

### **Resolution Regarding UW-Extension Academic Staff Employees and Distinguished Prefix**

Whereas, the Distinguished prefix was created as a result of a circuit court case ruling following the implementation of Hays-Hill in 1986, which was the first UW-Madison titling study;

Whereas, academic staff in the University of Wisconsin System receive the Distinguished prefix for being recognized as experts in their fields with meritorious work above and beyond the duties of their positions;

Whereas, parts of UW-Extension including Auxiliary Services, Public Media, Department of Labor Education, and Cooperative Extension will transition to UW-Madison during the next couple of years as part of the reorganization of the University of Wisconsin System;

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin System has indicated campuses that are transitioning should continue to operate normally until transition occurs;

Whereas, there are 18 UW-Extension academic staff in Auxiliary Services, Public Media, Department of Labor Education, and Cooperative Extension who hold the Distinguished Prefix out of approximately 590 academic staff;

Whereas, the next round of Distinguished Prefix applications for UW-Extension are due on December 1, 2018; and

Whereas, similar to the UW-Madison Distinguished Prefix Review Committee Policies and Procedures, UW-Extension's Criteria for Achieving the Distinguished Prefix require those being recognized "have consistently performed at an exceptional level" and that "the person's extraordinary achievements are recognized by peers";

Therefore be it resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly supports UW-Extension in conducting another round of reviews for Distinguished Prefix during 2018 using UW-Extension guidelines; and

Therefore be it further resolved, the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly expects that all UW-Extension academic staff who have received or will receive the Distinguished Prefix will retain the prefix upon their transition to UW-Madison.