At its meeting on February 27, 2024, the Council on Academic Personnel (CAP) discussed the proposed revisions to APM-285 (Lecturer with Security of Employment Series (LSOE)).

In September 2022, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, on behalf of Chancellor Block, approved the use of the “Teaching Professor” working title by academic appointees in the LSOE series. APM-285 proposes to revise the name of the LSOE series to “Professor of Teaching.”

Members opined that the “Professor of Teaching” title gives the impression that the professor instructs teachers or instructs on pedagogy. Members had a strong preference for the “Teaching Professor” title instead, which gives the impression that the professor focuses on instruction. It was unclear whether the “Teaching Professor” working title would still be used after this policy change.

Separately, similar to the restriction on the number of Professor of Clinical X appointments, members recommended UCLA to consider implementing a cap on the number of LSOE appointments, per APM-285-16.a.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at CColwell@mednet.ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Lori Ishimaru, at lishimaru@senate.ucla.edu.

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