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TO: Don Betz, Chancellor
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FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair
Faculty Senate
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RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Resolution 11

At the May 2, 2007 meeting of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate a motion to adopt the attached resolution was made, seconded, and passed. This constitutes notification to the Chancellor of the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate.

A motion to adopt a resolution from Executive Committee on Colleague Coverage

Whereas as stated in UWS Unclassified Personnel Guideline #10, Section 10.05 that “colleague coverage for teaching faculty is a substantial benefit designed solely for the benefit of students”, and

Whereas faculty are committed to the success of their students, and

Whereas faculty are professionals and can be expected to act in a professional manner, and

Whereas there is no evidence that the policy has been abused, and

Whereas the elimination of this benefit may require campuses to allocate significant resources to cover classes that would otherwise be cancelled, and

Whereas colleague coverage is not considered by faculty as a form of income protection, and

Whereas the elimination of this benefit will negatively impact our student’s education, and

Whereas the elimination of colleague coverage is another example of expanded workload without compensation,

Therefore, be it resolved that the faculty of the University of Wisconsin River Falls strongly oppose the elimination of the colleague coverage benefit and would view this elimination as another example of the failure to appreciate the efforts of UW staff and their commitment to student success.