**Motion to hold UFC chair election In January for following year**

Brought by K Marsh, for consideration at 10.20.21 UFC meeting

**Rationale:**

* The UFC Chair earns a two-course teaching reduction during their year of service (one course per semester). This is to accommodate multiple responsibilities and time commitment expected of UFC chair;

However,

* Department teaching schedules are submitted early in the semester for the following term, so—for planning purposes—departments should be forewarned of their need to plan for adjuncts and/or schedule changes;

In addition,

* It would be helpful for the UFC chair-elect (if they so choose) to follow the current chair prior to their year of service. Although it has been expected that the Vice-Chair might opt to run for Chair, this hasn’t always transpired.

Motion:

#1:

The UFC hereby resolves to select its chair-elect for the coming academic year during the January meeting of the current term.

#2:

The UMW Faculty Handbook will reflect this change, with the following change to handbook language:

 **2.3.5.1 UFC Chair**The **~~Chair of the~~** UFC **Chair ~~should be~~** **is** a tenured member of the instructional faculty**~~. Responsible~~** **, responsible** for preparing the agenda for **and presiding over** UFC meetings **~~and presiding over the meetings~~**. The Chair **~~will also~~** represent**s** the faculty at meetings of the Board of Visitors**, the President’s Leadership Council, and—when invited—the University Staff Council.** The UFC Chair **~~shall receive~~** **receives a** workload reduction each semester during **~~his or her~~** **their** term, one (1) course release or the equivalent, **~~and~~** **as** appropriate to the discipline (typically three (3) credits).

Respectfully submitted, KM, 10.18.2021