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By reason of delayed student election counts, names of student members of the Committee were not made available before mid October 1975. Thereafter, the Committee met twelve times throughout the academic year 1975-76. The following are the issues discussed and dealt with by the committee.

1. A change for the Summer Session calendar 1976 was proposed to include the three and four week 'intersession' periods (Faculty Senate document no. 944);

   The 1977-78 Academic Calendar was prepared and presented for approval to the Faculty Senate (Faculty Senate Document no. 945);

   The 1977 and 1978 Summer Session calendars were prepared and presented for approval to the Faculty Senate (Faculty Senate Document no. 946);

   At its December 18, 1975, meeting, the Faculty Senate moved to return Faculty Senate Documents no. 944 and 946 for revision of language ('intersession'). Faculty Senate document no. 945 was approved;

   Because of an overlap of contractual periods 1976-77 and 1977-78, and summer school calendars 1977 and 1978 respectively, the Committee forwarded four possible alternatives to be discussed by the Faculty Senate (Faculty Senate document no. 966).

2. In response to controversial publicity, the Committee issued a statement of information on November 5, 1975, that at this time there had not been any change in the add/drop policy.

   At the request of the University Committee, the add/drop policy at UWM was reviewed and proposed changes were submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval (majority report, Faculty Senate document no. 964). A minority report and other pertinent materials were also forwarded for presentation at the March 18, 1976 Faculty Senate meeting.

3. The Committee prepared "Recommended Amendments to the Proposed UW System Student Disciplinary Guidelines, sec. 17.13 PROCEDURES FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT". These amendments provided for a series of additional intermediary levels of appeal and review on the departmental and School or College levels (Academic Affairs Committee minutes December 16, 1975). This document was presented through the University Committee to the UW System Board of Regents at their January 18, 1976 meeting. The Committee was informed that the guidelines provided room for implementation of additional intermediary levels of appeal and review on individual UW campuses. One committee member is currently working with Assistant Chancellor Spaight on the implementation of sec. 17.13 PROCEDURES FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AT UWM.

4. The Committee studied guidelines for 'Evaluation of Teaching by Students at UWM' prepared by the UWM AAUP chapter. These guidelines were endorsed by the Committee and submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval (Faculty Senate Document No. 972).