UWM University Committee Recommendation for Web-Based Solution for Annual Activity Reports

The UWM University Committee moves that:

1. The UWM Faculty Senate support the concept of electronic reporting of annual activity reports.

2. The UWM Faculty Senate support the formation of a working group of faculty, staff and administrators to pursue the development of a campus-wide web-based solution for annual activity reports of faculty and staff.

Rationale

In April 2004, Associate Vice Chancellor Rita Cheng approached the University Committee to solicit support for the development of a web-based reporting system for faculty and staff annual activity reports. In addition to annual activity reports, a web-based database affords the opportunity to provide readily-retrievable data to meet multiple needs (e.g., NCA accreditation reports, program reviews, program accreditation reports). Finally, data retrieval can be stylized to accommodate school/college unique formats. To that end, the UC felt this was a worthy endeavor to pursue. The database will provide controlled access, likely an intranet format.

To explore how we might develop and implement this database, Associate Vice Chancellor Cheng proposed the formation of a working group, to include faculty, staff and administrators. The UC will be represented by Steve Meyer, who has experience with this format from his previous faculty position. We fully expect the working group to report back to the Senate on the progress of its work.

Therefore, the UC recommends to the Faculty Senate that both the concept of a web-based reporting system and the formation of a working group be supported.