

## Recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) to Amend UWM Policies & Procedures Chapter A1.1: Academic Policy Committee

### TRACKED version

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(Document 2984R1, 2/16/17; UWM Administration approval, 2/28/17)  
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### **Rationale**

The members of the APC unanimously voted on October 31, 2024 to amend the APC Charter Section 1 on Membership to make three changes, as follows:

1. The first is to add a University Staff member to the APC to benefit from the participation of University Staff.
2. The second is to decrease the number of faculty serving by one, from eight to seven. It was suggested to the committee that as the size of the faculty has contracted, making it harder to fill all seats on University committees, the committees should consider their workload and duties, and whether they required the full number of faculty currently listed in their charters. As the APC would be gaining a member under the first provision above, the committee felt it would now be appropriate to reduce faculty serving on the APC by one.
3. The final change serves to lessen the restrictive qualifications for the students serving on the APC, as it has also become difficult to fill all of the three seats. We struck the description, "Student memberships include a student member on the Graduate Faculty Committee, an undergraduate student, and another student who is an officer of the Student Association. No more than two students . . . may be from the same college." This was replaced by the simpler qualifications, "Student membership shall consist of three students, including at least one graduate student and one undergraduate student."