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

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

June 15, 2011

RE: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2011-2012/05

At the June 14, 2011 meeting of University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2011-2012/05 was passed and it is effective immediately. This motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Motion from the Academic Program and Policies Committee (Jim Zimmerman, Chair) to accept the proposed changes in the Women’s and Gender Studies minor

Approved  

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  
4/21/11  
Date
TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

INFORMATION

1. Program title: Women's And Gender Studies Minor
2. Department(s): Women's And Gender Studies
3. College(s): College Of Arts And Sciences

5. Check all that apply:
   □ New program
   □ Change in course name
   □ Change in Minor
   □ Change in course content
   □ Existing program
   □ Change in number of credits
   □ Change in Emphasis/Option

6. Other Programs/Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):
   1.
   2.
   3.
   4.

7. Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 2011 Year

8. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes ☑ No □
   If “No,” which ones?

9. Attach Request Narrative. (Include description of program before and after proposed changes).

UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Departments Chairs and Deans whose programs will be affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (Noted in 6 above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

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| Department Chair                     April 4, 2011
| College Curriculum Cmmtt. Chair 4/18/11 |
| Dean of College                       4/18/11 |
| University Curriculum Cmmt. Chair 4/22/11 |
| Academic Policy & Programs Cmmt. Chair 5/12/11 |
| Faculty Senate Chair                  |
| Provost / Vice Chancellor              6/20/11 |
| Chancellor                             6/21/11 |

NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal and accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost’s office upon final approval. The Provost’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), and Department Chair(s)] of approvals and necessary actions to implement changes.

Rev. 11/08
TO: All concerned Curriculum Committees

FROM: Michelle Parkinson, Director, Women’s and Gender Studies

DATE: April 4, 2011

RE: Women’s and Gender Studies Minor Change

In order to respond to recent concerns regarding the complexity and difficulty with which students can meet university requirements for graduation, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program is proposing a change to our minor requirements. Formerly, we required three core courses: WGST 200: Introduction to Women’s Studies; WGST 320: Women in Science; and three internship credits.

While we would continue to encourage students to engage in as wide a variety of courses as possible in the minor, limited offerings due to budgetary changes will make requiring these courses untenable.

These changes were approved by the Steering Committee.

Please accept the following changes:

(New Requirements) The Women’s and Gender Studies Minor

A minor in Women’s and Gender Studies provides students with the following: a broad historical representation of scholarship on women; a set of methodologies that acknowledge the intrinsic value of the experiences, contributions, and perspectives of both women and men. The minor consists of a core unit and elective courses in many disciplines for a total of 22 minimum credit hours.

**CORE CLASS**—required for all minors (3 credits)

- WGST 200: Introduction to Women’s Studies (3)

**DIRECTED ELECTIVES**—(19-20 credits)

- Please choose from any WGST course (co-listed or stand alone)
(Old Requirements) The Women’s and Gender Studies Minor

A minor in Women’s and Gender Studies provides students with the following: a broad historical representation of scholarship on women; a set of methodologies which acknowledge the intrinsic value of the experiences, contributions, and perspectives of both women and men; a working understanding of the influence of gender in many contexts.

The minor consists of a core unit and elective courses in many disciplines for a total of 23 minimum credit hours.

CORE CLASSES—required for all minors (9-12 credits)

WGST 200: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (d) (3)
WGST 320: Gender Issues in Science (md) (3)
WGST 379: Internship/Service Learning (3-6)

DIRECTED ELECTIVES—(6 credits) Choose one(1) course from each set:

SOCIAL SCIENCES (3)
WGST/HIST 205: Women’s History: US
WGST/HIST 305: Women’s History: Global
WGST/POLS 314: Women and Politics
WGST/PSYC 225: Sex Differences, Gender Roles, and Sexual Orientation
WGST/SOCI/ANTH 331: Global Perspectives on Women
WGST/SOCI 342: Sociology of Family
WGST/SOCI 326: Sociology of Gender Roles

HUMANITIES (3)
WGST/CSTA 206: Family Communication
WGST/CSTA 440: Gender Communication
WGST/ENGL 214: Women’s Literature (g)
WGST/ENGL 235: American Autobiography
WGST/ENGL 300: Women, Film, & Society (md)
WGST/ENGL 443: Am. Ethnic Women Authors

SUPPORT COURSES—(6-9 credits)

Choose from any of the courses listed above and/or:

WGST 389: Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 499: Directed Study
Courses approved by the Women’s and Gender Studies Coordinator
AP&P from the Executive Council of Faculty Senate (Feb 2011):

- Review, in consultation with the Assessment Committee, the program prioritization evaluation instrument, as used in 2008-2009, and provide recommendations on how it might be revised to serve as an ongoing tool to assist in future budgetary decisions, and program comparisons across campus.

- Review the data-collection processes already available and/or currently utilized on campus (for other purposes) and make recommendations on how they may be used as part of an ongoing program-prioritization process. Also, provide recommendations of any areas where additional data will need to be collected or reconfigured to facilitate the proposed program prioritization instrument (see the above charge).

- Investigate how the previous program-prioritization process was/was not useful in making budgeting decisions, as well as what revisions to the completed program-prioritization process would be appropriate to make an ongoing program-prioritization instrument a more useful tool for future budgetary decisions.

- Develop a mechanism for communicating program-prioritization implementation in the decision-making process.
Academic Programs and Policies

DATE: April 25, 2011                TIME: 8:00 – 9:00 am                PLACE: KFA 140

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Seating substitutes
2. Review of minutes from 4/18/11

New Business

1. Proposed changes to the Graduate program: Counseling
2. Proposed suspension toward termination of Ethnic Studies minor
3. Update/approval of a proposed plan for the new program prioritization process.

Other Business

Adjourn