Resolution of the Faculty Senate on Designating 2012-2013 the UWM Year Of The Arts

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS: in the academic year 2012-13, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts celebrates its 50th anniversary as the largest educational program for the arts in Wisconsin, the only school dedicated to the arts in the state and one of the largest Schools of the Arts in the country,

WHEREAS: the Peck School of the Arts is honoring a five decade long tradition of creating art and educating, training and nurturing artists and educators who have been instrumental in developing the vibrant and diverse arts communities and organizations of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin and furthermore enriching and developing the artistic life of the nation,

WHEREAS: the Peck School of the Arts is the largest and most diverse arts producing organization in Wisconsin presenting over 350 events annually to the campus and the greater Milwaukee area, serving as UWM’s window to the communities of South East Wisconsin,

WHEREAS: study and experience in the arts serve a vital role in the life and education of all our students, creating insights that broaden and deepen our understanding of the human experience, and providing students a wide and diverse range of tools with which to speak to the contemporary moment & respond to the community within which they live.

WHEREAS: methods of inquiry used in the arts contribute to and enhance research methods throughout the university,

WHEREAS: the arts serve a critical role in teaching and modeling innovation, creativity, non-linear thinking, collaborative cooperation, self esteem, the pursuit of excellence and cultural inclusiveness,

WHEREAS: the students, faculty and staff in the Departments of Art and Design, Dance, Film, Music and Theatre have a proud legacy of achievement and distinction in the visual and performing arts and in arts education,

WHEREAS: UWM and Milwaukee are enriched by the exhibitions, performances, lectures and service provided by our students, faculty and staff,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that in recognition of The Peck School of The Arts 50th anniversary, the academic year 2012-13 be recognized by the UWM Faculty Senate as UWM Year of the Arts.