Recommendation of the University Committee to Revise UWM Policies and Procedures A3.7 Research Policy Committee.

RATIONALE:

Several problems have become evident given the present charter of this committee. First, our Divisional Executive Committees have been reluctant or have not understood their role in the nomination process. Consequently, some divisional committees have not forwarded the names of nominees. The proposed changes would bring the nomination process under the normal election process used for standing faculty committees. Second, there is confusion as to functions of the committee. Past administrators have mistakenly used committees, including the Graduate School Research Committee, to seek advice on research policies and procedures. The proposed changes in the functions statement are meant to clearly and unequivocally indicate that the Research Policy Committee has oversight and advisory functions insofar as UWM’s research policies. Third, both the administration and faculty have requested that faculty have more direct oversight over policies and procedures that concern the distribution of campus research funds. Fourth, the Institutional Review Board (IRB), while housed as an administrative committee has direct and wide ranging impact on faculty programs of research. The function of the Research Policy Committee was expanded to ensure that faculty oversight over the IRB.

Therefore the University Committee offers the following proposed changes.

Existing Policy:

A3.7 Research Policy Committee

(1) Membership. Eleven members as follows: four faculty members elected on a divisional basis by members of the four faculty divisions from nominations submitted by the Divisional Executive Committees; the Chairperson of the Graduate Research Committee; two faculty members and two members of the academic staff appointed by the Chancellor; the Director of the Libraries, and an appointee of the Graduate Dean, who serve ex-officio.

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98) (Editorially revised: Document 2319, 12/20/01; UWM Administration approval, 12/28/01)

(2) Functions.

a) On its own initiative or in cooperation with other faculty committees advises the Chancellor and Provost on matters of research policy within UWM.
b) Within the context of overall allocation of research resources at UWM, reviews the operation of the Graduate Research Committee and all university research units, in order to determine whether the programs and activities are consistent with the mission and research goals of the University.

c) Recommends and reviews overall University policy governing all mandated review boards within UWM (e.g., Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Institutional Safety and Hazards Committee, etc.)

(Document 1102, 5/11/78; UWM Administration approval, 5/17/78)
(Document 1680, 9/21/89; UWM Administration approval, 10/6/89)
(Document 1790, 10/17/91; UWM Administration approval, 10/31/91)
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Proposed Changes:

A3.7 Research Policy Committee

(1) Membership. Thirteen Eleven members as follows: four elected faculty members; one from each division of the University, elected by division; on a divisional basis by members of the four faculty divisions from nominations submitted by the Divisional Executive Committees; the Chairperson of the Graduate Research Committee, the Chairperson of the Graduate Faculty Council or designee; two faculty members and two members of the academic staff appointed by the Chancellor; the Director of the Libraries, Director of I&MT or designee and an appointee of the Graduate Dean, who serve ex-officio.

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Functions.

a) On its own initiative or in cooperation with other faculty committees advises the Chancellor, and Provost, and Vice-Chancellor of Research on matters of research policy within UWM.

b) Within the context of overall allocation of research resources at UWM reviews:

1. the operation of the Graduate Research Committee
2. **all university research units (i.e. the Graduate School, research centers, academic departments, Golda Meir Library, I&MT)**

3. **policies affecting the use and distribution of all research related funds (such as 101-4, 133, 144, and 150)**

_The purpose of these reviews is to_ determine whether the various research committees, units, programs and related activities are consistent with the mission and research goals of the University.

c) **Recommends and reviews overall University policy governing all mandated review boards within UWM (e.g., Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Institutional Safety and Hazards Committee, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee).**

d) **Provides oversight for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) through annual review of the IRB’s policies and procedures, workload, and actions on protocols submitted to the IRB.**

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