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

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

November 29, 2012

RE: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2012-13/66

At the November 29, 2012 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, this motion was passed, and it is effective July 1, 2013. The motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Motion from the Chancellor’s Task Force on a Campus Tobacco Policy (Alice Reilly-Myklebust and Thomas Barnett, Co-Chairs) to approve the following policy.

Approved □   Disapproved □

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor  
Date: 12/18/12

This will be operationalized as an administrative policy.
University of Wisconsin River Falls Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

1.0 Policy/Purpose: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. In light of the health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has set the following tobacco-free campus policy to be implemented on July 1, 2013. This policy supersedes University of Wisconsin-River Falls smoking policy AP 3 dated November 25, 2003.

The purposes of this policy are to reduce harm from secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, establish a campus culture of wellness and environmental responsibility, and promote a tobacco-free future.

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted cigarette (such as clove, bidis, kreteks), cigars, pipes, and hookah products; any other smoking products (such as e-cigarettes); and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolveable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form (such as orbs, sticks, pellet, etc.).

Smoking or the use of other tobacco products (see above) is prohibited on all campus grounds (college owned, controlled, and/or leased); college owned or leased properties; and campus owned, leased, or rented vehicles. This includes but is not limited to all university streets and sidewalks, parking lots, landscaped areas, outdoor athletic facilities, and recreational areas; at lectures, conferences, meetings, and social and cultural events held on campus property or campus grounds. Smoking or the use of other tobacco products is also prohibited in the interior of all buildings, including campus residence halls.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors during and after campus hours at all University of Wisconsin-River Falls sites.

2.0 Responsibilities: All University of Wisconsin-River Falls faculty, staff, and students are responsible for compliance and for advising visitors of the policy.

All administrators, deans, directors, department chairs, and supervisors are responsible for communicating the policy to everyone within their areas of responsibility.

Sufficient signage will be posted to inform members of the campus community and its visitors, including contractors and vendors, of the policy.

Cessation information for students, faculty, and staff is available in the Student Health and Counseling Services Office to those who would like to end their use of tobacco products.

The Student Health and Counseling Services Office in consultant with the Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs is responsible for determining policy applicability and will answer policy-related questions.

3.0 Enforcement: Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students to not only comply with the policy, but also to encourage others to comply in order to promote a healthy and clean environment in which to work, learn, and live. The success of this policy will depend on the courtesy, respect, and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products.

Violations will be handled like other work rule or policy violations.