FACULTY DATA DEFINITIONS

FACULTY DATA: The tables and graphs in this section of the Fact Book contain data about WMU faculty. Several of the tables use different groupings of faculty to constitute their counts. For general purposes the University describes its faculty number as 924 regular and 488 part time. Other groupings of faculty represented in the following tables are described below:

American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Reports: Each year the University participates in the national study of the salaries of full-time instructional faculty that is prepared by the American Association of University Professors. The data are prepared in compliance with the definitions supplied by the National AAUP. Data from this study is compiled in Table 36.

Bargaining Unit Faculty: The AAUP represents 875 faculty (Fall 2006), including Board-appointed ranked faculty and post-doctoral fellows. “ Ranked faculty” includes ranked faculty in the Library, Academic Affairs, the Career English Language Center for International Students, and the Counseling Center. Excluded from the Bargaining Unit are administrative positions, including department chairs and directors. A specific listing of those included and excluded in the Bargaining Unit is provided in Article I of the contract between the AAUP and the University.

Term Appointment: A Board-appointed faculty position represented by the AAUP that has a specific duration, usually for one year. A person in such a position is not eligible for tenure.