Motion to change legislation in Section 1.10, removing commencement from the duties of the Office of the Secretary of the University.

Present Legislation:

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Suggested Changes (Change in bold and strikethrough):

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Proposed Final Legislation:

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RATIONALE:

The transfer of the responsibility to oversee commencement to the Office of University Relations is consistent with an effort to consolidate all ceremonial events within a single office. Staff in the Secretary of the University office will continue to provide support to the commencement exercise. While the primary responsibility of overseeing commencement will be transferred to University Relations, the transfer of responsibility is consistent with UWM Policies and Procedures 1.02 (4) which states that “The University Faculty may delegate functional authority and responsibility to committees, other groups, or administrative offices; however, such bodies or offices are accountable to the University Faculty which retains primary responsibilities for academic and educational activities and faculty personnel matters.” It is the faculty’s expectation that the Office of University Relations will recognize that commencement remains within the jurisdiction of the Faculty (See Section 1.02(5)(e) in UWM Policies and Procedures) and will consult directly with the appropriate governance group(s) on an on-going basis.

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Satisfies the Codification Committee's criteria for clarity, internal consistency, and relationship to other policies and procedures governing UWM.