Remarks by University of Wisconsin President Fred Harvey Harrington
at UWM Faculty Meeting October 13, 1966

With its present enrollment of more than 14,000 the UWM is one of the largest institutions in the country. The enrollment seems small when set beside the Madison Campus numbers of more than twice 14,000. But the Madison Campus has only about 15,000 Wisconsin undergraduates; UWM already has nearly 12,000. UWM will pass Madison in this category before very long. After all UWM is growing more than ten per cent a year as compared with a Madison growth of about 6 per cent.

The spectacular increase at UWM this year is in graduate enrollment, an increase of about one third. It is significant, too, that there is a very large increase in full-time graduate students. This suggests that the UWM is well on its way towards major university status, a status that requires strong graduate as well as undergraduate programs.

There is much more to do. Although out-of-state enrollment increased at UWM this year, it is still very small. Indeed, among the public universities with more than 10,000 enrollment, UWM is at the bottom in out-of-state students. We expect that UWM will remain basically a commuting institution, but we do need more students from a distance as we build university quality. We also have a long way to go in the quality front. The recent American Council on Education survey of graduate education shows the Madison Campus of the University of Wisconsin near the top. The UWM, of course, is not mentioned; we are just beginning to develop our graduate programs here. But even when these are further along it will not be easy to secure "distinguished" ratings. It is worth noting that UCLA which has been a very good institution for some time, is only now beginning to show up well in the ratings, after two decades of building. Even now, no UCLA department has as yet been rated "distinguished".

Obviously we intend to move forward. The UWM is ten years old and rests upon building efforts of its predecessor institutions. It was in 1963 that the Regents of the University of Wisconsin adopted "25 points" for UWM progress. Chancellor Klotsche and I, who drafted these points, saw to it that the first of them called for major university status within 20 years. That is the most important of the points. We think we have made headway toward this goal. We feel that the UWM has also made progress on many of the other points. In 1963 we had three schools and colleges here at the UWM; now we have ten, and the Regents have proposed establishment of an additional professional school, in architecture. The UWM has its own graduate school now, with several doctoral programs. The building program is moving along well, the library is stronger than it was, we have an alumni association and a radio station. Teaching, research, and community service programs have been strengthened.

These gains have been made possible by hard work on the part of the UWM Faculty. When we prepared the 25 points, Mr. Klotsche and I consulted with faculty groups at the UWM. But we prepared the list of goals. We feel now that future lists of goals will be prepared not by us as administrators but by faculty groups. We feel, in other words, that the UWM Faculty is now strong and ready to take on the task of preparing for the future. We will, of course, work with faculty groups as we move forward.

You may want to look at the 25 points. They are attached.

Who is running the UWM? Am I? The Regents? The Chancellor and the other UWM officials? The UWM Faculty? The answer is that the UWM is being run in line with Wisconsin traditions. Faculty involvement and decision making here is as great as at any other university in the country. The UWM Administration, the Central Administration and the Board of Regents also all have significant roles.

Another question that should be asked is: Is the UWM running? It is moving? Is it moving fast? That is what we all want.