**University Faculty Organization Committee**

**Action Item for April 2023**

April 3, 2023

**Motion:**

UFOC moves to request a temporary exception be made by UFC to the Section 2.6.3 of the Faculty Handbook, which states that college-level representatives of the University Faculty Affairs Committee (UFAC) must be tenured or tenure-track. This will allow UFOC to fulfill COB’s request for us to name a senior lecturer to serve as the College of Business representative to the University Faculty Affairs Committee (UFAC) for the Fall 2023-Spring 2026 term.

**Rationale:**

During UFOC’s meeting on March 29, 2023, the committee discussed a request from the COB to fill their COB position on the University Faculty Affairs Committee (UFAC) with a senior lecturer. Associate Dean John Marsh wrote a letter noting that Section 2.6.3 of the Faculty Handbook required that “members representing each college shall be tenured or tenure-track”; however, Associate Dean Marsh explained the smaller size of COB means that “there simply are not enough tenure-track faculty to fill all of the necessary faculty governance openings.” Their preferred candidate is a senior lecturer who has been a full-time faculty member at UMW since 2003.

UFOC does not feel it has the authority to approve COB’s request, as it does go against the requirement stated in Section 2.6.3. Provost O’Donnell recommended that UFOC bring this issue to UFC Executive Council. In the UFC Executive Council meeting on April 3, 2023, the committee recommended that UFOC bring forth an action item to address COB’s request.

**Voting unanimously via email, UFOC members approved the action item to be voted on at the April 12, 2023 UFC meeting.**