

ACADEMIC STAFF COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Academic Staff Committee (herein ASC) serves as the Executive Committee of the Senate of the Academic Staff. As such, it represents the Senate between regular meetings and responds to those matters requiring immediate action on the part of the academic staff. The ASC advises chairs of committees of the academic staff on questions of policy and procedure. Further responsibilities of the ASC are to serve as liaison between the Senate and the administration, faculty, and other identifiable groups of UWM and the UW System; to advise the Senate on the development of policies and procedures relative to the academic staff under UWS Chapters 9 - 14, Wis. Adm. Code; to hold meetings of the academic staff of UWM; to nominate or appoint, in consultation with the Nominations Committee, individual academic staff members to serve on UWM and UWS committees; and to act as an ethics advisory body as established in s. UWS 8.035, Wis. Adm. Code and UWM Personnel Policies and Procedures Chapter 113.06. Actions taken by the ASC are subject to the review of the Senate of the Academic Staff.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Structure

The ASC consists of nine academic staff members elected by the academic staff. No more than two members may be from any one school/college/division. There must be at least three members from each functional area (teaching and non-teaching). No more than three members may be fixed-term appointees. All members must have at least a 50% appointment at UWM.

Section 2 Nomination/Election Procedures

Members are nominated and elected in accordance with standard Academic Staff Operating Rules.

Section 3 Term of Office

All members serve three-year terms. No member may serve consecutive three-year terms. The committee year is September 1 through the following August 31.

Section 4 Absences

Attendance at ASC meetings is part of each member's duties. Members who miss seven regular meetings of the ASC within any consecutive twelve months forfeit their ASC membership. Those members also forfeit their Senate seats. There are no excused absences other than those for governance related work that is directed by the committee to a committee member.

Section 5 Vacancies

A. If a vacancy occurs between September 1 and the next spring election, the position is filled for the remainder of the committee year by the eligible candidate who received the next highest number of votes in the previous election. If the term of office extends beyond the committee year, an election for the unexpired term is held in conjunction with the next annual election.

B. If a vacancy occurs between the date of the election and September 1, the candidate who received the highest number of votes in the most recent election assumes the vacant position until September 1 when he/she assumes the elected position. On September 1, if the term of office extends through the next committee year, the eligible candidate with the most votes who was not elected to a regular term fills the vacancy for the current year. If the term extends beyond that year, an election for the unexpired term is held in conjunction with the next annual election.

C. In either case, if no eligible candidate is available, the vacancy is filled by a special election following the election procedures in the Academic Staff Operating Rules. This new member serves the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1 Officers

The officers are the Chair and other officers appointed by the ASC as necessary.

A. Responsibilities

The Chair prepares and arranges for distribution of the agenda for all meetings and presides at the meetings. The Chair may call special meetings whenever necessary. In addition, the Chair presides at meetings of the Senate of the Academic Staff and is the liaison with the University Committee and with chairs of the committees of the academic staff. At the end of each committee year, the Chair arranges for preparation of a written report of ASC activities. The Chair may appoint, or the ASC may select or elect, a member of the ASC to conduct business in the absence of the Chair.

A secretary provided by the Office of the Secretary of the University takes minutes and distributes them to Committee members, the Chair of the Academic Staff Committee, and the Office of the Secretary of the University; maintains the attendance records of Committee members.

Responsibilities of other officers are determined when each position is created.

B. Eligibility

In order to maintain continuity of leadership, the Chair must have served on the ASC during the year prior to his/her term of office.

The conditions for eligibility for other ASC officers shall be determined at the time of their creation.

C. Election. Term of Office. Vacancies

The Chair is elected by the Senate of the Academic Staff at its May meeting from continuing ASC members for a one-year term beginning September 1. If the Chair cannot complete the term, a special election is held at the next Senate meeting after the resignation is announced. Only ASC members in the second or third year of their term are eligible to run in this special election. All other officers are elected by the ASC for one-year terms beginning September 1 at a special meeting held within three weeks after the annual election. Officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms. When a position is vacated, a special election is held at the first regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section 2 Meetings

A. Regular and Special Meetings

Regular and Special Meetings: Regular meetings of the ASC are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. The starting time of the regular meetings is established at the first meeting of each semester. Special meetings of the ASC are called by the Chair as needed or at the request of two or more ASC members.

B. Quorum

A quorum consists of five members.

C. Standing Rules

All ASC meetings are conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.

D. Agenda

The agenda is distributed prior to each meeting. Any ASC member or academic staff member may place an item of business on the agenda of a regular meeting by contacting the Chair prior to the distribution of the agenda. Additional items of business may not be added to the agenda of special meetings once the agenda has been distributed.

Section 3 Subcommittees

The ASC may empower the Chair to appoint subcommittees subject to appointment conditions approved by the ASC. The ASC may delegate its responsibilities to these subcommittees, providing this delegation does not abridge the responsibility or authority of the parent committee. Subcommittees must be chaired by members of the ASC and may be composed of a majority of academic staff members who are not members of the parent committee. Classified staff and faculty members also may serve on these subcommittees as non-voting members.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

A motion to amend these bylaws may be made only by an ASC member. The proposed change(s) must be discussed in at least one ASC meeting prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment(s) is taken. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the ASC and a majority vote of the Senate of the Academic Staff. All proposed amendments must be reviewed by the Codification Committee for logic, clarity, and consistency prior to final approval by the Senate. Any approved bylaw amendment(s) must be reported at the next regular meeting of the academic staff.

ASC BYLAWS

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