**The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater**

**Academic Staff Assembly**

**RECOGNIZES THE RETIREMENT OF**

**Robin E. Pettersen**

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *has faithfully served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 26 and a half years; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *has served as a leader in the Theatre/Dance Department, where her expertise as a teacher, performer and choreographer have brought a breadth of experience and perspective to the program; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen and her teaching have made countless contributions which have positively impacted students and the quality of our educational programs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen has been a multi-faceted teacher, as demonstrated by her classes in the dance program (all three levels of Contemporary Dance Techniques, all three levels of Ballet, both levels of Composition; and Improvisation/Sound), as well as in the theatre program (Movement for the Actor); and

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *created and taught two new Dance Program courses (Dance Appreciation and Performance Art), as well as being a member of the original team which created World of the Arts; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *was the 2005 recipient of the University Academic Staff Excellence Award for Instructional Staff; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *was the Artistic Director for the Theatre/Dance Department’s annual Dance Concert nine times since 1995, providing original choreography for countless pieces for this concert since starting with UW-Whitewater; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *had her original choreography presented on the Gala Concert for the Regional American College Dance Festival Association Festivals, four times since 2000; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen served as advisor to the UWW Dance Company, the UWW University Players, and countless Dance Minors, as well as with participants for the American College Dance Festival; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen served as the Theatre/Dance Department Library Liaison, the College of Arts & Communication Undergraduate Research Representative, and as the Past Chair of the Academic Staff Awards Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen sponsored numerous national and international guest artists, who brought their expertise to our students and to our campus; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *served on numerous arts panels and boards in the region, including serving as a member of the Arts Access Fund Grants Panel for the Overture Center and as the Vice President of the Madison Civic Center Foundation; and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *was awarded the 2003 Wisconsin Dance Council Distinction Award for her “significant contributions to the advancement of dance;” and*

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen served as the Dance Program Director for the Bay View Music Festival Summer Conservatory in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Robin E. Pettersen *served as an Artist in Residence for numerous universities, including Kent State, James Madison, and the University of Chicago; and*

**WHEREAS,**Robin E. Pettersen *demonstrated professional commitment, dedication and loyalty to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** *that the Academic Staff Assembly acknowledges*

Robin E. Pettersen*’s years of distinguished service with appreciation and gratitude; and*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the Academic Staff Assembly recommends emeritus status for our honored colleague and extends to* Robin E. Pettersen *our best wishes for a long, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.*