For the academic year 1990-91, the members of the Research Policy Committee were:

Professor David Buck
Dean George W. Keulks
Asst. Professor Hugo Lopez
Professor Carl Pope
Professor Charles Remsen, Chair
Asst. Professor Beth Rodgers
Assoc.. Professor Gregory Squires
Professor William Wainwright

According to UW Policies and Procedures, the functions of the Research Policy Committee are:

a) On its own initiative or in cooperation with other faculty committees advises the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor on matters of research policy within UWM.

b) Within the context of overall allocation of research resources at UWM, reviews the operation of the Graduate Research Committee and all university research units, in order to determine whether the programs and activities are consistent with the mission and research goals of the University.

c) Recommends and reviews overall University policy governing all mandated review boards within UWM (e.g., Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Institutional Safety and Hazards Committee, etc.).

During the course of the year, the Research Policy Committee examined two issues: 1) The status of funding for the Graduate School Research Committee; and 2) Review and Recommend a UWM Research Misconduct Policy.

1) Status of Funding for the Graduate School Research Committee.

The Graduate School Research Committee requested that the Research Policy Committee examine the funding status of the Graduate School Research Committee. In 1975 the Graduate School was allocated $200,000 to support faculty research. Today, sixteen years later, that amount has decreased to $185,000. In terms of 1975 dollars, today's funding is something less than $75,000 and effectively weakens the ability of UWM to continue to expand its reputation as a research university.

The Research Policy Committee asked Associate Dean Robert A. Jones to provide some background material on the funding of the Graduate School Research Committee. Associate Dean Jones reported that from 1976-77 to 1985-86 the total funds allocated was $200,000. Following the campus-wide budget process in 1986-87, a $15,000 decrement was approved by the Chancellor's Budget Advisory Committee, reducing the amount to $185,000. Funding support is from 101-4 funds (state-tax supported) budgeted in the Graduate School.
Fringe benefits are paid through a campus-wide pool available for 101 supported salaries. The level of funding is set as part of the annual Graduate School budget process. An attempt to increase funding at this time would involve either reallocating money within the Graduate School's research budget or seeking an increase in that budget at the campus level.

While the Research Policy Committee strongly supported the November 30, 1990 Resolution of the Graduate School Research Committee urging an increase in the level of funding, the Committee was unsure as to where the increase in funding would come from. In the absence of internal increases, it was suggested that the Graduate School Research Committee pursue the possibility of obtaining new funding through various minority programs, and engineering and technology programs.

2) Research Misconduct Policy.

The Research Policy Committee was asked to consider, once again, a working draft of a UWM Research Misconduct Policy. The objective was to review the draft, make whatever changes and modifications the Committee felt were necessary, and then to forward a recommendation to the University Committee that we have approved the document and request that it be placed on their agenda for adoption.

The Research Policy Committee met several times and discussed the Research Misconduct Policy and made several changes that seemed to be in keeping with Graduate School concerns. The recommended policy was then reviewed by the Deans office. The Committee then recommended that it be sent to the University Committee for their examination. The University Committee, through one of its representatives, Ellen Steury, worked with Charles Remsen, Chair of the Research Policy Committee, and with Associate Dean Robert A. Jones of the Graduate School, to hammer out the details of an acceptable UWM Research Misconduct Policy. A final draft was produced that was acceptable to all concerned and was in keeping with established UWM Policies and Procedures.

On April 4, 1991 The Research Policy Committee reviewed the final draft and agreed that it was ready for approval. Through its chair, Charles Remsen a request was submitted to the University Committee asking that the Research Misconduct Policy document (attached) be placed on the Senate agenda for adoption.

[PLEASE NOTE: The Research Misconduct Policy document referred to in the above paragraph is not attached to this document.]