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TO: Don Betz, Chancellor
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FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair
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RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2006-2007/68

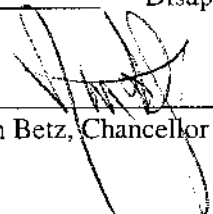
At the March 21, 2007 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, motion 2006-2007/68 was made, seconded, and passed. This motion is forwarded for your action:

Motion 2006-2007/68 passed on March 21, 2007. This motion will take effect immediately.

Second reading of a motion from the Executive Committee to clarify the appointment processes

Approved

Disapproved



 Don Betz, Chancellor

3/29/2007

 Date

Analysis and rationale

This motion is made in response to a request regarding the identification of the appropriate appointment processes for members of Faculty Senate committees. It defines the appointing authority for "faculty," academic staff, classified staff, and students.

The adoption of this motion would clarify to external audience the mechanisms used to appoint committee members, but would not change any of the current practices used for appointments to committees. It is "appointment neutral."

MOTION: To amend the By-Laws, Article II, Section E by adding a new, second paragraph (Current Language with proposed language in bold).

Section E – Appointment to Committees

Wherever practicable, committee membership shall include representation from each of the voting divisions of the faculty. Membership on the Senate shall not be a prerequisite for membership on a faculty committee. In cases where the business of a committee involves matters that are of interest and importance to students, there shall also be student membership on the faculty committee.

The Senate's Executive Committee will receive from the faculty its preferences as to committee appointments and will present to the Senate a list of nominees for existing vacancies. The Senate may propose alternative names or simply approve the Committee's slate. Final appointments to and removal from standing committees are, unless otherwise specified, made by the Faculty Senate with final approval by the Chancellor.

Unless otherwise specified within a committee's description, the following appointment processes shall be used:

- **Faculty, including Fourth Division faculty, are appointed by the Faculty Senate**
- **Academic Staff members not identified as "faculty" are appointed by the Academic Staff Council**
- **Classified Staff members are appointed by the Union**
- **Student members are appointed by the Student Senate**

The Chair of each committee will be designated annually by the Faculty Senate and shall preferably be a retained member of the committee and appointed by the same process as committee members.

Term of membership is provided for in the definition of each committee (see Article III, By-laws); however, membership terms will be staggered so that each committee will be comprised of retained and new appointees. (Initial length of term will be determined by committee lot.)

It is the intention that appointments to committees be rotated as much as possible.

A committee member who is unable to attend committee meetings may appoint a proxy for a period of time not to exceed one semester, subject to the committee's acceptance of that proxy.