University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Honorary Degrees Committee
2008-2009 Annual Report

Members:

Richard Passman  Prof  Psychology
Winston Van Horne  Prof  Africology
Jane Hojan-Clark  AS  Financial Aid
Tracey Heatherington  Asst  Anthropology
David Klemer  Assoc  Elec Eng & Comp Sci
Rene Gratz  Prof  Health Sciences
Amy Coenen  Assoc  Nursing
Helena Pycior  Prof  History
Nancy Bird-Soto  Asst  Spanish & Portuguese
Michelle Lopez Rios, Chair  Asst  Theatre
Beth Weckmueller  AS  Enrollment Services
William Haseman  Director  School of Business
Darci Wutz  Assoc  Dance
Ryoichi Amano  Prof  Mechanical Engineering
Stephen Kolison  Assoc VP  UWS President Rep
Mark Harris  Assoc Dean Graduate School (Chanellor’s Rep)
Brittini Raygo  Student/U
Stephanie Bartell  Student/G

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.

(Document 1016, 3/17/77; UWM Administration approval, 3/30/77)
(Document 1079, 3/21/78; UWM Administration approval, 3/28/78)
(Document 1275, 5/14/81; UWM Administration approval, 5/21/81)
(Editorially revised by Codification Committee, 1/12/87, per Faculty Document 904)
(Document 1619, 5/10/88; UWM Administration approval, 9/22/88)
(Editorially revised, 5/13/92)
(Document 2082, 1/23/97; UWM Administration approval, 2/7/97)
(Editorially revised, 8/24/06)

Meetings:

October 13, 2008
8:30 a.m., Lubar Hall N440
PRESENT: Ryoichi Amano, Stephanie Bartell, Nancy Bird-Soto, Rene Gratz, Dave Haseman, Jane Hojan-Clark, David Klemer, Michelle Lopez-Rios, Beth Weckmueller
EXCUSED: Amy Coenen, Mark Harris, Tracey Heatherington, Brittini Raygo, Richard Passman, Helena Pycior, Winston Van Horne

I. Call to Order at 8:39 a.m.
II. New Business.
   A. Introductions
   B. Review of committee’s charter, functions and procedures. Questions and discussion. The importance of confidentiality was emphasized.
   C. Scheduled meeting on November 10th 8-10 a.m. to consider nominees for Honorary Degrees
D. It was agreed that the committee will discuss and clarify criteria for selecting Honorary Degree recipients prior to discussing the nominees.

III. Adjournment

Monday, November 10, 2008
8:00 a.m., Lubar N440
PRESENT: Ryoichi Amano, Stephanie Bartell, Nancy Bird-Soto, Rene Gratz, Mark Harris, Dave Haseman, Tracey Heatherington, Jane Hojan-Clark, David Klemer, Michelle Lopez-Rios, Richard Passman, Winston Van Horne, Beth Weckmueller
NOT PRESENT: Amy Coenen, Stephen Kolison, Helena Pycior

I. Call to Order. Chairperson Lopez-Rios called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.
II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting were approved as presented
III. Chair’s Report. Lopez-Rios gave a report to the Faculty Senate on January 29, 2009. She plans to attend an Academic Deans Council meeting to increase interest in submitting nominations for Honorary Degrees. She asked that members email her ideas for discussion.
IV. New Business.
   A. Motion was made and seconded to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f). The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote and the committee went into closed session at 12:40 pm.
   B. Discussion of 2009 Nominees for Inclusion on the Ernest Spaights Plaza Marker. After guest presentations, motions were made and seconded to recommend nominees. The committee voted to forward four nominees to the chancellor.
   C. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to reconvene in open session at 2:40 p.m.
   C. Other-
      1. A copy of October 2001 minutes with a motion to inscribe former Chancellor’s names on Spaights Plaza was distributed. W. Van Horne provided history of the motion and discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to have Lopez-Rios write to Chancellor Santiago requesting the motion be implemented.
V. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 29, 2009
Faculty Meeting
2:30 p.m., Student Union, Wisconsin Room

Michelle Lopez-Rios, Chair of the committee presented the committee report to the Faculty Senate with other committee reports. The committee requested support and advice on obtaining more nominations. After going into closed session, the chair also presented the committee’s recommendation for recipient of Honorary Degree.
Monday, April 20, 2009
12:30 p.m., Lubar N440
PRESENT: Stephanie Bartell, Nancy Bird-Soto, Mark Harris, Dave Haseman, Tracey Heatherington, David Klemer, Michelle Lopez-Rios, Richard Passman, Helena Pycior, Winston Van Horne, Beth Weckmueller
GUESTS: Connie Jo, Alan Horowitz, Ewa Barczyk, Janet Padway, Doris Johnson-Browne, Thomas Brynes, Lana Dyer, Jay Beder
NOT PRESENT: Ryoichi Amano, Amy Coenen, Rene Gratz, Jane Hojan-Clark, Brittini Raygo

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Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Meeting with Chancellor and Secretary of the University
10:00 a.m., Chancellor’s Office

Chancellor Santiago met with Secretary Turner and Chair Lopez-Rios to discuss the motion to inscribe former Chancellor’s names on Spaights Plaza and the lack of Honorary Degree nominations and lack of support for the second nominee this year. Recommendations from the Chancellor will be presented at the first committee meeting in the Fall of 2009.