March 26, 2015

To:    Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
       116 North Hall
       University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From:  David P. Rainville, Chair
       Faculty Senate
       University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re:    UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2014-15/72

At the March 25 2015 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2014-15/72 was passed and is effective immediately. The motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Every department should consider potential curricular revisions that involve:

- removing required supporting courses and pre-requisites wherever possible.
- evaluating their required and elective courses within their majors and minors to identify potential areas that can be reduced. If requirements or other offerings are not critical to the mission of the university, college, or program, they should be considered seriously for revision or elimination. Either a curriculum revision needs to be submitted to the appropriate college curriculum committee no later than October 1, or a notice to the relevant dean(s) and Provost explaining why no changes are occurring needs to be delivered by October 1.
- examining AP credit policies and considering an expansion of the number of AP courses for which credit is provided. If a department believes credit within its program is not warranted but university-level credit is appropriate in a general elective format, that option should be pursued.
- assessing whether they have classes where test-out options are appropriate and devising ways to implement these options by May 1, 2016.
- assessing enrollment patterns to identify courses with low enrollments, and modifying the frequency of offerings as appropriate (e.g. offering a course once per year instead of each semester, or offering it on a three- or four-semester cycle instead of annually).
• communicating to the Provost by April 15, 2015 if they must retain the requirement for a minor (e.g. for DPI or accreditation purposes).

Approved  ✓  

Disapproved  

[Signature]  

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  

Date  2/17/15