

Senate Resolution

Whereas librarians and archivists at Auburn University Libraries have held faculty status since 1959

Whereas the current ranks of librarian and archivist I, II, III, and IV are equivalent to the ranks of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor, all of which are tenure-track positions except for the ranks of instructor, librarian I and archivist I

Whereas the new Dean of Libraries is accustomed to librarians holding professorial, rather than numbered librarian ranks, and she believes the use of professorial ranks for librarians and archivists would contribute positively to the Libraries' national reputation and increase recruitment of highly talented library faculty to the university

Whereas the library faculty overwhelmingly support the use of professorial ranks for librarians and archivists

Be it resolved that the Auburn University Faculty Senate endorses the move to professorial titles for members of the Libraries faculty, and to that end

Be it further resolved that the Auburn University Faculty Senate calls upon the President of the University to transition from the current librarian and archivist ranks to the use of professorial ranks for librarians and archivists.