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

December 15, 2011

RE: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2011-2012/67

At the December 14, 2011 meeting of University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2011-2012/67 was passed and it is effective immediately. This motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Motion from the ad hoc Sustainability Working Group (SWG; Kelly Cain, Chair – this body has recently been defined as a permanent body but this motion was completed when it was still an ad hoc committee) to approve the temporary use of the sustainability definition below for the January 10, 2012 strategic planning initiatives proposals deadline. SWG and the office of sustainability will organize a series of facilitated listening sessions early in spring semester to provide campus wide consideration of a definition for long term formal purposes.

UWRF Definition of Sustainability: We define sustainability as that which “meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (the United Nation’s Brundtland Commission, 1987). We believe sustainability is more than recycling, alternative energies or dimming the lights. In recognition of our responsibility to future generations, at UWRF sustainability is demonstrated by our belief that society must adopt a fundamental set of (ecologic, social and economic) values, principles, and practices that frame how we think, choose, and act upon daily decisions in personal, professional and civic life.”

Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor