TO: Don Betz, Chancellor  
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FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair  
Faculty Senate  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2006-2007/122

At the April 4, 2007 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2006-2007/122 was made, seconded, and passed. Accordingly this motion was approved by the faculty during a referendum election on April 30, 2007 by a vote of 79-12-2. This motion is forwarded for your action

Motion to rewrite Chapter III Organization of the Faculty and Staff 3.2 Constitution of the UW-River Falls Faculty Article VI The Faculty Senate Section C Election Procedures for the Faculty Senate. (see attached)

Motion 2006-2007/122 passed on April 4, 2007 by the faculty senate and passed by the faculty during a referendum vote on April 30, 2007 by a vote of 79-12-2. This motion will take effect immediately.

Approved

Disapproved

Don Betz, Chancellor  

Date: 5/14/2007
Election Procedures for the Faculty Senate

1. The Vice Chair, as the agent of the Faculty Senate, shall conduct and validate elections.

2. The procedure for electing Senators shall be initiated by March 1 in the spring semester.

3. Division Elections - Senate Seats:

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During spring semester, the Vice Chair shall inform the faculty members of the number of Senators to be elected from their respective divisions. A list of those eligible shall also be provided. Any faculty member may be placed on the ballot by written petition signed by no fewer than five eligible voters from within the division within seven business days of the announcement of the call for candidates.

The Vice Chair shall see that all voters receive ballots in good time and shall do whatever else is necessary for an effective election process. Upon completion of the slate of candidates for the Faculty Senate seat(s) within each voting division, an election by secret ballot shall be conducted. Faculty may cast one vote per vacancy on the ballot.

Candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. Ties in the division elections shall be broken by lot supervised by the Vice Chair. The names of the individuals elected to the Senate shall be reported in the Faculty Senate minutes. Upon request, the vote totals shall be available from the Vice Chair of the Senate.

4. At Large Election - Senate Seats:
During spring semester and following the election of division Senators, the Vice Chair shall furnish each faculty voter a list of those eligible for nomination and election to the Senate from the senior ranks and a similar list of those eligible from the junior ranks. The Vice Chair shall identify the number of vacancies at the senior and junior levels.

Any faculty member may be placed on the ballot by written petition signed by no fewer than ten eligible voters of the same rank of the petitioner within seven business days of the announcement of the call for candidates. The Vice Chair shall see that all voters receive ballots in good time and shall do whatever else is necessary for an effective election process.

Upon completion of the slate of candidates, the Vice Chair shall conduct a University-wide election by secret ballot. The winners of the election shall be those receiving the most votes. Ties shall be broken by lot supervised by the Vice Chair.

The names of the individuals elected to the Senate shall be reported in the Faculty Senate minutes. Upon request, the vote totals shall be available from the Vice Chair of the Senate.