December 8, 2016

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

From:    Mialisa Moline, Chair
           Faculty Senate
           University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re:      UWRF Faculty Senate Resolution 2016-17/4

The following resolution was approved unanimously with 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, by the Faculty Senate on December 7, 2016:

 Resolution in Support of the Registrar’s Office of UWRF

     Whereas all departments and programs, academic and non-academic, have been adversely affected by dramatic budget cuts,

     Whereas it is always difficult to distribute inadequate resources in a reasonable manner,

     Whereas we do not want to imply that other departments and programs do not also deserve fiscal and staffing support,

     Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office provides critical strategic planning, if staffed to do so,

     Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office has already worked cooperatively and successfully with department chairs and Deans’ Offices to permit more work and tasks to be accomplished by staff outside the Registrar’s Office,

     Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office is key to creating a positive experience for transfer students and first-year students who have already earned college credits, and this is critical to our enrollment and retention rates,
Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office plays a key role in providing a positive initial enrollment experience for incoming students,

Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office has played and, hopefully, will continue to play a key role in studies of our course needs and student performance,

Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office has implemented modernized software for advisors and students,

Whereas there are still more best practices that could be adopted by the UWRF Registrar’s Office, if they had the strategic staffing necessary for such analysis and implementation,

Whereas other components of the academic process at UWRF, such as the General Education and University Requirements Committee, have delayed some requests out of respect for the heavy workload in the UWRF Registrar’s Office,

Whereas the UWRF Registrar’s Office has continued to fulfill its mission admirably and has always risen to meet the requests made of it, even those made without its counsel,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Faculty Senate of UWRF, ask that the UWRF Registrar’s Office not be subjected to additional staff cuts. The departure of the current Registrar is an unfortunate loss of institutional knowledge; however, we have the utmost confidence in the remaining Registrar’s Office staff. We ask that they be adequately supported by the hiring of replacement personnel in areas and with strengths that align with their strategic goals.