Members:

Marcia Parsons  Prof  Dance
Mark Schwartz  Prof  Geography
Tien-Chien Jen  Prof  Mechanical Engineering
William Velez  Prof  Sociology
Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska  Prof  Physics
Mary Kunert  Assoc  Nursing
Cindy Walker, Chair  Assoc  Educational Psychology

Charter:
Functions/Responsibilities:

University Committee Composition and Function
A3.9 University Committee

Membership.
Seven members as follows: six elected faculty members and the President pro tem of the Senate. No more than three of the members shall be from a single school, college, or equivalent academic unit. No more than one member shall be from a single department in a departmentalized school or college.

For all elections of members to the University Committee, a primary election shall be held. The final election ballot will contain twice as many nominees as there are individuals to be elected, such nominees to be chosen in descending order from the one who received the greatest number of votes in the primary election. The provisions above concerning membership distribution shall be honored.

The Committee annually elects a chairperson-elect from those having at least one more year to serve as a Committee member. The chairperson-elect serves as chairperson the year following his/her election.

Vacancies in the University Committee membership are to be filled as soon thereafter as possible, by special election, through preparation of a special slate of nominees prepared by the Nominations Committee and permitting nominations from the university faculty followed by a mail ballot. The membership that results from the filling of this vacancy will follow the membership composition restrictions of the University Committee with respect to school/college and departmental affiliation as cited in A3.9 (1) (a).
(Document 2477, 05/17/05; UWM Administration, 08/16/05)
Functions.
Serves as the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, and in that capacity performs those functions which may be delegated to it by the Senate. Takes action representing faculty interests and prerogatives within the jurisdiction of the Senate when the Senate is not in session. Such actions are reported to the Senate at its next regular meeting for ratification or other appropriate action.

Examines any actions taken respecting the UWM campus by the Board of Regents, the various faculties or faculty committees, or by other bodies or individuals related to the university faculty, and makes recommendation as appropriate.

On its own initiative, studies educational policy matters which are within the jurisdiction of the university faculty and makes recommendations to the Faculty thereon. To the extent feasible, the committee performs this function in consultation with other appropriate faculty committees.

On its own initiative, or upon request, advises the Administration on the implementation of faculty action.

Consults with appropriate administrative officers at campus level or above on budget matters and reports thereon to the faculty.

In consultation with the Rules Committee prepares the agenda for committee of the whole discussions concerning matters of general interest to the university faculty.

Makes an annual report at the Faculty Senate's first regular meeting of the academic year, and regularly submits to the Secretary of the University its minutes on all matters except those matters considered in closed session as permitted by 19.85, Wis. Stats.

Advises the Chancellor on the membership on any campus search and screen committee which involves the faculty in making nominations for appointments to major university administrative positions as specified in '6.05, and represents the faculty on any system wide search and screen procedures.

Advises the faculty and the administration on those questions concerning the operation of faculty governance which are within the jurisdiction of the university faculty.
Receives grievances and complaints by or against members of the faculty and refers these grievances or complaints to the appropriate faculty standing committee.

Receive notification within five (5) working days from administrators when they, after conducting preliminary investigations, have grievances or complaints against faculty member(s) that may lead to discipline.

(Meetings:
In the 2009-10 academic year the University Committee met every Tuesday afternoon, with the exception of winter and spring break. We also met over the summer, although we only met every other week over the summer.

Accomplishments:
The UC regularly met with the Chancellor and the Provost to discuss issues of importance to the campus. Probably the most important issues that were discussed during the 2009-10 academic year were budget, master planning, Graduate School reorganization, the acquisition of Columbia St. Mary's, and whether to search for a new Dean of L&S.

In September, the UC hosted a luncheon for newly tenured professors. The purpose of this luncheon was to help attendees better understand faculty governance and to encourage folks to get more involved in our faculty governance process.

In October, the UC hosted a Master Planning Open Forum. The purpose of the forum was to facilitate dialogue between and among faculty and administration. The panel consisted of all three chairs of the Master Planning subcommittees, the Chancellor, David Gilbert, and the dean of CEAS, Michael Lovell. Prior to the forum questions/concerns/comments about expanding the campus footprint were solicited from all faculty and academic staff. As chair of the UC, I moderated the event. Both Chancellor Santiago and Michael Lovell (Dean of CEAS) were invited to give a brief presentation of their vision for the Milwaukee Initiative after which I asked the panel questions that had been submitted. Attendees were then invited to address the panel with their questions and concerns. The event was held in the Union and was well attended.

In November, the UC made a request to the Senate to permanently appoint Patricia Arredondo as the Dean of the School of Continuing Education. This request came as a
result of a request from the faculty of the SCE to make this a permanent appointment. However, the Senate did not approve the request, stating that it would set a bad precedence for the future. The Senate requested that a formal search be conducted. Such a search would not preclude Dr. Arredondo from applying.

In November, the UC also met with the chairs of APBC and PEC and requested that they review the Master Plan draft and report back to the Senate.

In December, the UC conducted a campus wide survey, in response to a Senate motion that asked that the Milwaukee Initiative projects be rank ordered. The UC also sent a response to faculty, after being criticized for being "ineffective", that outlined all we had done to represent the faculty's perspective, in terms of the Milwaukee initiative. We also had lunch with BOR president, Chuck Pruitt, to discuss matters of importance to our campus. Finally, we worked with the Chancellor to come up with a process for finding an interim Provost that was open and transparent.

In January, the UC made a motion to constitute a special committee to discuss potential uses of Columbia St. Mary's, should we acquire that space. The motion was approved and this committee was fully constituted at the February Senate meeting.

In February, after receiving the final report from the Graduate School reorganization committee, the UC asked Vice Chancellor for Research, Colin Scanes, to provide us with data to help us better understand the implications, in terms of workload, of the recommendations from the committee. We also met with the interim dean of the School of Freshwater Science, Mark Harris, to discuss the implications of building the new school on a site other than the current site.

In March, we met with the Chief of Police, and Christy Brown, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs, to discuss the student demonstrations that resulted in arrests.

In April, we convened a small working group that consisted of members of the original Graduate School Reorganization work group, a dean, and Colin Scanes, because of our concern that the recommendations of the original work group had yet to be implemented. We also met with members of the Parking and Transportation subcommittee of the PEC, to discuss concerns over the parking rate increases that were implemented. As a result of that meeting we asked that a work group be constituted to look at the long term parking needs of our campus. We also asked Colin Scanes to hold an informational meeting for the campus, that would make the process for becoming a Distinguished Professor more transparent. That meeting occurred in May.

In May we had lunch with UWS president Kevin Reilly, and we invited him to speak at our final Senate meeting in May.

Finally, throughout the year, the UC represented the faculty on various committees across campus including, APBC, Board of Visitors, EBC, Search Committee for the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Search Committee for the Associate Deans of the
Graduate School, and the Graduate School Reorganization work group. The UC also represented our campus at the system level by attending Faculty Rep meetings that are held monthly.

Over the summer we worked on developing a policy to replace S-51, in conjunction with the ADC and the ASC. We attended the BOR meeting in June. We worked with the Provost to constitute search committees for founding deans for the SPH and SFW. We worked with Joan Prince to determine the vision for the Institute on Race and Ethnicity. We filled various vacancies on faculty standing committees. We passed a motion, on behalf of the Senate, pertaining to faculty compensation. This motion requests that the BOR take some action and consider UWM independent of other campuses in the UWS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy M. Walker, Chair
University Committee