Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Additional Teaching Awards

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Awards and Recognition Committee in its report of October 18, 1973, the Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Additional Teaching Awards met December 12, 1973 to establish guidelines for its task "to explore community resources for the establishment and financial support of additional teaching awards for UWM." The committee members reported back their findings on February 1, 1974 and adopted the following recommendations:

1. that two awards of $1,000 be provided annually: one to be called the UWM Distinguished Teaching Award and the other, the UWM Distinguished Public Service Award. (See attached rationale for the proposed UWM Distinguished Public Service Award.)

2. that the UWM Distinguished Teaching Award not be conferred until needed to replace the presently available Uhrig Funds or the Kiekhofer-Steiger-Amoco Funds, each of which honors teaching excellence.

3. that the UWM Foundation be asked to undertake the raising of $2,000 annually as a special project. It was the sense of the committee that $2,000 raised annually would be easier to obtain than a larger endowment that would provide this sum annually in earned interest.

4. that, in the event that the UWM Foundation not be available for this effort, two alternative strategies be explored: 1) the UWM Faculty Senate request the Administration to ascertain the possibility of (a.) using state funds, or (b.) setting aside a portion of the merit money awarded to UWM for the purpose of these awards; or 2) the Administration assign the responsibility for contacting Milwaukee area foundations to a specific individual in Grants and Contracts or some other unit of the University.

5. that the University Committee convey to the Chancellor's office recommendations numbered three and four, as stated above, and take whatever steps are necessary to implement them.

Having met its charge, the Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Additional Teaching Awards voted to dissolve itself as of February 1, 1974.

The Ad Hoc Committee to Explore Additional Teaching Awards

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PROPOSAL FOR A UWM DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

In addition to its service to enrolled students, the university serves its local community, state and nation in various ways. Through performance of their triple roles -- of teaching, research, and public service -- individual faculty members can earn recognition of outstanding merit in teaching through special awards, and in research through professional recognition on the basis of published work. For public service, on the other hand, we know of no specific award, unless it be award of an honorary degree by another university.

Public service takes many forms, for example: extension work; artistic presentations; concerts; plays; lectures; advice to local, state and national bodies; service on local, state and national boards and committees. It is at such university/community interfaces that the public largely comes to evaluate the university's image and performance.

Therefore, an award for this specific purpose would be a good way of focussing appreciation and recognition for such efforts.