Ad-Hoc Committee for Academic Staff Representation on Faculty Standing Committees

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RATIONALE:

With the change of Wisc. Stat. 36.09 in 1986 to include academic staff and students in shared governance of the campuses in the University of Wisconsin System, a number of Faculty Standing Committees expanded their membership to include some academic staff and student members. As such, these committees became de-facto shared governance committees.

Of the 34 total committees, 14 currently have some academic staff membership. Academic staff are extensively involved in the translation and implementation of the policies developed by these committees. It is appropriate to review the membership arrangements established twelve years ago to see if some adjustment is needed to ensure that the committees adequately reflect all campus community voices.

The attached proposal calls for granting voting rights to the academic staff (who have hitherto been ex-officio non-voting members) on two of these committees. In addition, there would be expanded academic staff representation on 8 committees and the addition of academic staff on two committees (Computer Policy Committee and Research Policy Committee) which currently do not have any academic staff representation.

Although the proposal lists all committees on which academic staff currently have or will have some representation, the suggested modifications are limited to those committees whose actions have significant impact on academic staff and their responsibilities.

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