

## REVISION OF TITLE FROM DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES TO DEAN OF LIBRARIES

SYNOPSIS: The renaming of director of libraries to dean of libraries is consistent with the norm in higher education and conforms with the principle that tenure eligible faculty are led by deans not directors. The use of prior retired number 28 enables grouping of dean positions in chapter 3335-3 Administration consistent with a longer term logical resequencing of the entire chapter by the rules committee.

WHEREAS a dean, not a director, is a leader of any academic unit employing tenure eligible faculty members and the Ohio State library employs tenure eligible faculty members; and

WHEREAS ten of the thirteen Big Ten Universities employ a Dean of Libraries and none, other than Ohio State, employ a Director of Libraries; and

WHEREAS the Office of Academic Affairs and the current Director of Libraries both support the proposed title change; and

WHEREAS Chapter 3335-3 of the Rules of the University Faculty describes the administration of the university with paragraphs 3335-3-1 to 3335.3.21 specific to administrators other than deans; and

WHEREAS Chapter 3335-3 of the Rules of the University Faculty describes the administration of the university with paragraphs 3335-3-22 to 3335.3.32 specific to deans and their organization within the university; and

WHEREAS the former rule on organization of the college of arts and sciences was rescinded leaving number 3335-3-28 both vacant and appropriate for the dean of libraries; and

WHEREAS cogent administrative and dean titles should allow flexibility and accommodate future improvements within the required administrative structure of the university; and

WHEREAS the University Senate Rules Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes to the rules and this resolution at its October 4, 2019 meeting;

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that revisions to eliminate rule 3335-3-18 the Director of Libraries and create rule 3335-3-28 the Dean of Libraries be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees, effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.