John Watson), two from IUB, and two from the regional campuses. Also, there are three assistant vice chancellors (our own Rachel Applegate, Eliza Pavalko from IUB, and Uric Durfrene from IUS) as ex officio members. The Task Force met on December 12, 2018. Many different options were discussed as were the perceived opinions of the constituents that the Task Force represent. The Task Force unanimously agreed that a third tier should be added as the top rank within the lecturer track. The title for the new rank is still under discussion. In this regard, the Task Force agreed that we need more information on the faculty's opinion, so the Task Force will be conducting a survey of all full-time IU faculty early in the new year. Locally, the IFC Executive Committee has put a discussion item about the third tier on the agenda for the January 8, 2019, IFC meeting. Also, there will be town hall for the NTT faculty on February 11, between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., in the Lilly Auditorium (University Library).

We welcome questions, comments, and suggestions.

Best wishes,

John Watson
IFC President

Charge to the UFC – NTT Task Force

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To date, multiple campus faculty governance bodies have considered the addition of a third level to the lecturer rank, to parallel the tenure-stream and clinical professorial ranks. The campuses considering the issue have strongly favored the change, but there remains vigorous disagreement on the title and perhaps on the assignment of current faculty on the new scale. Available faculty ranks, and their requirements in broad terms, are uniform across Indiana University, and so a change in ranks requires action by the University Faculty Council and Trustees.

The committee is charged to recommend to the full UFC (1) whether or not to create a third lecturer rank, and if so (2) the titles of the new series of lecturer ranks and (3) the placement of existing faculty into the new series. The committee should engage academic administrators as needed to consider implementation issues and other potential consequences of changes in the lecturer ranks.

The committee should make every effort to conclude its work in time for the spring 2019 UFC meeting.