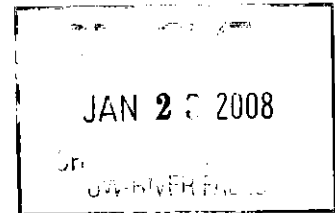




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To: Don Betz, Chancellor
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From: David Rainville, Chair
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RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2007/2008/20

At the December 12, 2007 meeting of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty senate, motion 2007-2008/20 was passed. This motion is forwarded for your action

Motion: To transfer responsibility for approval and assessment of American Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives courses from the Academic Policy and Programs Committee to the General Education Committee, and to change the name of the General Education Committee to General Education and University Requirements Committee.

Current Handbook Descriptions:

Section A - Academic Program and Policy Committee

Membership: Nine faculty (at least three of whom are members of the graduate faculty and who are affirmed by the Graduate Council), the Provost & Vice Chancellor or the Provost & vice Chancellor designee, and four students.

1. Term of office: three years for faculty, one-third to be appointed each year; one year for students.
2. Duties:
 - a. To establish the goals and objectives of the undergraduate curriculum of the University.
 - b. To establish the goals and objectives of the graduate curriculum of the University in consultation with the Graduate Council.
 - c. To examine and evaluate the overall curriculum of the University for possible improvements, to recommend revisions, and to initiate suggestions for study and action.
 - d. To examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for new graduate degree and certificate programs, undergraduate minors and majors, general education, American cultural diversity and global perspective courses, and any other new academic programs. Graduate programs will be forwarded to the Academic Program and Policy Committee by the Graduate Council. [FS 03/04 #21]
 - e. To examine and promote the development of new, experimental, and innovative curricular

programs and offerings at both the graduate and undergraduate level.

- f. To examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for substantial changes in graduate degrees and certificate programs and undergraduate majors and submajors.
 - g. If the committee rejects a proposal for a new program from a Department or the Graduate Council, that body may request a vote on the proposal by the Faculty Senate. If rejected, the Faculty Senate will supply the department or Graduate Council with a summary of its reasons.
 - h. To approve the plan for assessment of General Education submitted by the Assessment Committee. The Assessment Committee will assess General Education every ten years in conjunction with and prior to the campus visit by the re-accreditation team of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
3. Procedure: The committee shall, in consultation with the Provost and Vice Chancellor, coordinate university-wide programs as specified under "Duties" above and require reports from faculty responsible for conducting such programs as requested.
 4. Recommendations dealing with American Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives new graduate and undergraduate programs and majors/minors are approved by Academic Policy & Program, Faculty Senate, the Provost & Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, in that order. [FS 06/07 #27]

Section K – General Education Committee [FS 03/04 #17]

1. Committee Structure: Responsibility for supervising the General Education Program at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls will be undertaken by a faculty committee comprised of the following voting membership: proportional representation of the faculty by college (determination to be based on FTE) not to exceed 10 faculty members appointed by Faculty Senate for three year terms, plus two student members appointed by the Student Senate. Each academic college must have at least one representative. Non-voting representatives will include the Assessment Coordinator and representatives from the Registrar's Office and the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. [FS 07/08 #?]
2. Committee Functions: [FS 07/08 #?]
 - a. Promote and support the General Education program on the UWRF campus.
 - b. Define and review the policies for the General Education course submission procedure.
 - c. Approve/disapprove courses for the General Education program and communicate these decisions to the campus community.
 - d. Carry out a review of General Education courses on a 5-year cycle.
 - e. Evaluate all assessment results and provide feedback to all relevant parties.
 - f. Recommend changes in the General Education structure to the Faculty Senate [FS 06/07 #27].
 - g. Promote opportunities for faculty development related to General Education.
 - h. Develop processes and procedures for removal of General Education courses from the curriculum.

- i. Determine whether or not the course offerings for each General Education goal are sufficient to meet student needs.

Proposed Handbook descriptions:

[**Additions, Deletions** indicated]

Section A - Academic Program and Policy Committee

Membership: Nine faculty (at least three of whom are members of the graduate faculty and who are affirmed by the Graduate Council), the Provost & Vice Chancellor or the Provost & vice Chancellor designee, and four students.

1. Term of office: three years for faculty, one-third to be appointed each year; one year for students.
2. Duties:
 - a. To establish the goals and objectives of the undergraduate curriculum of the University.
 - b. To establish the goals and objectives of the graduate curriculum of the University in consultation with the Graduate Council.
 - c. To examine and evaluate the overall curriculum of the University for possible improvements, to recommend revisions, and to initiate suggestions for study and action.
 - d. To examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for new graduate degree and certificate programs, undergraduate minors and majors, ~~general education, American cultural diversity and global perspective courses~~, and any other new academic programs. Graduate programs will be forwarded to the Academic Program and Policy Committee by the Graduate Council. [FS 03/04 #21]
 - e. To examine and promote the development of new, experimental, and innovative curricular programs and offerings at both the graduate and undergraduate level.
 - f. To examine and recommend to the Faculty Senate proposals for substantial changes in graduate degrees and certificate programs and undergraduate majors and submajors.
 - g. If the committee rejects a proposal for a new program from a Department or the Graduate Council, that body may request a vote on the proposal by the Faculty Senate. If rejected, the Faculty Senate will supply the department or Graduate Council with a summary of its reasons.
 - h. To approve the plan for assessment of General Education submitted by the Assessment Committee. The Assessment Committee will assess General Education every ten years in conjunction with and prior to the campus visit by the re-accreditation team of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
3. Procedure: The committee shall, in consultation with the Provost and Vice Chancellor, coordinate university-wide programs as specified under "Duties" above and require reports from faculty responsible for conducting such programs as requested.
4. Recommendations dealing with ~~American Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives~~ new graduate and undergraduate programs and majors/minors are approved by Academic Policy & Program, Faculty Senate, the Provost & Vice Chancellor, and the Chancellor, in that order. [FS

06/07 #27]

Section K – General Education [FS 03/04 #17] *and University Requirements Committee*

1. **Committee Structure:** Responsibility for supervising the General Education Program at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls will be undertaken by a faculty committee comprised of the following voting membership: proportional representation of the faculty by college (determination to be based on FTE) not to exceed 10 faculty members appointed by Faculty Senate for three year terms, plus two student members appointed by the Student Senate. Each academic college must have at least one representative. Non-voting representatives will include the Assessment Coordinator and representatives from the Registrar's Office and the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. [FS 07/08 #?]

2. **Committee Functions:** [FS 07/08 #?]
 - a. Promote and support the General Education program on the UWRF campus.
 - b. Define and review the policies for the General Education course submission procedure.
 - c. Approve/disapprove courses for the General Education program and communicate these decisions to the campus community.
 - d. *Approve/disapprove courses for the American Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives requirements and communicate these decisions to the campus community.*
 - e. Carry out a review of General Education, *American Cultural Diversity, and Global Perspectives* courses on a 5-year cycle.
 - f. Evaluate all assessment results and provide feedback to all relevant parties.
 - g. Recommend changes in the General Education structure to the Faculty Senate [FS 06/07 #27].
 - h. Promote opportunities for faculty development related to General Education.
 - i. Develop processes and procedures for removal of General Education courses from the curriculum.

- j. Determine whether or not the course offerings for each General Education goal are sufficient to meet student needs.

 ✓ Approved

 Disapproved



Don Betz, Chancellor

 1/24/2008
Date