University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Honorary Degrees Committee
2006-2007 Annual Report

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Charter: Functions/Responsibilities:

A3.1 Honorary Degrees Committee

(1) Membership. Eighteen members as follows: Nine elected faculty members; two academic staff from the Division of Academic Affairs appointed by the Academic Staff Committee; one graduate student and one undergraduate student; two ex-officio members. Each of the four faculty divisions is represented by at least two elected members. Appointed members are selected from the faculty by the University Committee. Ex-officio members are the President of the University System, and the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee or his/her designee. The chairperson of the committee is designated by the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

(2) Functions.

a) Considers and recommends candidates for honorary degrees in accordance with the following procedure. During the spring semester, the Chairperson of the Honorary Degrees Committee shall transmit to the deans, directors and the chairpersons of the several divisions, schools, colleges and departments, invitations for submission to the
committee of names of persons to be considered for honorary degrees. A list of previous recipients is to be attached to the call for nominations. When names of proposed recipients are presented to the Committee from sources other than an academic division, school, a college, or a department, the names shall first be referred by the Chairperson of the Honorary Degrees Committee to the appropriate academic unit for that unit=s sponsorship. At least one-half of those presented as candidates for honorary degrees should have some connection with the University system, the City or the State. The Committee shall present its report and recommendation at a meeting of the University Faculty or Faculty Senate in accordance with the provisions of 1.04(8). A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting at the Faculty meeting or Faculty Senate meeting shall be required to nominate a candidate for an Honorary Degree.

b) Considers and recommends candidates to be honored on the Ernest Spaights Plaza marker. During the fall semester, the Chairperson of the Honorary Degrees Committee shall issue to the UWM community a call for submission to the Committee the names of persons to be considered for nominations. The Committee shall meet in the spring semester to select candidates for recommendation to the Chancellor.

c) Considers and recommends, in consultation with the University Committee, candidates for a citation for distinguished service or significant contributions to the University of Wisconsin B Milwaukee. The award is given by the Chancellor.

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Meetings:

The Honorary Degrees Committee met three times during the 2006-07 Academic Year to conduct the following business:

1. Select candidates to be awarded honorary degrees. The committee recommended three individuals to Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago. The chancellor, the Faculty Senate, and the Board of Regents approved the committee’s recommendations. Honorary degrees were conferred on the three candidates at the May 2007 Commencement.

2. Select honorees for inclusion on the Ernest Spaights Plaza Marker. The committee recommended three nominees to Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago. Those individuals approved by the Chancellor will be honored at the Fall Awards Ceremony in October 2007.
3. The committee met with Chancellor Carlos E. Santiago on December 4, 2006 to discuss the committee’s functions and awards. As a result of this discussion, a subcommittee was formed to examine the possibility of creating a new award. The subcommittee met and drafted a proposal for the chancellor. The chancellor will meet with the committee in Fall 2007 to discuss the proposal.