TO: Don Betz, Chancellor  
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FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair  
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RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2006-2007/32

At the December 13, 2006 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2006-2007/32 was made, seconded, and passed. This motion is forwarded for your action.

Motion from the Faculty Welfare and Personnel Policies Committee regarding Eligibility Criteria for Administering Course Evaluations (see attached)

Motion 2006-2007/32 passed on December 13, 2006. This motion will take effect immediately.

X Approved

Disapproved

Don Betz, Chancellor
Whereas: Information gained from uniform student evaluations is used to arrive at broad comparisons of instructional academic staff members and can be used for personnel decisions.

Whereas: Student evaluations are but one means of assessing classroom teaching effectiveness.

Whereas: Student evaluations should be used as supporting evidence of classroom teaching effectiveness and not as the primary evidence of it.

Whereas: Every academic and administrative unit making personnel decisions must state in writing the relative importance of student evaluations in comparison to other means of evaluating teaching... Be it resolved that:

1. All of the following courses with enrollment greater than 1 will be evaluated by students:
   - All on campus and off campus offerings
   - All offerings from face-to-face to completely on-line
     - Lecture
     - Laboratory
     - Discussions
     - Seminars
   - When Lecture/Lab/Discussion combinations, consider
     - If same faculty/students groupings, faculty decision to give it to only one or to each offering – all students must be given the opportunity to evaluate.
     - If different faculty/students groupings, evaluations will be required for all offerings;

2. All other types of courses will not be evaluated unless the department so chooses.

3. The statements 1 and 2 shall be added as Paragraph 3 to Chapter 4, Section 5.5.1 of the Faculty Handbook.

Statements taken from Chapter IVUW-RF Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook [18th Edition]; Section 5.5
Student Evaluation of Instruction