Calendar for 2013-14 SP Initiatives Review
The SPPC will use the following calendar to manage initiative proposals for this year’s cycle:
- Initiative Proposers electronically submit to division/unit heads by November 1
- Unit/Division heads review and forward proposals to SPPC by November 15
- SPPC will review and ask for clarifications of Unit/Division heads by December 2
- Responses to SPPC queries will be forwarded back to the SPPC by January 8
- SPPC will complete ranking and review of proposals by January 17
- After final consultations the recommended initiatives will be sent to Faculty Senate and Chancellor on January 21, 2014.

Call for Information Regarding Undergraduate Research
Among the metrics that tell a powerful story on behalf of what UWRF does with and for students is our engagement in undergraduate and collaborative research. One of the defined strategic plan measures is the documentation of how many of our students present research at regional and national conferences. To this point, calls went out to all department chairs and academic program directors in May and June of this year. As a follow up, the SPPC is asking those same chairs and directors to identify students, their program, the conference name, location and date, and the student’s role (presenter, panelist, poster, etc.) for academic year 2012-2013 and to send this Elizabeth Jordahl (Elizabeth.Jordahl@uwrf.edu) in the URSCA Office. Please note that if departments/programs have already submitted 2012-2013 academic year information you do not need to resend and Ms. Jordahl has a reporting template she can resend to departments to facilitate the reporting of the information.

We would also ask that academic departments and units begin tracking these student activities for the current academic year as a similar call for information for the 2013-14 year will go out next spring. The template Ms. Jordahl has can assist you in tracking the information.

Strategic Plan Academic Program Implementation
As part of the Round 1 Strategic Plan Initiatives that commenced in Summer of 2012, a number of academic program ideas were grouped into initiative number 12: Building enrollment strength through distinctive academic programs. In the ensuing year there have been significant and positive developments. While the university awaits Board of Regents approval for the MS in Computer Science, UWRF has welcomed its first cohort of 10 students into the full-time MBA program, which is delivered at the Hudson Center location. This program encourages a different pathway to the MBA for students and is particularly central to leveraging existing and additional new international partnerships that the College of Business and Economics is pursuing.

Within CEPS, the Montessori Program has been approved as an option to the MSE in Elementary Education and a partnership with the River Falls School District. Further, the program has led to a partnership with St. Paul Public Schools to train teachers at the first public Montessori Middle School in St. Paul, this program would be part of the approved MSE in Secondary Education-Montessori.

Metric Highlight
As UWRF developed the strategic plan, the coordinating body forwarded a list of metrics to be associated with the plan and the three goals. These metrics are published on an annual basis. We would like to highlight progress of one metric associated with Goal 2: Global Education and Engagement. Based on a steady pattern of growth, the campus projected a five-year plan to host 147 international students by 2017. That would have been a nearly 80% increase over the number of international students on campus in 2012. For the fall of 2013 the actual number of international students, degree and non-degree seeking, we have registered is 150. The SPPC invites you to look at the metrics on the Strategic Plan website.
http://www.uwrf.edu/pathwaytodistinction/