To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  
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From: Wes Chapin, Chair  
Faculty Senate  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls  

May 9, 2013  

RE: UWRNF Faculty Senate Motion 2012-13/152  

At the May 8, 2013 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, this motion was passed. The motion is forwarded to you for your action.  

Motion from the United Falcons (AFT Local 6504) regarding Reduced Event Pricing (placed onto the agenda as per the Constitution, Article VI, Section D, sub-section 12e: “A petition signed by no fewer than twelve (12) faculty members”)  

Approved  
Disapproved  

[Signature]  
Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  

There is, indeed, great value in members of our university community attending activities such as theater, concerts and athletics, and I appreciate the spirit and intent of this motion. However, I am concerned about the potential impact of reduced faculty and staff admission prices on departmental budgets in areas such as music, theater, and athletics. Thus, I am disapproving the motion, but will forward a copy of the motion to appropriate units so they can consider a faculty/staff appreciation event (or similar initiative) that would provide for reduced or free admission for faculty and staff.
WHEREAS, a university is a community of faculty, staff, and students;

WHEREAS, interactions between these groups promote and enhance community;

WHEREAS, activities such as theater, concerts, and athletics are places where community meets and is strengthened;

WHEREAS, community membership and engagement is accepted as a key factor for student retention as well as faculty and staff satisfaction;

WHEREAS, interactions between faculty and students especially outside the formal classroom setting have been shown to develop community and improve student retention;

WHEREAS, the University both locally and statewide is concerned about the retention of students;

BE IT RESOLVED, that opportunities for shared experiences and community outside the formal classroom should be encouraged as one method of improving retention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that facilitating the described interactions is a logical and fruitful activity for the campus, faculty and staff should be encouraged to attend theater, concerts, and athletic events by setting the prices for these groups at the same level as the students thus encouraging the formation and strengthening of the UWRF community and addressing the retention issue.