COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 7., THE DEPARTMENT
7.02 DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY: MEMBERSHIP

PREAMBLE

The UWM Codification Committee presents the following proposal to the UWM Senate for discussion as a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. It concerns an amendment to Section 7.02 of All-University Chapter 7, The Department.

The Codification Committee was asked by a department to prepare an amendment to Chapter 7, which would make it possible for students to participate in a department’s activities. The questionnaire was thereupon sent to all department chairmen, asking them to survey the opinions of the department faculty and report the results to the Codification Committee. The answers received varied widely between departments and between faculty members within departments, so that it was impossible to ascertain what were the faculties desires. A discussion by the Senate as a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE seemed therefore desirable before submitting a proposal to the Senate for action. The Codification Committee has prepared a proposal derived from Faculty suggestions in the responses to the questionnaire.

This kind of proposal, as it is presented to the Senate for action and is passed, would be permissive legislation which would have to be approved by the Faculty Assembly and the Regents before it can become effective, as the UWM Faculty would suggest an amendment to the All-University Chapter which has been approved by the Regents.
7.02 Departmental Faculty: Membership (Existing Legislation)

7.02 Departmental Faculty: Membership. All persons holding appointments in a department at the ranks of professor, associate professor or assistant professor, and as determined by the Executive Committee, any instructors, lecturers, visiting professors, visiting associate professors and visiting assistant professors shall have the right to vote or participate otherwise in departmental faculty meetings, provided that this rule shall not be construed to extend or withdraw any membership understanding or arrangements in effect at the time this rule was adopted.

Proposed Addition to 7.02

Recommendation to the Faculty Senate to amend Section 7.02 of All-University Chapter 7, The Department.

If a unit faculty so provides, the Executive Committee of a department may designate one or more students to participate in departmental faculty meetings, and specify the form of such participation. If the Executive Committee decides to give the students formal voting privilege in the department, it must specify matters, if any to which this privilege does not apply.

Students may not exceed one-fifth of the academic staff membership of each department faculty. Full-time students with active undergraduate or graduate status are eligible to serve as student representatives, and both categories of students must be represented, unless the department teaches primarily at either the graduate or undergraduate level.

A departmental Executive Committee determines the method by which student representatives are to be elected; it may delegate this task to an organization of students in the department. If student participation is to be informal, the Executive Committee must specify the methods by which such participation is to be exercised.