To: Don Betz, Chancellor  
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From: David Rainville, Chair  
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RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2007/2008/29

At the February 6, 2008 meeting of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty senate, motion 2007-2008/29 was passed. This motion is forwarded for your action

Motion from the Academic Standards committee to strike out a section of Chapter 8, Sect 87.4 p 22 from the Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook as it is no longer consistent with current UWRF practice.

Approved

Disapproved

Don Betz, Chancellor

3/10/08 Date
Thank you, David, for the clarification. I will attach this e-mail to Faculty Senate Motion #29

David Rainville wrote:

Diane,

The deleted portion is in bold print below. This is the original language that I placed on the Faculty Senate agenda February 6, 2008.

A Proposal from Academic Standards to strike out a section (in bold print below) of Chapter 8, Section 8.74, p. 22 from the Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook as it is no longer consistent with current UWRF Practice.
Academic Standards indicated that the Four-year Graduation Agreement was passed in reaction to legislative pressure at the time.
Preliminary discussions in September indicated that departments are not formalizing graduation requirements, but they continue to provide four-year plans for all academic programs.

The motion is intended to be effective immediately.

From Faculty/Academic Staff Handbook Chapter 8, Section 8.7.4, p. 22:
Long-range planning:
Some departments require that a plan of studies be worked out in the sophomore year for the junior and senior years. It is useful for students to plan ahead so far as possible, particularly in the spring for the ensuing year. All departments have worked out a four-year model for use in planning a student's course work toward the degree.

Students may also elect to sign a Four-year Graduation Agreement. The Four-year Graduation Agreement binds the student and the University to a clear progression to the student’s graduation in 48 months. Certain stipulations must be met by both the student and the academic department entering into The Agreement for it to remain binding during this period. Students interested in this plan should check with department chairs at the time of admission or initial registration. [FS 97/98 #24]

I hope this is clearer.

Thanks,

David