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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

President Kevin Reilly
University of Wisconsin System
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Dear President Reilly:

On April 9, 2008 the Faculty Senate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls unanimously voted to support the following resolution in support of the UWS DIN requesting resources to acquire critical information in electronic formats in a broad set of subjects for all students and faculty/staff and to expand access to Madison's electronic collections for faculty and research staff across the UW System.

Discussion in the UWRF Faculty Senate was highly in favor of this DIN and we are greatly encouraged by this initiative that UWS has chosen to move forward. I want to thank UWS for its efforts.

The Resolution is as follows:

Resolution in Support of Advantage Wisconsin: Growing the Research Infrastructure (Library Component)

WHEREAS the lifeblood of academic research is authoritative information and UW System libraries are purveyors of that content; and

WHEREAS information is essential in increasing research capacity and productivity across the UW System; and

WHEREAS information sources available "virtually" are essential so that faculty, staff, and students can use them from their computer at work, at school, at home for distance and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS the information marketplace has exploded in response to growth in new areas of knowledge; and

WHEREAS access to a strong collection of information research resources is critical to attracting and retaining the best and brightest students and faculty/staff; and

WHEREAS UW System libraries have not received new funding for the acquisition of library resources since the 1999/01 biennium

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate supports the request for funding to acquire critical information in electronic formats in a broad set of subjects for all students and faculty/staff and to expand access to Madison's electronic collections for faculty and research staff across the UW System.

I believe that this is an excellent opportunity to advance the agenda set forth in Advantage Wisconsin. Thank you for your leadership in this effort.

All Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Rainville". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

David P. Rainville
Professor of Chemistry
Chair, Faculty Senate