Recommendation of the University Committee to delete Section 5.44(3) of UWM Policies and Procedures.

The University Committee recommends that Section 5.44(3) of UWM Policies and Procedures be deleted, and that the remaining clauses of 5.44, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, be renumbered accordingly.

The text of the present 5.44(3) is here quoted in full:

"Vacancies on the committee may be temporarily filled until the next election by the University Committee, subject to approval of the Faculty Senate. At the next regular election a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term."

Rationale for deletion: A procedure for filling vacancies in faculty committees is spelled out elsewhere in UWM Policies and Procedures, at 6.24(6), which is here quoted in full:

"A vacancy in an elective committee position is filled by the available candidate who had the highest number of votes. The person so designated shall serve up to the first contractual day of the next academic year. If the term of office extends beyond the current academic year, an election for the unexpired term is held at the next regular election. A vacancy in an appointive committee position is filled by the person or group authorized to make the initial appointment. In the case of appointive faculty positions, the Chancellor will select appointees from names submitted by the University Committee. At least two (2) nominees must be submitted for each vacant position.

(a) Faculty Members. If there is no available candidate, a vacancy in a faculty elected position is filled by an appointee of the University Committee.

(b) Academic Staff Members. ....

(c) Student Members. ....

Since it has been the University Committee's practice, in filling vacancies on the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, to use the method suggested in 6.24(6) and to notify the Faculty Senate of the appointment by listing it on the Calendar as "Automatic Consent" business, the sole effect of deleting 5.44(3) will be to eliminate the need for Faculty Senate consent.

The method for filling vacancies on the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee is probably a historical accident as Chapter 5 of
UWM Policies and Procedures was completed before Chapter 6. It was then a matter of oversight that when a general procedure for filling vacancies was delineated in 6.24(6), no review of 5.44(3) was undertaken.

It is in the interests of promoting a uniform method of filling vacancies in faculty committees, as well as cutting down on the potential workload of the Faculty Senate, that the University Committee and the Codification Committee recommend the deletion.

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Satisfies the Codification Committee's criteria of clarity, internal consistency, and relationship to other policies and procedures governing UWM.