The University Committee recommends that the UWM Faculty authorize the University Committee to establish a task force representative of the faculty that shall examine the current method of electing members of the Faculty Senate and any proposed alternatives. The task force will report on its progress during Semester II, 1986-87.

Rationale: The University Committee has been petitioned by 18 faculty members to institute a study of UWM Faculty Senate election procedures (see attached). Only the UWM faculty can amend those sections of the UWM Policies and Procedures dealing with the Senate. This motion would permit a representative group of faculty to study the situation and make appropriate recommendations to a future meeting of the UWM faculty.

The University Committee
Barbara Borowiecki
Frank Cassell (Chair)
Robert Ingle
Fred Landis
Moises Levy
Erika Sander
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 1986

TO: Professor Frank Cassell
Chair, University Committee

FROM: Undersigned Members of the
University Faculty

RE: Representation on the Faculty Senate

A number of faculty members have become increasingly concerned that
election to the Faculty Senate is by a ballot with all members of the University
voting for each nominee. This appears to vitiate the concept that the Faculty
Senate represents the various divisions of the University.

The undersigned would appreciate it if the University Committee appoints
a committee or task force to study this issue and to report back to the Faculty
which should be the body to vote on any potential structural changes in the
Faculty Senate. In any case, we would expect that voting for Faculty Senate
representatives for the various divisions be limited to members of these divisions.

We recognize that there may be additional issues related to this question
of representation and, therefore, believe that a task force would be the most
appropriate way to look at the issue.

We have chosen this avenue of sending a letter to the University Committee
in the hope that it may simplify and expedite matters. If the University Committee
does not wish to proceed with this matter, those of us who will be on the Faculty
Senate next year would propose to bring up the issue as an item of business.

Kindly send your response to this request to the attention of Professor
Karadi, Civil Engineering Department.