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Senators: Chair – David Rainville , Vice Chair – Dennis Cooper, Secretary – Kris Hiney, Executive Committee – John Heppen, Todd Savage

Date: November 1, 2009
To: Faculty Senate and University Community
From: David P. Rainville, Faculty Senate Chair
Subject: Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting November 4, 2009

The 2009-2010 Faculty Senate will meet on November 4, 2009 at 3:30 P.M. in Room 334 (Willow River Room) of the University Center. Faculty Senators who cannot attend should arrange for a substitute and notify Kristina Hiney at Kristina.hiney@uwrf.edu.

Agenda: November 4, 2009

Call to Order:

Seating of Substitutes
Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2009

Reports:

Chairs Report
Vice Chairs Report
Other Reports:
Advising Committee - Hilary Pollack, Chair

Unfinished Business:

New Business Consent Agenda:

1. Program Change from AP&P (James Zimmerman, Chair) - Masters of Arts in TESOL (TESL 793 for Plan B papers to replace ENGL 798 - Independent Study).

New Business:

1. A proposal from the Executive Committee to approve a **resolution** in response to recent incident on the UWRF campus. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (UWRF) is dedicated to creating and maintaining a culture of learning and to fostering a culture of inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, UWRF core values include Integrity, Inclusion, and Community; and

WHEREAS, recent racist and threatening vandalism in the Chalmer Davee Library has inflicted harm upon the African-American, Black, Asian-American, and Asian members of the UWRP campus community, as well as the River Falls community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, when even one individual or group of people is vulnerable to harm and injustice, every individual or group of people is rendered vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, this horrific act and the ensuing vulnerability has affected the members of the UWRP campus community in carrying out duties that contribute to the fulfillment of the institutional mission of creating a culture of learning, of fostering a culture of inclusiveness, and thus, of the welfare of its students, administration, faculty, instructional academic staff, academic staff, and classified staff;

BE IT RESOLVED that the UWRP Faculty Senate condemns all forms of hatred, including this cowardly attack on our African Americans, Blacks, Asian Americans, and Asians, as well as our campus community, and it vows its support in contributing to a campus climate that is inclusive, valuing, and supportive of all members of the campus.

Dated this 4th day of November in the year 2009.

Miscellaneous New Business:

1. Proposed Regent Policy on Making Textbooks More Affordable. (see attached). This policy has been forwarded by UWS Administration for review by governance groups. It does not depart significantly from the "Guidelines For making Textbook More Affordable" approved by the Board of Regents on May 8, 2009.
2. Status of the Constitutional Referendum
3. Update on Salary Letters
4. Statement developed by the Executive Committee and Chancellor Dean Van Galen with respect to campus operations on November 2, 2009. The statement is as follows:

The Chancellor, in consultation with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, has jointly established a policy regarding campus operations for Monday November 2, 2009. The campus will conduct normal business and all scheduled classes & events will be held. However, we recognize that some students may be uncomfortable coming to campus on Monday, given the recent threat made against members of the campus community. This threat affects our entire campus. For those students who do not wish to attend class on Monday November 2, they may be excused from class, but must notify their instructors in advance of Monday. For those choosing not to attend classes on Monday, arrangements for all missed work must be made with each instructor, in order to satisfy course requirements.

4. Other

Adjournment