Recommendation of the University Committee to amend Chapter 4.06, UWM Policies and Procedures.

OLD

4.06 Departmental Chairman: Selection.

(1) All members of the departmental faculty, and others who are entitled to vote by action of the Departmental Executive Committee, may express their preference for chairman each year at an open meeting or by mail ballot. If the department elects the option of a mail ballot, the department authorizes a departmental faculty member as teller to conduct the preference voting, collect the ballots, and transmit the ballots to the dean. The department may authorize the election teller to count the votes prior to transmitting them to the dean. A member of the departmental faculty who is on leave is eligible to participate in this balloting but not by proxy.

(2) After receiving the preference ballot, and following consultation with the Chancellor, the dean appoints a chairman from among the members of the department holding professorial rank. Exceptions may be made with consultation between the dean and the University Committee.

(3) The term of office of a departmental chairman is one year, but there is no limit upon the number of terms he may serve.

NEW

4.06 Departmental Chairman Method of Appointment.

(1) All members of a department faculty, and others who are designated as being eligible by the Departmental Executive Committee, shall be given the opportunity to register an individual preference for departmental chairman. Departments may authorize a preliminary procedure or other means of designating a limited number of individuals for subsequent individual expression of preference. Such individual preferences shall be communicated to the dean in due course following the request of the respective deans for same.

(2) The method of expression of individual preferences must include the use of a written preference ballot, which may be a mail ballot.

(3) In all cases, the individual preference ballots shall be received by a departmental faculty member(s) designated by the department who shall forward all individual preference ballots to the dean. Where the department authorizes, the individual preference ballots may be examined by designated departmental faculty member(s) for the purpose of informing the department of the individual preferences indicated.
(4) A departmental faculty member on leave may express a preference provided the expression is not accomplished through a substitute person.

(5) The dean shall exercise the authority to appoint a chairman from among the members of the department holding professorial rank provided:

(a) The dean has received and examined the individual preferences noted by the eligible members of the department;

(b) The dean has consulted with the Chancellor.

(c) Consultation between the dean and the departmental faculty shall occur where the dean exercises his discretion to decline the preference recommendations of the faculty members of a department.

(d) Consultation between the dean and both the departmental faculty and the University Committee shall occur when the dean contemplates appointment of an individual who is not a member of the faculty of the department.

(6) The term of office of a departmental chairman is one year, but there is no limit upon the number of terms he/she may serve.

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