The UWM Honorary Degrees Committee met three times during 1986-87, on September 17th and December 6th, 1986, and on January 12th, 1987. The committee took the actions listed below.

1. Recommended a change in the legislation specifying the committee's functions, to provide that, in addition to recommending nominees for honorary doctorates, the committee would also be empowered to recommend individuals for a special distinguished service citation to be awarded by the Chancellor. The rationale for this recommendation was to bring the language governing the functions of the Honorary Degrees Committee into conformity with legislation passed by the Faculty Senate in 1975. At that time the Faculty Senate established a distinguished service citation to be recommended by the Honorary Degrees Committee in consultation with the University Committee. This language was not added to the committee's charge in 1975, however. The recommendation was forwarded to the Secretary of the University, who transmitted it to the Codification Committee for review.

2. Screened nominations of candidates submitted by academic units, and made its recommendations to the UWM Faculty Senate and to the UW System Board of Regents. (Honorary doctorates were subsequently awarded at the Spring 1987 commencement exercises.)

3. Issued a call for nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded in spring 1988.

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Edi Bjorklund (Library)
S. H. Chan (Mechanical Engineering)
Walter Farrell (Community Education)
Sidney Greenfield (Anthropology)
Ann-Marie Kopitzke (student member)
Max Kurz (Social Welfare)
Melvin Lurie (Economics)
Devendra Misra (Electrical Engineering)
UW System President Kenneth Shaw (ex officio)
UWM Chancellor Clifford Smith (ex officio)
Deborah Stahl (student member) **
Keith Sverdrup (Geological Sciences)
Susan Sweeney (Theater/Dance)
Walter Trattner (History)
William Wainwright (Philosophy)
Pamela Zwehl-Burke (Art)

[** The second student member was not appointed until after the Honorary Degrees Committee completed its meetings for 1986-87.]