

## Changes to the *Faculty Handbook* §2.7.7

### **REASONS FOR THE CHANGES**

The Provost asked the Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee to review Waple Professorship applications and make recommendations. In 2016-17, the UFC adopted a motion charging the committee to do this in the current academic year. The proposed change to §2.7.7 makes the task a standing duty of the committee.

Also, because of the variety of Jepson, sabbatical, and Waple proposals the Committee reviews, it is essential that the Committee have as diverse a set of academic disciplinary backgrounds as possible in order to review applications most effectively. Thus, the method for determining the membership of this committee is changed in order to better ensure the broadest disciplinary composition on the Committee. The proposed membership change puts three CAS members on the Committee and follows the “divisional groupings” set forth in §2.3.4. This approach mirrors the general UFC composition, which has a 3:1:1 composition of CAS, COB, and COE members.

Finally, adding the duty to select the winner of the Waple Faculty Professional Achievement Award corrects an oversight in the way the Committee duties are specified. This award was created after the Committee’s duties were originally spelled out and written in the *Faculty Handbook*. The Committee has been making recommendations about all faculty awards ever since the Waple Award was established. In fact, the motion creating the Waple Award (passed in 2013) stated that the Sabbatical, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee would review nominations and make recommendations about who should win this award.

### **CHANGES PROPOSED (changes in red)**

**2.6.7 University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee** The committee consists of five faculty members: **one from the College of Business, one from the College of Education, and three from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) as follows: one (1) from the health and STEM disciplines (biology, chemistry, computer science, Earth/environmental sciences, mathematics, physics, or health/physical education/recreation); one (1) from the social sciences (economics, geography, history/American studies, historic preservation, political science/international affairs, psychology, or sociology/anthropology); and one (1) from the arts and humanities (art/art history, classics/philosophy/religion, English/linguistics/communication, modern languages/literatures, music, or theater/dance) disciplines. CAS faculty will elect members of their own division.** The committee also includes the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs as a nonvoting *ex officio* member. The committee’s duties are to:

**.1** Recommend to the Provost which sabbatical applications (as sent forward to the Provost from the deans) and which Jepson Fellowship proposals should be presented to the Board of Visitors for their approval and subsequent funding;

**.2** Recommend to the Provost which Waple Professorship applications (as sent forward to the Provost from the deans) should be awarded funding;

**.3** Recommend to the Provost the faculty members who should receive the Grellet C. Simpson Award, the Graduate Faculty Award, the Outstanding Young Faculty Award, **the Waple Faculty Professional Achievement Award**, and the Topher Bill Service Award;

**.4** Recommend to the Provost which faculty members should be selected as UMW's nominees for the SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award;

**.5** Study and recommend to the University Faculty Council and the Provost, as appropriate, changes in policies, application procedures, and evaluation criteria to be applied concerning university-wide faculty development grants, sabbaticals, Jepson Fellowships, and UMW faculty awards; and

**.6** Perform other duties consistent with its charge as assigned by the University Faculty Council.