

From: UW-River Falls Chancellor <chancellor@uwrf.edu>

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Subject: Fall Semester Updates

Dear campus community,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a couple of quiet days on campus last week while our students were off on their Fall Break. As we hit the middle of the semester, I wanted to take a moment and share a few updates.

For those who missed it, last week's Falcon Forum on enrollment and budget offered detailed analysis of the information presented at Opening Meeting. You're invited to review the [recording](#) and [slide deck](#) if you missed it.

A key focus of Cindy Holbrook's remarks on enrollment was her emphasis on the importance of **retention**. UWRF is committed to helping every student who starts here to succeed, and each one of you has a role to play in that success. To that end, please mark Jan. 22, 2026 on your calendars. **All employees** are encouraged to attend the 8:30 a.m. presentation on [Relationship Rich Education](#) by Dr. Peter Felton. Please also consider joining one of two discussion workshops being offered afterwards, from 9:40-11:40 a.m. or 1:50-3:50 p.m. Advance workshop signup is required. Email wendy.stocker@uwrf.edu to register. By registering for and attending a discussion workshop, you will also be able to attend a lunch offered at 11:50 a.m.

The [Provost's search committee membership](#) has been finalized. Search chair Michael Gilmer is now confirming some timeline details and those will be added to the webpage as available.

The Universities of Wisconsin continue to make progress on implementing the provisions stipulated in 2025 Wisconsin Act 15 (the law which enacts the 2025-2027 state budget):

- **Transferability of core general education requirements:** A draft [Regent policy](#) outlines proposed standard categories, course and credit requirements. Continue to visit the [UWs Core General Education Requirements and Transfer Workgroup page](#) for more information and updates.
- **Instructional workload:** Revisions to Regent Policy Document 20-25 are being drafted and should be posted for public comment soon. See the [UWs Instructional Employee Teaching Workload Workgroup page](#) for more information.
- **Market-based compensation funding for faculty in high-demand fields:** The UW Board of Regents approved a plan for how the funds would be distributed at their [Oct. 9 meeting](#). The proposal is now being submitted to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations for review.

We continue tracking implications and potential risks of changes occurring at the federal level, including possible impacts of the ongoing federal shutdown. You're encouraged to review the [UWs Federal Updates webpage](#) for the latest information.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to chancellor@uwrf.edu with questions about any of the above topics.

Thank you for the work you do every day to make UWRF excellent. I wish everyone a good continuation of the fall semester.

Sincerely,
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