UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

University Professor: Special Recognition Designation

I. The title of university professor is one of the "Special Professorial Titles" which has been authorized by the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. Drawing upon this authorization, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with the approval of the Faculty Senate and the chancellor, shall institute the title of university professor.

II. The designation of university professor shall be accorded to members of the faculty who hold the rank of full professor, and have been at the institution for no less than twelve years.

III. Beyond the satisfaction of criteria that generally are required for promotion to the rank of full professor at UWM, individuals holding the title of university professor shall:

1) Have an outstanding record in one or more activities that have contributed to the development of the excellence of the university;
2) Have demonstrated unusual creativity and effectiveness in fostering the broad purposes of the institution;
3) Have established a record of achievement that is comprehensive, and inclusive of teaching, research, and service achievements.

IV. Individuals shall be nominated by members of the UWM faculty. Nominations shall then go directly to the University Professor Selection Committee (hereinafter UPSC), which shall consist of three (3) university professors, (3) members of the faculty, and one (1) member of the University Committee. The UPSC shall have the authority to solicit documentation that is consistent with III.1 - III.3 above, and to establish its own operating procedures, subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate.

V. A substantive review of all nominees shall be done by the UPSC, the relevant dean, as well as the provost, prior to a recommendation to the chancellor, who shall have the authority to make the final decision. If a nominee does not receive a positive recommendation at each level of review, the nominee shall not be forwarded to the next level. (All relevant university rules governing the review process shall apply.)

VI. The total number of university professors shall not exceed 3 percent of the tenured faculty, and no more than three (3) shall be selected in any given year.

VII. The title of university professor shall be a permanent designation as per UWS Unclassified Personnel Guidelines #1 (3)(a).

VIII. The first group of university professors to be selected shall be for the 1996-97 academic year. For this selection, the UPSC shall consist of one (1) member of the
University Committee, two (2) members of the Faculty Senate, and four (4) members of the faculty, chosen by the chancellor upon the recommendation of the University Committee.

RATIONALE

The designation of university professor represents a record of activities at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee that has made a truly noteworthy difference in advancing the mission of the institution. At present, no title at the university recognizes what may be called the archetypal academic citizen, that is, one who has established a record that is valued for its comprehensiveness in advancing the mission of the institution. The title of university professor rectifies this, even as it furnishes an important goal for which colleagues may strive, and, simultaneously, adds to the stature of the institution.

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