Chancellor's Direct Reports and Staff

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN RIVER FALLS

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- **Marlene Foster** — Financial Specialist II
- **Kendra Shaw** — Director of Information Security
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- **Peter Reese** — EAS Director

David Ruhland
Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration

- **Tracy Biederman** — Controller
- **Michelle Benedict** — Chief Human Resources Officer
- **Michelle Sponholz** — Budget Director
- **Karl Fleury** — Police Chief
- **Matt Peterson** — Environmental Health & Safety Manager

Michael Gilmer
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- **Cindy Holbrook** — Interim Executive Director of Admissions and Retention / SSEO
- **April Chaney** — Title IX Coordinator
- **Alicia Reinke-Tuthill** — Disability Services Director
- **Kelly Browning** — Registrar
- **Kayla Ross** — Student Care Manager
- **Cara Rubis** — Executive Director of Campus Life
- **Vacant** — Counseling Services Director
- **Jordan Cantele** — Student Conduct Manager
- **Jody Sather** — Executive Assistant II

Alan Symicek
Chief Facilities Officer

- **Mike Mueller** — Facilities Management Associate Director
- **Jessica Riles** — Facilities Planning Assistant Director
- **Matt Quade** — Administrative Manager
- **Missy Davis** — Custodial Services Supervisor
- **Brent Weigelt** — Heating Plant Superintendent

Richard Foy
Assistant Chancellor of University Advancement

- **Kellie Burrows** — Gifts Officer
- **Rob Jaynes** — Gifts Officer
- **Scott Sekelsky** — Gifts Officer - Athletics
- **Kimberly Gould Speckman** — Administrative Manager
- **Pedro Renta** — Alumni Relations Officer
- **Amanda Jeppesen** — Annual Giving Manager

Crystal Lanning
Athletics Director

- **Charlie Sowa** — Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Events
- **Steve Stocker** — Associate Athletic Director for Business Affairs
- **Trent Jackson** — Athletics Strategic Communications Assistant Direcotor
- **Kristina Mitchell** — Senior Woman Administrator
- **Vacant** — Associate Director of Campus Recreation
- Coaches and Trainers