RESOLUTION

The Faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee asserts that the central theme of the UWM strategic plan shall be the retention and graduation of the maximum number of students, in a timely fashion once they are admitted to UWM.

Success with this objective will make degrees from UWM more achievable and more valuable for our students. It is in keeping with our relentless pursuit of excellence.

RATIONALE

It is increasingly important to remain focussed on the basic objectives of the university. Current events pose many problems for UWM. Some of these divert attention and resources -- human and financial -- from the paramount functions of the university. We cannot allow these diversions to compromise the quality of our work, or the intrinsic social merit of our mission. The above resolution is intended to give a solid benchmark against which to measure decisions and priorities which must necessarily be made in the coming years.

In order to accomplish this objective in a resource-limited environment this may require, for example, that

** admission to certain majors be limited, from time to time (so that continuing students can get into their required courses)

** faculty should articulate student responsibilities with respect to class attendance, prerequisite knowledge, timely declaration of the major, etc.

** rational methods of teaching evaluations be instituted and publicized for students (and used by departments, divisional committees and deans as part of the reward structure)

** admission of new freshmen and graduates students may have to be restricted occasionally in certain fields of study

** attraction of extramural funds be sustained (increased, if possible) in order to support the maximum number of students and the professional progress of faculty.

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