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TO: Don Betz, Chancellor
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FROM: Wes Chapin, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Resolution 3

At the October 4, 2006 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.

**Proposed draft of Faculty Senate Resolution
Regarding
The Amendment to Ban Gay Marriage and Civil Unions**

Whereas the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls wishes to express our opposition to the Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution, now on the ballot for the November 2006 election, to ban gay marriage and civil unions;

And whereas this amendment, if approved, will cause harm to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender faculty and staff at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls because of its provisions that could eliminate all same sex partner benefits and other basic rights of same sex partners, and will cause pain to both those faculty and staff and their straight supportive allies;

And whereas this amendment, if approved, will cause harm to the University of Wisconsin System because of the potential departure of valued employees of the system and increased difficulty in recruiting new faculty;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls opposes this Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution.