The UW-Milwaukee University Committee unanimously moves that the following be sent to the faculty as a mail ballot:

Motion to change legislation in UW-Milwaukee Policies and Procedures Section 1.10 reinserting commencement as a duty of the Office of the Secretary of the University. [Changes in bold]

1.10 Secretary of the University

The Secretary of the University shall assist the Chancellor and the University Committee in the implementation of University governance. The duties of the Secretary include but are not limited to: serving as recording officer for UWM Faculty and UWM Faculty Senate; conducting faculty elections; organization of committee membership in accordance with UWM Policies and Procedures; organization of commencements; and support of various committees designated by the Chancellor. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the advice of the University Committee. The Secretary shall be a member of the faculty with the same rights and duties as other members of the faculty.

Rationale

The transfer of the responsibility to oversee commencement to the Office of the Secretary of the University from the Office of University Relations is consistent with Chapter 1 of UWM Policies and procedures which states that commencement is within the jurisdiction of the faculty (see Section 1.02(5)(d)). Such a transfer of authority will also ensure that commencement planning will more actively engage the faculty governance groups and the academic traditions associated with commencement ceremonies. This action will restore the duties of the Secretary of the University to the wording that existed prior to the removal of these words as the result of a faculty mail ballot in March 1999. As this matter calls for a change in UW-Milwaukee Policies and Procedures (P&P) Chapter 1, it requires a vote of the faculty (P&P 1.03 (1)), which the Senate may authorize to have submitted as a mail ballot as per P&P 1.01 (2) (b).

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