



## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF KIM ADAMS**

WHEREAS, Kim Adams faithfully served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams served as Assistant Director in the James R. Connor University Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career at the University of Wisconsin -Whitewater, Kim Adams demonstrated her commitment to fulfilling the mission of the institution and creating a culture of student success, including serving as lead delegate for many conferences, while also mentoring students through the conference experience; teaching a section of New Student Seminar for 20 years; being selected as one of 13 Community Based Learning Fellows for two years—during the program’s debut; teaching a section of service-learning and leadership class for 7 years; and assisting with planning and implementing nine service-learning trips for students, staff and community members—regionally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams initiated and oversaw the UC Student Success Fundraising Campaign, raising \$4400 during the pandemic, chaired the Summers Auditorium Chair Campaign, raising \$231,000; Chaired the Optimist Trivia Night for seven consecutive years—helping to raise nearly \$90,000 for local, regional and international causes; helped to raise financial support for the Campus Memory Garden and contributed over 100 plants to the newly landscaped area; and chaired the process for shipping an ambulance to Burkina Faso, Africa; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams coordinated University content for Chapter 2 of the second edition book, “Becoming a Student-Ready College”, released in August 2022; co-developed the UC Student Employee Program—including several internships, and the UC Leadership Certificate Program; co-developed the University Center “6 Keys of Customer Service” program; helped to coordinate and edit the “UC Connection” newsletter and other departmental newsletters—including the “UC Weekly”; authored or co-authored eight professional journal articles; presented at numerous local, regional, and international conferences; and served as a reader/contributor for the “Inspire.Engage.Transform.” photographic book for UW-Whitewater Sesquicentennial; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams co-developed and supervised the University Center Human Resources office; co-developed strategies to engage University Center student employees and student customers during the pandemic; served as the marketing liaison for the 2009 building renovation of the University Center; assisted with marketing the new name of the University Center —James R. Connor University Center; and initiated and chaired the “Summer on the Mall” outdoor program for 27 years; and



WHEREAS, Kim Adams served on the UC Core Branding Team and assisted with implementing new University Center brand; initiated a hands-on gallery and permanent artwork program for the UC—including the development of The Center Gallery and Roberta’s Art Gallery; oversaw the development and installation of numerous permanent art pieces in the UC (the final piece “Leafing Our Mark On Campus” was installed in August 2019); chaired and oversaw the development of Old Main Lane hallway display over a three-year period; served as the historian for the 60th Anniversary Celebration for the University Center; chaired the 50th Anniversary Celebration for the University Center; co-chaired the marketing process to establish Purple Points for campus dining customers; developed the initial University Center graphics and marketing function for the University Center; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams co-advised the UW-Whitewater Homecoming Steering Committee; served as the UW-Whitewater Greek advisor; served as a charter member, president, and in other leadership positions for the UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club for 30 years; served on the Sexual Assault and Awareness Committee and the Alcohol Awareness Poster Competition Committee, the Working for Whitewater Wellness (W-3) Committee, as chair of three UW-Whitewater LEAP Teams, two planning committees for Chancellor Inaugurations, the UW-Whitewater logo and branding committee in late 1990’s, and numerous other departmental and University-wide committees for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Kim Adams has been acknowledged for her commitment to service within the campus and Whitewater community, through her association work, both regionally and nationally, and numerous publications, including serving as Assistant Regional Representative for the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region for two years, co-chairing two Association of College Unions regional conferences held at UW-Whitewater and serving on the regional leadership team for several terms;

WHEREAS, Kim Adams has been recognized for her distinguished professional contributions through awards including Co-Recipient of UW System Award for Advancing Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP) at UW-Whitewater, Feb. 2020; UW-Whitewater Advisor of the Year Award, May 2019; James R. Connor University Center Pride Award, Dec. 2008; James R. Connor University Center Director’s Award, 2007; Richard L. Christie Outstanding Staff Leadership Award—Association of College Unions (ACUI) Region 8, Nov. 2002; Distinguished Lt. Governor Awards—Southern Wisconsin Optimist District, 2000 and 1999; National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Regional Diversity Award for UW-Whitewater/Co-Applicant, Feb. 1996; Henry Steiner Distinguished Service Award (first recipient)—Southern Wisconsin District of Optimist International, Nov. 1995; Lifetime Member Award, UW-Whitewater/Community Optimist Club, Oct. 1995; and

WHEREAS, Kim demonstrated professional commitment, dedication and loyalty to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly acknowledges Kim Adams’s 32 years of 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 Kim our best wishes for a long, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.

**Resolution Tracking:**

Resolution submitted by Angela Meldonian on 4/6/2023 for Dean/Director level approval.

Resolution submitted by Artanya Wesley on 4/7/2023 to [Academic Staff Assembly](#) for consideration.

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| <b>Action Date</b> | 4/12/2023 |          |             |       |
| <b>Action</b>      | Approved  | Rejected | Tabled      | Other |
| <b>Vote Detail</b> | Ayes      | Nays     | Abstentions | Other |

See Section 19 of Academic Staff Personnel Rules for eligibility: <https://www.uww.edu/asa/get-acquainted/as-personnel-rules#section-19-retirement>

**Academic Staff Process for Emeriti Status Nomination and Conferral**

1. Resolution drafted and approved by the home department:
  - Retiree's name
  - Retiree's years of service to UWW
  - Retiree's retirement year
  - Retiree's home department (author of the recommendation/resolution)
  - Recommendation that the title of Emeritus/a be conferred on the retiree including one or more of the following:
    - Distinguished service to the department/unit and/or UWW
    - Distinguished service to the profession, field, and/or community
    - Awards and recognitions received by the retiree
2. Department Resolution or Letter of Recommendation submitted to the Dean/Director for approval
3. Department Resolution or Letter of Recommendation submitted by the Dean/Director to Academic Staff Assembly ([acadstaff@uww.edu](mailto:acadstaff@uww.edu))
4. Vote by Academic Staff Assembly (date of conferral)
5. Resolution and Decision submitted by ASA Chair to the Office of the Chancellor
6. Letter of Conferral sent from Chancellor to new Emeritus/a person, Alumni Office, and Academic Staff Assembly.
7. Emeritus/a's information (with conferral date, resolution, and conferral letter) added to official database kept by the Alumni Office
8. Emeritus/a's information sent by Alumni Office to all relevant privilege granting offices/units
9. Future Information Requests would go to Alumni Office (event invitation lists, etc.)