

Recommendation of the University Committee to Develop Procedure for Distance Participation in Faculty Meetings and Faculty Senate Meetings

The addition of the College of General Studies to the UWM governance structure has made equal representation based on in-person participation by faculty located in Waukesha or Washington County unfeasible due to distance and scheduling conflicts. Therefore, faculty at these two campuses will be allowed to participate via video conferencing, subject to the following attendance and voting procedures.

Attendance: For Faculty Meetings and the Faculty Senate, faculty will be able to participate through video conferencing in a single, designated room on each campus. Participation via these locations will satisfy attendance requirements as defined in UWM P&P 1.06(5).

Faculty Meetings: One senator at each location will be responsible for a quorum count.

Faculty Senate: Senators' names will be called during roll call for counting toward quorum at Senate meetings. If senators arrive after roll call, they will email the Secretary of the University during the meeting.

Voting: For voice votes, the method for soliciting the votes for each site will be at the discretion of the presiding officer. For Senate votes conducted through electronic means, the Secretary of the University will arrange for an appropriate method for counting votes from all sites.

Rationale:

The UC is recommending these modifications to ensure that faculty members of UWM-Waukesha and UWM-Washington County have an equal opportunity to participate in faculty governance.