September 12, 2017

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 Motion 2017-18/20

The following motion was approved, with 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions, by the Faculty Senate on September 6:

Motion from the Executive Committee (Mialisa Moline, Chair), on behalf of the ad hoc Distance Education committee, to add a fourth bullet point to the focused mission, vision, values, under “values,” that reads:

“Ensures academic excellence in all modes and methods of instruction.”

and amend this core value “ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. We help students attain their full potential as critical thinkers, effective communicators, leaders, and committed life-long learners by providing engaged and integrated learning educational experiences.” So it reads:

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The ad hoc Distance Education Committee approved this language on June 8, without objection, and confirmed this language in approval of the minutes on June 22.

Current Language
Mission/Vision/Values from: https://www.uwrf.edu/AboutUs/vision.cfm

FOCUSED MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to help prepare students to be productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders with an informed global perspective.

VISION

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls will distinguish itself as the St. Croix Valley’s public, comprehensive university that:

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- Develops distinctive, innovative, educational opportunities including regional and global partnerships that lead to student success, sustainable communities, and differentiation of the university within the state and nation.

- Fosters a challenging, supportive, student-centered environment that is characterized by academic excellence, inspiring and preparing students to serve as ethical, informed citizens and leaders in an increasingly complex, diverse, and global environment.

CORE VALUES

STUDENT CENTERED. We commit ourselves to an unwavering focus on learning, holistic development, and success.

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INCLUSIVENESS. We commit to a community of mutual respect, professional behavior, academic freedom and appreciation of individual differences and rich cultural diversity.

INNOVATION. We encourage innovation, sustainability, and creativity, often in partnership with others, to inspire people, catalyze new ideas, and support economic and community development.
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(Single reading)

✓ Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

Date 9/14/17