February 27, 2004

To: Ann Lydecker, Chancellor
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From: David Trechter, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re: UW-River Falls Motion 2003-2004/18

At the February 26, 2004 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2003-2004/18 was made, seconded, and passed. This motion is forwarded for your action:

Proposal from the Academic Policies and Programs Committee for policy guidelines for the General Education Committee

Guidelines for General Education Courses

1. General Education courses will be approved for a period of 5 years.
2. General Education classes will be available to the entire student body.
3. General Education courses may be offered at any course level (100 – 400). General Education classes may require class standing but should not require prerequisite courses.
4. General Education classes will include, to the extent possible, critical thinking, written composition, oral discussion, and graphic components.
5. All courses applying for inclusion in General Education will meet all criteria designations—except courses designated SBS (Social and Behavioral Sciences), which must meet two of the five criteria.
6. General Education courses may count toward required supporting courses but will not be counted in a student’s major or minor programs.

Students must demonstrate that they have fulfilled the 38-credit General Education requirement. Fulfillment can be demonstrated by taking general education courses, approved transfer credits, testing out, or other appropriate means as approved by the appropriate academic dean.

Courses may be approved for more than one General Education designator. For such courses, students must select the designator under which it will be counted. One course cannot satisfy more than one General Education designator requirement.
Motion 2003-2004/18 passed on February 26, 2004. This motion will take effect immediately.

☑ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Ann Lydecker, Chancellor

3/02/04

Date