FACULTY DATA DEFINITIONS

Faculty Data: The tables and graphs in this section of the fact book contain information about WMU faculty. Several of the tables provide faculty headcounts based on different categorizations.

For general purposes, the University describes its faculty number as 926 regular and 525 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 a national study of the salaries of full-time instructional faculty 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 are compiled in Table 35.

Bargaining Unit Faculty: The AAUP represents 874 board-appointed ranked faculty as of Fall 2017. This number includes ranked faculty in the library, academic affairs, the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students, and Sindecuse Health Center. Administrative positions, including department chairs and directors, are excluded from the bargaining unit. 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: Term appointment refers to a board-appointed faculty position represented by the AAUP that has a specific duration, usually one year. A person in such a position is not eligible for tenure.