October 22, 2015

To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
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From: James Graham, Chair
    Faculty Senate
    University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2015-16/34

The following motion was approved by the Faculty Senate on October 21, 2015:

  A motion to Faculty Senate from the Calendar Committee (Karl Peterson, Chair) to amend language in Chapter IX - Academic Standards, Procedures and Policies:

  Chapter IX - Academic Standards, Procedures and Policies

  9.2 Academic Standards

  9.2.2 Scheduling of Classes

  Current language:

  One semester credit consists of approximately 750 minutes of class time plus appropriate work outside of class, not including final exams.

  Proposed language:

  One semester credit consists of approximately 740 minutes of class time plus appropriate work outside of class.

  Rationale: The proposed language makes our Handbook language consistent with our current practice. This will not change the current standard schedule of classes or the current academic calendar policy.

  Federal Credit Hour Definition: A credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally-established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:
(1) one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other activities as established by an institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading toward to the award of credit hours. 34CFR 600.2 (11/1/2010)

√ Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

Date 10/27/11