Revision to Non Teaching Academic Staff Review Committee Bylaws

RATIONALE:

Due to the transfer of 90 academic staff members from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs, the membership requirements of the NTASRC should be changed to reflect the new divisional balance of academic staff members. The suggested change is highlighted below in ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP, Section 1 Structure, of the bylaws:

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NON-TEACHING ACADEMIC STAFF REVIEW COMMITTEE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Non-Teaching Academic Staff Review Committee is to review non-teaching academic staff members who are recommended for indefinite status by their supervisors and to make a recommendation to the appropriate dean/division head.

Section 2 Responsibilities

In accordance with UWM Academic Staff Personnel Policies and Procedures Chapters 103.02 and 107.03, the Committee conducts a review of each candidate's employment history at the University according to the requirements of the candidate's position and the professional standards of the academic staff. The Committee must provide a written recommendation to the appropriate dean/division head within thirty days after receiving the request for advice from the dean/division head.

Committee members must vote in all cases except where a clear conflict of interest exists (see "Operating Policies and Procedures of the Non-Teaching Academic Staff Review Committee," Section VIII.B.).

To insure a thorough review and privacy of the candidate, Committee members must respect the strictest standards of confidentiality. The contents of the review file, additional information, and the Committee deliberations must not be revealed to non-members of the Committee, except as legally mandated. A written recommendation is sent to the dean/division head and the candidate, but must not be revealed to anyone else without the written consent of the candidate.

At its first meeting of the committee year, the Committee reviews the "Operating Policies and Procedures of the Non-Teaching Academic Staff Review Committee" and "Review of Non-Teaching Academic Staff for Indefinite Appointment" and submits recommended changes to the
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Section 2 Nomination/Election Procedures

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

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

Participation of the entire Committee membership is essential to insure a timely and equitable review of each candidate. Members who miss six meetings within any consecutive twelve-months forfeit their committee membership. There are no excused absences.

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 no eligible candidate is available, the Academic Staff Committee appoints a non-teaching academic staff member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the committee year. If the term of office extends
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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 Academic 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 no eligible candidate is available, the Academic Staff Committee appoints a non-teaching academic staff member to fill the vacancy for the current year. If the term of office extends beyond that year, an election for the unexpired term is held in conjunction with the next annual election.

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B. Eligibility

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C.  Election, Term of Office, Vacancies

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Section 2  Meetings

A.  Regular and Special Meetings

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B.  Quorum

A quorum consists of four members.

C.  Standing Rules

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