March 15, 2018

To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
   116 North Hall
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From: Mialisa Moline, Chair
       Faculty Senate
       University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Re: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2017-18/87

The following motion was approved, with 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, by the Faculty Senate on February 21, 2018:

Motion from Academic Standards Committee (Imtiaz Moosa, Chair) to create a new section of the Faculty and Staff Handbook, 9.2.42., and to delete the second bullet point of 9.2.21.2.2:

9.2.42 Graduate Admissions Criteria

An application to graduate school starts by selecting a program of study. While the information below pertains to most graduate programs, there may be additional admission requirements and application instructions for a selected program of study.

9.2.42.1 General Admission Requirements

In general, the requirements to be admitted include:

1. An earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution (degrees issued outside the United States must be evaluated by an external certifying agency – unless excepted by approved Faculty Senate policy regarding partner institutions – and the subsequent recommendation must be reviewed and approved by the academic program director);
2. An overall undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (on a four-point scale) or an average of at least 2.90 based on the last 64 semester credits (90 quarter credits) of the undergraduate program;
3. Completed application received with the processing fee; and
4. Any additional admissions requirements specific to the graduate program.
5. Exceptions to the above will be determined by the academic program director.
9.2.42.2 Non-degree Seeking or Temporary Graduate Students

A non-degree seeking or temporary graduate student may enroll in courses without being admitted into a degree or certificate program at UW-River Falls, subject to the approval of the program director. Applicants need a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution to take graduate-level courses. The application fee is waived. Temporary graduate students may take courses for personal or professional enrichment. A temporary graduate student who decides to pursue a degree or certificate in the future, must notify the university in writing and meet any additional admission requirements, including payment of the application fee.

9.2.42.3 Second Graduate Programs

Students wishing to add a second graduate degree must submit a new application, application fee and all required application materials for the program.

[AND...] Delete the second bullet point of 9.2.21.2.2 (refers to conditions under which graduate students are placed onto probation)

9.2.21.2.2 Graduate Students and Academic Probation

Graduate students will be placed on probation:

- If they earned a cumulative grade point average less than 3.000 at UWRF

- Upon admission to a graduate program if they have been admitted with a cumulative undergraduate grade point average that was lower than 2.750. Individual programs may set a higher threshold. If a student has completed more than 12 credits of graduate work, the undergraduate degree grade point average can be disregarded.

Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

Date 3/20/18