Dr. John D. David, associate professor of biological sciences, has played a leadership role in creative problem solving at the university for 22 years. As an academician and teacher, in administrative service and by active participation, Dr. David has served on a broad range of committees, advisory boards and task forces.

Early in his academic career, Dr. David’s counsel was sought on issues surrounding curriculum and the student experience, and he was instrumental in developing Freshmen Interest Groups, a program that has been in place since 1995. More recently, because of his wealth of experience and depth of knowledge, Dr. David was tapped to serve on the Chancellor’s Resource Advisory Council, which subsequently led to his chairing the Chancellor’s Strategic Planning and Resource Advisory Council.

During his leadership on this council, the One Mizzou: 2020 Vision for Excellence strategic plan for the University of Missouri was created. Most recently, Dr. David served as co-chair of the e-Learning Task Force, which addressed fiscal concerns, quality of programs and intellectual property rules subject to an online academic program.

In support of Dr. David’s nomination for this award, one nominator wrote, “He is an honest, big thinking, credible, engaging and committed person…and most of all, a person of unquestionable integrity who has served the university in a remarkable range of roles.”