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 17, 2011

RE:       UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2011-2012/56

At the November 16, 2011 meeting of University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2011-2012/56 was passed and it is effective immediately. This motion is forwarded to you for your action.

Motion from the ad hoc Sustainability Working Group (Kelly Cain, Chair) to define a permanent replacement body

Note: This item will be placed into the By-Laws and the Vice Chair will renumber as appropriate.

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Sustainability Working Group – Proposal for Organization of Structure & Function

Purpose: The Sustainability Working Group (SWG) is the primary group for promoting and coordinating sustainability values, principles, and practices at UW-River Falls. SWG addresses the planning, design, implementation, and assessment of sustainable campus community programs and policies as well as documentation, such as the Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS), the Climate Action Plan (CAP), and the Sustainable Campus Community Plan (SCCP). SWG is a conduit through which the campus community can recommend curricular, co-curricular, operational, financial, and other sustainable campus initiatives and policies to the appropriate faculty, student, and/or administrative governance or operational units.

Structure & Function: The SWG will consist of 11 voting members (noted below) and be chaired by a qualifying member as noted under Term Limits. There will be one ex officio, non-voting member from the River Falls community. The SWG will have no standing sub-committees. However, it will augment non-voting members as needed to address the scope of sustainability goals and initiatives.
Members: 11 + 1
- Director of Sustainability
- Four faculty members: One representative from each college
- One Instructional Academic Staff (Appointed by Faculty Senate)
- Two students: Representing the broader university (Recommended by SWG and approved by Student Senate)
- Student Affairs Representative
- Diversity & Human Resources representative
- Facilities Management representative
- River Falls community representative (Ex officio, non-voting)
- Chair (Appointed by Faculty Senate)

Term Limits:
- Faculty members are appointed by Faculty Senate on staggered terms of three (3) years.
- Chair should have at least one year of experience on the SWG prior to his/her one-year appointment.
- Instructional academic staff member is appointed by Faculty Senate each spring with option for re-appointment.
- Two students approved by Student Senate each spring for one-year term with option for re-appointment.
- All administrative staff or their designees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the pleasure of the Chancellor.
- River Falls community representative appointed at the pleasure of River Falls city government.

Duties:
- Facilitate the continual refinement of a holistic vision for UWRF as a premier sustainable campus community model that fully and systemically integrates inclusivity, global literacy, leadership, and sustainability as a culture of learning and living.
- Recommend campus sustainability projects, monitor their progress, and submit budget requests on behalf of the entire campus for sustainability related projects and programs.

Recommendations requiring faculty governance decisions are forwarded to Faculty Senate.
Recommendations requiring student governance decisions are forwarded to Student Senate. All other recommendations are forwarded to Faculty Senate for informational purposes prior to implementation.
Recommendations requiring administrative decisions are forwarded to the appropriate administrator.
The Chair will consult with governance groups and administration regarding shared governance issues as necessary.
Approved  
Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

Date