Revisions to Academic Staff Awards Committee Bylaws

Rationale: The Awards Committee reviewed its bylaws and recommends changes to clarify the Responsibilities section and Section 6 under membership. At the request of the Academic Staff Committee, the Codification Committee reviewed and recommends the following changes to clarify language and committee responsibilities.

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(AS Doc 82, 8/2013)

Section 2 Responsibilities

The Committee establishes the mechanism for nominating candidates, interprets selection criteria, screens nominees and selects final candidates to be recommended for awards. At the first meeting of the committee year, the Committee reviews the Operating Policies and Procedures of the Awards Committee, which includes the selection criteria, and submits recommended changes to the Senate of the Academic Staff for approval for Academic Staff Senate approval. Changes are effective upon approval by the Senate.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Structure

The Committee consists of five elected academic staff members. No more than one member may be from any one school/college/division at the time of their election to the committee. There must be at least one teaching and one non-teaching academic staff member. All members must have at least a 50% appointment at UWM.

(AS DOC 71, 2/2012 revision)

Section 2 Nomination/Election Procedures

Members are nominated and elected in accordance with standard Academic Staff Operating Guidelines.

Section 3 Term of Office

All members serve three year terms. No member may serve consecutive three year terms. The
committee year is September 1 through the following August 31.

Section 4 Absences

Attendance at Committee meetings is part of each member's duties. Members who miss one-third of the regular meetings, as scheduled at the beginning of each year in accordance with Article III, Section 2, Paragraph A of these bylaws, forfeit their committee membership. There are no excused absences.

Section 5 Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs, the position is filled by the eligible candidate who received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. That candidate will serve the remainder of the term associated with the vacancy. If no eligible candidate is available, the Academic Staff Committee appoints an academic staff member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of service. (AS Doc 40 approved by AS Senate 5/2009, revised 7/14/2009)

Section 6 Restrictions

No member of the committee shall nominate any person for an award during that committee member's tenure on the Committee. Committee members cannot nominate themselves nor be nominated for an award. During his/her term on the committee, a committee member may not nominate him/herself or another individual for an award. A committee member may also not be nominated for an award by someone else.

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The Secretary takes minutes and distributes them to Committee members, the Chair of the Academic Staff Committee, and the Office of the Secretary of the University; maintains the attendance records of Committee members; and conducts Committee business in the absence of the Chair.

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