School: An entity which meets all the following criteria:

a. An institution or academic unit that is centered on professional instruction in a broad field of study (Education, Agriculture, Business). The unit is comprised of related disciplines that are commonly recognized as a grouping in academia.

b. The academic unit has a demonstrated record of student demand and sustainable enrollment, and is recognized as a high priority program by faculty governance, resident college dean, Provost/Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor.

c. The director of a school must be a tenure-track faculty member in the unit. The director may be elected by the faculty of the school or selected from a national search. It is required that units selecting a director from an internal search or election be allocated adequate backfill to support teaching responsibilities. An external search may be conducted only if there is sufficient funding and FTE are approved by the College Dean and Provost/Vice Chancellor. School directors receive a limited term appointment with 100% release from teaching. Compensation can vary as UW System categorizes directors as Category C which has no minimum or maximum pay scale. Directors do serve on the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

d. The unit has program coordinators or head faculty designated to provide leadership for each academic program or discipline. Release time is suggested but not required. Distinct majors may have paid coordinator/lead faculty positions if funding and FTE are available. The unit may have an assistant director provided need is demonstrated and FTE and funding are available.

e. The School’s performance review process for faculty will adhere to the guidelines prescribed by the URSTPC (University Rank, Salary, Tenure Policy Commission). The school director and college dean will provide input to the faculty review committees. Performance review of academic staff will follow the guidelines prescribed by Academic Staff Personnel Review procedures. The school director will provide input to the review process for academic staff.

f. The unit is recognized for providing at least one significant educational, research, or outreach component at the state, regional, national, or global level. Qualifying components may include graduate and distance education programs, centers or farms, university and state extension programs.

g. The School has a constitution consisting of the following parts (current UW-Platteville schools have these sections)

   i. School Name
   ii. Mission
   iii. Membership
   iv. Meetings & voting rights
   v. Powers
   vi. Amendments
   vii. Ratification

h. Designation is subject to the recommendation of APC and Faculty Senate and the approval of Academic Affairs.