Extension Policy Committee
Annual Report, 1986-87

The Extension Policy Committee was formed during the 1986 spring elections. We began our meetings on October 3 and have held nine meetings through early April, 1987.

Pursuant to instructions contained in a May 29th memo from Acting Chancellor Norma S. Rees, our first item of business was to review the criteria for promotion (as related to extension activities) in use by the UWM divisional committees. We studied the 1985-86 work of the ad hoc Extension Advisory Committee on the most recent criteria statements of the four divisional committees. Communication was also established between the chair of our committee and the chair of the Task Force on Divisional Structure and Function. We then inspected the fall 1985 guidelines for promotion or appointment to tenure published by the four faculty divisions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. (To the best of our knowledge, that institution is the only other comprehensive university in this country that has both an integrated extension mission and a faculty divisional structure.) Subsequent to this fact-finding, we drafted a report and set of recommendations dealing with this issue. We sent this draft to 150 individuals and committees, soliciting their response. We have received 35 responses. The principal finding is that there is no common operational definition of "extension activities." Are they special forms of teaching? applied research? public service? What is the difference between Extension and extension? Our committee is currently working on an articulation of that definition, something that could serve as a basis for mission definitions and personnel decisions.

At one of our meetings we reviewed the overall provisions of the 1987-88 Interinstituitional Agreement, the document which ultimately leads to the budgeting of 104 funds with UWM. Twenty-one different program areas were identified: Allied Health, Architecture, Arts Development, Business and Management, Business Outreach, Center for Adult Development, Consumer Affairs, Criminal Justice Institute, Education, Employment and Training Institute, Engineering, Fine Arts, Governmental Affairs, Letters and Science, Liberal Studies (History), Library and Information Science, Nursing, Social Services, Special Programs (for senior citizens), Transportation Programs, and Urban Community Development. The total budget request was for $6.7 million, of which $1.4 million is from general purpose revenue (GPR). The remainder, $5.3 million, would be from program revenue (PR), i.e., fees charged for workshops, short courses, etc. The $6.7 million budget would support 70.2 FTE. The 1987-88 proposal—it was only a proposal at the time we saw it—originated in the UWM Schools and Colleges and, as appropriate, the Division of Outreach and Continuing Education.
Our committee also took a position on the absence of the word "extension" in the revision of the UWM mission statement originally contained in Faculty Document No. 1531, dated January 29, 1987.

Faculty Document No. 1531 was revised prior to approval by the Faculty Senate on March 26, 1987.

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