The Awards and Recognition committee met three times during the 1996-97 academic year. The rest of our business was conducted via email. At the first meeting, which was held in early September, Renee A. Meyers (Dept. of Communication) was elected as chair. During Fall semester, nominations were solicited for the UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award. At the second meeting in December, teaching nominations were discussed and plans were made to observe finalists' classrooms during the Spring semester. During the Spring semester, the committee also was called upon to select a list of ten senior high school finalists for UWM scholarships. In addition, nominations were solicited during Spring semester for the UWM Distinguished Public Service Award. At the final meeting in May, teaching award recipients were selected, as was a public service recipient. In addition, the committee drew up a set of criteria for the teaching award (per the request of the Chancellor and the University Committee), as well as suggested a title for the UWM teaching award. Enclosed please find the letter I submitted to the Chancellor regarding these final two items.

UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award recipients selected in Spring 1997 were:

Professor Michael J. Day, Dept. of Geography
Professor Suresh V. Garimella, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
Professor Ian Harris, Dept. of Educational Policy and Community Studies

The UWM Distinguished Public Service award was given to:

Professor Nancy Burrell, Dept. of Communication

Respectfully submitted,

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John Schroeder, Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Dear Chancellor Schroeder:

Per your request and at the urging of the University Committee, the Awards and Recognition Committee met recently to draft a set of criteria for the UWM Undergraduate Teaching Award, to suggest a title for this award, and to draft a purpose statement for this award.

As a committee we decided that this award should be given only to tenured or tenure-track faculty. Hence, Teaching Academic Staff, Lecturers, and Instructors would not be eligible for this award. The committee feels very strongly that tenured or tenure-track faculty should be recognized for their dedication to teaching separate from other teaching employees. We would recommend, however, that the university establish an award for these non-tenure track instructors if it seems appropriate.

Below is a draft of the committee’s proposal:

Title: UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award

Purpose of Award: The purpose of the UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award is to promote excellence in undergraduate teaching by recognizing those members of the UWM faculty who are established scholars, and who, in the judgment of their peers, have made an extraordinary commitment to the practice of teaching and the advancement of student knowledge and creativity.

Criteria:

--Be an assistant professor, associate professor, or full professor at UWM.

--Have taught full time at UWM for at least three academic years.

--Teach an undergraduate course in Fall or Spring semester (preferably Spring semester).

--Be an active researcher with a demonstrated record of integrating research in classroom teaching, and of motivating students to engage
in research and/or creative activity.

--Not be a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee in a year you are nominated for this award.

We hope that, as a committee, we have been responsive to your request to establish some guidelines for this award. We would expect that these criteria and title could be used as early as next year, unless these must pass other channels of approval.

Thank you for your help with this task.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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cc: University Committee