UNIVERSITY Ombudsman

Upon the recommendation of the University President, the Senate established the office of Ombudsman on February 17, 1988.

The Ombudsman, a member of either the AAUP bargaining unit OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE FACULTY, is elected to office by both the AAUP membership and the Administrative Faculty of the University, and shall:

a. ADDRESS CONCERNS RAISED by AAUP members, Administrative Faculty, and students ABOUT on appropriate issues that cannot be settled through normal channels in order to work with the office of the President to resolve such concerns. The Ombudsman shall have direct access to the University President.

b. Work with the office of the President to resolve complaints which THAT cannot be settled through normal channels and, in addition, will have direct access to the President.

B. PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORTS, WITH CONSTRAINTS ON CONFIDENTIALITY, TO THE SENATE AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE SPRING SEMESTER. ADDITIONAL REPORTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND/OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OMBUDSMAN.

b. Report to the Senate (with constraints of confidentiality). (The Senate clarified this to mean to make appropriate and adequate reports, one at the last meeting of each semester, and to accept appropriate Senate recommendations).

C. ACCEPT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SENATE.

c. Participate in the President's Cabinet in matters of strategic planning, budget and general policy, but not in management confidential and personnel discussions.

D. HAVE ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND/OR INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

d. Receive agendas and follow-up documentation of the Academic and Administrative Councils (OR THE EQUIVALENT), and meet with the Provost/Academic Vice President and Finance and Administrative Vice President OTHER SENIOR MANAGEMENT as often as he/she THE OMBUDSMAN deems necessary to discuss items considered or to be considered at either council.

E. Receive UP TO three (3) load credits of reassigned time per semester. THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE REASSIGNED TIME MUST BE AGREED TO BY AT LEAST THREE (3) OF THE FOLLOWING: SENATE PRESIDENT, AAUP CHAPTER PRESIDENT, SUOAF CHAPTER PRESIDENT, PROVOST/VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. for a period of two years. (This reassigned time may be renewed for a period beyond the two years if the WCSU President and the WCSU-AAUP President both agree to the continuation.)
G.f. Have a two-year term of office, but shall not be eligible for a THIRD consecutive second term.

g. Represent both AAUP members, Administrative Faculty, and students on appropriate issues.

H.G. RESPECT THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OMBUDSMAN ASSOCIATION.