Clarifying When Nonacademic Staff Can Teach Courses for Credit

Sponsored by the University Faculty Committee
The general expectation is that only academic titleholders can serve as the instructor-of-record in a credit-bearing course.

There exist within the pool of nonacademic staff, individuals who are qualified to teach courses that enhance the educational opportunities for students.

The skills required for effective undergraduate and graduate-level teaching are different.
A member of the nonacademic staff can serve as the instructor of record provided the course is a graduate-level course and not a requirement for any degree program affiliated with the sponsoring unit.
Note on the (Visiting) Lecturer and (Visiting) Instructor and Adjunct Prof Titles

These are academic appointments.

It is possible to modify a staff member’s job description so that some fraction of it has one of these titles as a component.

This device (with reasonable vetting) ensures that we are being careful about instruction.
Call for Vote

Do you support adding this who-can-teach clarification?

Yes        _____

No         _____

Abstain    _____