April 17, 1998

TO: George Baker, Secretary of the University

FROM: Fred Helmbsteller, Research Policy Committee

RE: Annual Report of the Research Policy Committee

During the 1997-98 academic year the Research Policy Committee (RPC) met four times. Items considered by the committee included the following:

1) Members of the committee worked with Deans Rayburn and Jones of the graduate school during the development of "Research Plan III". This plan was designed to greatly improve the standing of UWM as a major research university.

2) The RPC met with a representative of the search committee for the UWM Chancellor position and expressed the need to fill this position with a person that understands and values UWM's research mission.

3) The committee continued its extended discussions about accurate and inclusive methods of assessing UWM's progress toward a real increase in the quality and quantity of research and scholarly activity by our faculty.

4) The committee considered several issues related to faculty research and ongoing improvement of UWM's information technology resources. Through its appointed representatives the RPC provided input to other faculty committees including the Learning Through Technology Roundtable and the Internet II Steering Committee.

RPC Members 1997-98:

B. Arnold, Anthropology
C. Remsen, Biological Sciences
U. Cohn, Architecture
M. GarjdarzisKa-Josifovska, Physics
F. Helmbsteller, Psychology (Chair)
A. Stone, Art History
M. Mone, Graduate School Research Committee
W. Rayburn, Dean of the Graduate School (ex-officio)
P. Watson-Boone, Golda Meir Library (ex-officio)