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From: Wes Chapin, Chair  
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University of Wisconsin-River Falls

October 20, 2011

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Resolution 2011-2012/05

At the October 19, 2011 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, resolution 2011-2012/05 was passed. This resolution is forwarded to you for your information.

Resolution from the UWRF Faculty Senate in response to the recent announcement of additional budget cuts from the State to the UW System

Stressing that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is committed to helping students learn; and

Stressing further that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is dedicated to playing key roles in the social and economic development of the State;

Aware that quality education is dependent on appropriate levels of funding;

Mindful that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is committed to supporting the Growth Agenda in Senate resolution 5/2006-2007;

Deeply disturbed that the State of Wisconsin has enacted budget cuts of various levels in GPR support for the UW System for multiple consecutive years;

Bearing in mind that continued and repeated cuts have led to the inevitable and alarming erosion of quality undermining the System’s ability to serve the State of Wisconsin;

Regretting that the 2011-2013 Wisconsin biennial budget bill cut in funding for UW System institutions by $250 million over and above the $90 million in cuts in compensation that resulted from Wisconsin Act 10;

Concerned that additional cuts are already planned for 2012-2013;

The Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls hereby…
1. Stresses the critically-important role the UW System plays as an engine of growth for the State of Wisconsin;

2. Expresses its alarm that the State has asked for the UW System to absorb additional cuts of nearly $66 million in the 2011-2013 budget cycle, and it notes that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls’ share of the cuts is estimated to be $1,306,120 in 2011-2012 and $556,132 in 2012-2013;

3. Objects most strenuously to the newly-proposed budget cuts;

4. Calls upon the political leadership of the State to desist from further disinvestments in higher education;

5. Requests that the UW System’s vital role by recognized by providing substantial and long-term investment in higher education.