

UWEX ARTICLES OF FACULTY GOVERNANCE

Article 1

Definitions of Terms Used in Articles 1-6

- 1.01** **Academic department.** An academic department, hereinafter referred to as "department," is a group of faculty members recognized by the faculty, the chancellor, and the board of regents, as dealing with a common field of knowledge or as having a common or closely related disciplinary or interdisciplinary interest. The faculty of the department shall have primary responsibility for academic and educational activities and related activities and faculty personnel matters in its fields of knowledge and interest in support of the outreach mission of Extension. Departments are established, restructured, and discontinued by the chancellor in consultation with the appropriate departmental voting bodies.
- 1.02** **Ad hoc committees.** Ad hoc committees are committees appointed by and reporting to, the University Committee or the senate, for a specific purpose and limited period.
- 1.03** **Faculty governance unit.** A faculty governance unit is a group of voting body members dealing with a common field of knowledge or having interdisciplinary programming interests. The voting body of the faculty governance units is responsible for carrying out programs in the unit's areas of knowledge and interest in support of the outreach mission of Extension. The faculty governance unit differs from a department in that it does not grant faculty rank or academic tenure. However, faculty governance units may recommend faculty rank and tenure action to the department and the appropriate administrator. Faculty governance units are established, restructured, and discontinued by the chancellor in consultation with the appropriate faculty governance unit voting bodies.
- 1.04** **Board of regents or board.** "Board of regents" or "board" means the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.
- 1.05** **Chancellor.** The chief executive officer of Extension is the Chancellor, hereinafter referred to as "chancellor."
- 1.06** **Chancellor's committees.** Chancellor's committees are appointed by the chancellor, serve at the chancellor's pleasure, and report to the chancellor. A record of membership and copies of charges to the committees shall be filed with the Secretary of the Faculty.
- 1.07** **Dean.** "Dean" means the executive head of any administrative grouping of faculty, and includes, but is not limited to, persons titled "dean."
- 1.08** **District director.** "District director" means the executive head of an administrative grouping of Cooperative Extension faculty and academic staff budgeted to a specific geographic area of the state.

- 1.09 Faculty Tenure Advisory Committee.** "Faculty Tenure Advisory Committee" means the committee elected by the tenured faculty of Extension for the purpose of advising the dean on promotion of faculty in tenure and rank.
- 1.10 Faculty status.** "Faculty status" means a right to participate in the faculty governance of Extension, according to its policies and procedures and its articles of faculty governance. Faculty status does not confer faculty rank or tenure, or convert an academic staff appointment into a faculty appointment.
- 1.11 Institution.** "Institution" means any university, or an organizational equivalent designated by the board. As used throughout these articles, "Extension" means the institution designated as University of Wisconsin-Extension.
- 1.12 President.** "President" means the president of the University of Wisconsin system.
- 1.13 Secretary of the Faculty.** The Secretary of the Faculty is appointed by the chancellor after consultation with the University Committee and is administratively responsible to the chancellor. The Secretary of the Faculty assists the University Committee and the senate and maintains appropriate records of the faculty.
- 1.14 Senate.** The senate consists of members of the voting body elected by the voting body to exercise the governance powers vested in the faculty.
- 1.15 Staff categories.** The following staff categories are established within Extension:
- (1) "Faculty" ("tenure track" or "ranked") means persons who hold the following ranks:
 - (a) Professor
 - (b) Associate professor
 - (c) Assistant professor
 - (d) Instructor
 - (2) "Academic staff" means professional and administrative personnel, other than faculty and classified staff, with duties that are primarily associated with higher education institutions or their administration. Academic staff appointments include, but are not limited to, the position titles identified in 36.15(1)(b), Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Limited appointments, including, but not limited to, the position titles identified in 36.17(2), Wis. Stats.
 - (4) Other appointments, including, but not limited to, the position titles identified in 36.19, Wis. Stats.
 - (5) Emeritus faculty and emeritus academic staff.
- 1.16 University Committee.** The University Committee is the executive committee of the faculty.
- 1.17 Voting body.**
- (1) The voting body consists of the following individuals who hold appointments of one-half time or more in the University of Wisconsin-Extension:
 - (a) The ranked faculty;

- (b) Academic staff members who have been granted "faculty status" by the senate and the chancellor upon the recommendation of the appropriate department or faculty governance unit.
- (2) All academic staff members who were granted faculty status by action of the senate prior to the adoption of these articles shall continue to enjoy all rights previously granted to them.

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