The Academic Affairs Committee met some 25 times during the academic year 1970-71. It considered general grading matters and the educational climate of UWM.

To date it has formally passed, after lengthy discussion and widely solicited responses, the attached resolutions concerning: (1) repeating courses (without limit), (2) Z symbol (abolish), (3) class drops (through first day of final exam period) and (4) USG-Course and Faculty Evaluations (retain, fund, and consider where appropriate.)

The attached resolution, passed unanimously by those present, was sent directly to the UW Regents, University Faculty Council, Professors Kaufman and Gibson, President Weaver, Chancellor Klotsche, UWM-University Committee, and the UWM PCC. The A.A.C. registered therein its concern over the implications of the University Faculty Council's recommendations.

There was extended discussion about the presence of undercover agents on campus and the deleterious effect that has on the educational processes. It was suggested that after the appointment of a new head of Campus Protection and Security a Security Advisory Board of faculty and students be established (this was after consulting with Dr. Solon).

The Committee also discussed the propriety of University support for Senate Bill 180 and House Bill 314. It was decided that in view of the importance of the issues involved in these bills they might better be discussed in the Faculty Forum.

Other items now under continuing consideration by the committee include (1) a university-wide policy of eight Pass/Fail courses after consultation with several deans, (2) Professor Buck's Grading Proposals (Madison), (3) Graduate School Grades and Pass/Fail, (4) The Kerr report on Dissent and Disruption, and (5) the establishment of a new academic unit.

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Resolution:

The Academic Affairs Committee registers herewith its concern over the implications inherent in the use of suspension of tenure as a punishment, in the cases of Professors Kaufman and Gibson, for isolated acts of entering and briefly disturbing another teacher's classroom. First, we consider this an excessive punishment for these acts, in the context of the prevailing circumstances. Second, we consider such punishment to be an inappropriate use of tenure as a form of punishment for these acts, and submit that it raises serious questions concerning the nature and purposes of tenure and the conditions under which it may be removed. Third, we believe that the procedures stipulated for the special review process at the conclusion of the two-year probationary period are too vague and cumbersome.

We therefore strongly recommend that action be taken by the Faculty Council and the Board of Regents to clarify:

1. The purposes and functions of tenure, and the reasons for which tenure may be withdrawn from a tenured faculty member.

2. Procedures for hearings on faculty misconduct.

3. The procedures and criteria to be followed to arrive at a decision in the restoration of suspended tenure.

Resolution 1. The following will automatically apply to students enrolled since May, 1969.

a) A student may repeat a course as many times as he desires.
b) In a course which has been taken more than once, only the highest grade obtained will be counted in the grade point average.
c) Only the highest grade obtained, or other obtained grade(s) designated by the student, shall appear on any transcript.
d) This policy may also apply to course work repeated prior to May, 1969 at the student's request.

Resolution 2. The ZZ symbol be abolished.

Resolution 3. The student may drop a class any time prior to the first day of the final exam period. However, a department may with departmental advice and consent of the dean of the appropriate school designate special courses with limited lab facilities, which can be dropped only upon the written consent of the instructor after the second week of classes. These courses are to be so indicated in the schedule of classes.

Resolution 4. Be it resolved that:

a) Divisional and Departmental Executive Committees be required to retain and consider the UWM-USG Faculty Evaluation in determining promotions.
b) Departmental Executive Committees be required to retain and consider the UWM-USG Faculty Evaluation in determining merit raises.
c) Departments be required to retain and consider UWM-USG Course Evaluations in determining departmental offerings.
d) That the UWM Administration provide financial support and personnel adequate to enable USG to operate a fair and comprehensive course and faculty evaluation for each term.

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