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From: Laurie Patton, Dean of Arts & Sciences
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Re: Note on Senior Lecturer Proposal

Based on the conversation we had with ECAC regarding the proposal to establish the new regular rank title of Senior Lecturer, we would like to bring two clarifying points to the attention of Academic Council.

(1) The establishment of this new rank would not require units to use it. Most Arts & Sciences departments do not have regular rank Lecturers, and many do not have of the Practice ranks; this is a matter of departmental self-governance. Nor should this proposal be read to imply an intention to hire more lecturers, or to devolve more teaching from tenure stream faculty to non-tenure stream faculty.

(2) Within Arts & Sciences we will work closely with departments to assure that clearly articulated and specific criteria for promotion to Senior Lecturer are established in their bylaws, just as we do now for criteria for promotion in the of the Practice ranks. The Sanford School of Public Policy and the Nicholas School of the Environment will establish their own criteria for promotion, should those schools elect to use this new rank.

We look forward to bringing this proposal to Academic Council on April 17.