UW-Richland part of Southwestern region

Budget Cuts Move UW Colleges into Regional Model

As a result of a $250 million reduction to the UW System’s budget for the 2015-17 biennium, the UW Colleges has made significant changes to its staffing and organizational structure. The impact of the cuts for the UW Colleges amounts to about $5 million, but the impact is compounded by prior reductions the institution has faced over the years—and it was felt the time was here when the institution needed to make some hard choices. Approximately 83 positions across the UW Colleges will be eliminated when the transition is completed; about 12 of those positions are on the UW-Richland campus.

Chancellor Cathy Sandeen maintains these changes will not impact the delivery of the strong academic programs which have characterized the UW Colleges.

Regional model adopted

The thirteen freshman/sophomore campuses have now been regionalized with four regions identified—and each region will have a single dean/executive officer, whereas to this point each campus has had its own CEO/Dean. This change alone eliminates 9 CEO/Dean positions.

UW-Richland is in the Southwestern Region which also includes the campuses in Baraboo and Janesville. Dr. Charles Clark, formerly Dean at UW-Manitowoc, was named Regional Executive Officer/Dean and will oversee operations on the three campuses of the Southwestern Region.

In addition, whereas each campus had its own Assistant Campus Dean for Student Affairs and Assistant Campus Dean for Administration & Finance, there will now be regional associate deans handling these responsibilities for each of the campuses in their region. This change has resulted in the elimination of about 16 positions across the Colleges.

Named as the Regional Associate Dean for Administration & Finance for the Southwestern Region is Dundee McNair ('92), formerly Assistant Campus Dean for Administration & Finance at UW-Richland; Dundee will relocate to Baraboo where he will also serve as campus administrator. Dr. Tracy White, former Dean of UW-Baraboo, has been named Regional Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the region and will also serve as the campus administrator at UW-Richland.

Regional Directors of Communications & Continuing Education Announced

UW Colleges Chancellor Cathy Sandeen has announced individuals selected for the newly created positions of director of communications and director of continuing education of the Southwest Region of UW Colleges. This is another key step in the implementation of the regional structure made necessary through budget reduction activities. These individuals are:

Shawna Connor, director of communications. Currently, Connor serves as the interim director of marketing and communications at the UW-Richland campus; and Jessica Laeseke, director of continuing education. Currently, Laeseke serves as the director of continuing education at the UW-Richland campus.

Connor and Laeseke will assume their new regional duties effective January 1, 2016. Under the new University of Wisconsin Colleges administrative model announced in July, the 13 UW Colleges will be grouped into four regions. The Southwest Region of UW Colleges includes UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, UW-Richland, and UW-Rock County.

Homecoming festivities planned for March 5

Alumni and friends are invited to enjoy the festivities planned for Saturday, March 5, when the UWR Alumni Association and Roadrunner Athletic Department celebrate Homecoming 2016. Again this year, guests will be able to choose from a variety of activities, including those for former Roadrunner athletes in the form of the traditional Red vs. Blue Alumni Men’s Basketball Game and, for the third consecutive year, the Women’s Red vs. Blue Alumni Volleyball Game.

For those not participating in the games, there will be the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle of former athletes competing once again in the Roadrunner Roost, or the option of participating in the social aspect of the day in the Roadrunner Café. The world famous Lunch Ladies will be on hand, providing delicious fare at extremely reasonable prices.

While in the Roadrunner Café, guests will have the opportunity to participate in Bean Bag and Pool Tournaments—or just enjoy renewing friendships.

(See Page 5 for Homecoming details. Players should use the registration form on the back page of this newsletter.)
Thank you to all who supported the Foundation this past year . . . and those who will in the future.

Left: The Richland County Campus Foundation, along with generous members of the community, hosted another successful -- and the final -- Tour of Homes fundraiser.

Right: The Richland County Campus Foundation hosted the annual Donor Reception on October 29 -- providing an opportunity for deserving students to meet their generous donors face-to-face. Seen here L-R: BAAS senior and scholarship recipient Eric Cairns of Hillsboro; Jim Himel, administrative trustee of the Garrison L. Lincoln Trust; and BAAS student and scholarship recipient Emily Zorea of Richland Center.

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Dr. Norlene Emerson was awarded a $360K, four-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support geoscience education at community colleges nationwide. The project will advance knowledge and understanding of effective professional development for faculty at two-year colleges (2YCs) that promotes a cycle of innovation, where faculty learn from the research base and the work of others, make changes in their own practice, and share results. Funding began September 1, 2015.

Dr. Norlene Emerson was promoted in July to the rank of full professor. Dr. Emerson is a native of Richland Center and alum of UW-Richland. She joined the campus staff in 2002 to teach a variety of introductory geology courses.

Lindsay Kelpinski has joined the staff of Campus View housing as residence hall director. She comes to this position with an educational and professional background that includes three years in residence life at UW-La Crosse and a bachelor’s degree, completed at UW-La Crosse May 2015, in communication studies and psychology.

Aaron Mayo as interim international student affairs coordinator. Mayo’s primary responsibilities will be to manage all aspects of programs that serve international students at UW-Richland. Mayo, a native of St. Peter, Minnesota, earned a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter and a master of arts degree in international studies from Concordia University, Irvine, CA. Mayo completed his master’s degree primarily online while living and teaching in Beijing, China.

Matt Michaels is teaching Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, and Juvenile Delinquency courses at UW-Richland. He most recently served as adjunct professor in sociology and criminal justice departments at John Jay College, New York, NY. Michaels earned his master’s degree in sociology from New School for Social Research and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Mary Washington College.

In November, UW Colleges Chancellor Cathy Sandeen announced the 13 individuals who have been selected for the newly created positions of Regional Associate Deans/Campus Administrators for the UW Colleges. In the Southwest Region, these individuals are:

- Kristin Fillhoer, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management/Campus Administrator, UW-Rock County
- Dundee McNair, Associate Dean for Administration and Finance/Campus Administrator, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County
- Tracy White, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Campus Administrator, UW-Richland

On Tuesday, October 27 Regional Executive Officer and Dean of the Southwest Region Dr. Charles Clark made his first formal visit to the UW-Richland campus and addressed faculty, staff and students in an open forum. “We need to be patient with ourselves and work together toward a new organization,” Clark recognized. UW-Richland CEO/Dean Dr. Patrick Glenn Hagen will assist REO/Dean Clark with the transition to the new regional model through the calendar year then prepare for a faculty position at UW-Rock County.

- Students enrolling in the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree completion program at UW-Richland can now choose coursework with the following concentrations:
  - Business;
  - Communication;
  - Health & Wellness;
  - Leadership & Organizational Development;
  - Sustainability.

- With the hire of Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Dr. Mat Vankoughnett, in mid-2015, research concepts for the UW-Richland Smart Farm are developing quickly. In support of that effort, the Richland County Campus Foundation has funded the development of a logo and website for the farm. The site is expected to go live at UWRichlandSmartFarm.org in early 2016.

- The Richland County Campus Foundation has graciously funded UW-Richland’s opportunity to participate in the UW Colleges Photo Digitization Project the goal of which is to help each campus digitize selected photos and make them easily accessible to our campuses, alumni, and community members. Ryan Zoelllick serves as Project Manager.
Five individuals were added to the list of honored alumni during the Fall Alumni Day held on October 3. Included as members of this elite group we welcome:

Dr. Jerry Hui  
Chippewa Falls, Class of 1999

Heather Lins  
Madison, Class of 1993

Paul Harrison  
Madison, Class of 1985

Lois Anderson Ursin  
Richland Center, Class of 1959

Dr. Myrna Toney  
Richland Center, Class of 1957.

This year’s Fall Alumni Day was a very impressive one as many family and friends joined to recognize and congratulate the award recipients. Nominations for the 2016 Class of Outstanding Alumni will be received through April 15 and may be forwarded to John Poole, Alumni Liaison.

3rd Annual Brew Fest a Huge Success

With over 350 fest-goers, the 3rd Annual Home Brew Fest sponsored by the Alumni Association was the biggest, best, and most successful to date. Nine home brewers were on hand with samples of their products and many went home as award winning brewers. In addition, several UWR alumni played a role in providing products, including Bryan Manning ('91), co-owner of Vintage Brewing in Madison; he and his father, Pat ('64), poured samples of award-winning Vintage Brews. Scott Meister ('84) provided samples of delicious Meister Cheese; and, Jason Schultz ('97), made sure we had ample samples of Alcam Creamery butter. Brew samples were also provided by Potosi Brewing and Ale Asylum (donated by Rachel & Dale Schultz).

UWR alumni Mark ('94) and Wayne ('98) Harper were Brew Fest winners. Mark won the award for the Best Display, as well as 1st Place in the Fest Best category, while Wayne won the Dean’s Choice Award.

Details regarding this year’s Fest may be found at the website: uwralumnibrewfest.com

Alumni Association President Kathy Granger presents a plaque of appreciation to Emery (Wontor) Bork for her years of service to the Association.

Outstanding Alumni for 2015 are shown, including (L to R): Terry & Jackie Lins representing their daughter Heather Lins ('93); Dr. Jerry Hui ('00); Paul Harrison ('85); Dr. Myrna Toney ('57); and, Lois Anderson Ursin ('59).
Former Roadrunner athletes wishing to participate in the March 5 games in the Roadrunner gymnasium are asked to register no later than Friday, February 12. The registration form is found on the back page of this newsletter.

The schedule for the day is as follows (except for the volleyball start time, times indicated are approximate):

12:00 Women’s Red vs. Blue Alumni Volleyball Game
5 sets to 25; rally scoring
1:30 Men’s Alumni Red vs. Blue Basketball Game
20-minute halves; no running clock; 15-minute half-time.
3:00 Fun ‘n Games in the Roadrunner Café
Bean Bag and Pool Tournaments; Lunch Lady specials from 4:00-6:00!
6:00 Gather at the “watering hole,” now known as Mel’s Micors Pubbery & Brewery (formerly Dayton Hills)

Championship Banners to be Dedicated March 5

Tracy Krueger, Roadrunner athletic director, tells us the championship banners for the Richland County Teachers College basketball teams and Roadrunner sports will be officially dedicated at Homecoming on March 5. While the banners were to be installed prior to March 5, we’re inviting alumni athletes from all eras and sports to be on hand to view these banners. Roadrunner teams winning championships in basketball, volleyball, cross country, and wrestling will be recognized on the banners.

Impetus for the banner project came from some current Roadrunner athletes, with the effort spear-headed by Diondre Howard, a current UWR sophomore.

We’re asking you to look out for alumni athletes and to help support the Roadrunner program.

This issue of the Alumni News has been prepared as a collaborative effort including: Shawna Connor, Marketing & Communications Director at UWR; John Poole (’68), Alumni Liaison; and, Gene Hynek and the staff of Hynek Printing.

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Fun ‘n Games will start once the men’s alumni game has concluded so as to allow everyone the opportunity to participate. There will be a $5 per person registration fee with cash prizes awarded to the top three finishers in each tournament. Don’t forget the Lunch Lady Specials from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Pay-out will be 75% of the registration fees collected with 50% going to first place finishers; 15% to second place; and 10% to third place. Contact Jessica Laeseke for details and/or to register in advance. Her contact e-mail is: Jessica.laeseke@uwc.edu. Registration will be available on Homecoming day.

We want and need ... YOU!

We love our alumni. We value our alumni. And, we need our alumni. Do you realize we have nearly 6,000 names of our alumni in our database? That’s outstanding.

BUT … out of that number, only about 7% hold some form of active membership status. That’s right: about 436 of those in our database hold an active membership in the organization. 181 alumni are lifetime members.

It is so easy to join—and quite cheap, too.

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Your Alumni Association operates on the stereotypical shoestring budget and the funds we use to operate come from … membership monies. We are fortunate to have the support of the Richland Campus Foundation. The $5,000 grant they provide each year makes this newsletter possible.

But we need YOU. Won’t you join? Please send your membership check to:

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In Memoriam

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Staff Notes

Lori Norman, Dean’s Executive Assistant, retired from her position following a 35-year career at UW-Richland. During her tenure on campus, Lori worked in the Student Services Office and then later transferred to the Dean’s Office. She has been an outstanding support person for the UW Alumni Association over the years, assisting with membership database maintenance, preparation of Fall Alumni Day program materials … and so much more. Thank you, Lori. Our best to you in your well-deserved retirement.

Annette Hackbarth-Onson, assistant campus dean for student affairs from 2013-2015, has been named Director of Admissions at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Dr. Patrick Hagen completed his service to UW as CEO/Dean on December 31, 2015. Dr. Hagen will serve as 50% Special Senior Assistant and 50% Associate Professor of World Languages/German and will teach on the UW-Rock County campus in Janesville.

Class Notes

1955

Carolyn Freeman writes that she has sold her home and moved to Schmitt Woodland Hills in Richland Center where she enjoys the many activities offered. She also continues to do volunteer work in the community.

1977

Kim Kaukl, Plain, retired as Principal of River Valley High School in Spring Green at the end of the 2014-15 school year. And then, on July 1, he assumed a new position as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance.

1997

Darby Blakely is now the Principal of River Valley High School in Spring Green.

1982

Teresa Carlson works at Security Health Plans as a Senior Underwriter.

1986

Dr. Norlene Emerson, Richland Center, was promoted in July to the rank of full professor. She has been on the faculty at UWR since 2002.

1993

Scott ('93) and Sara ('99) Siefkes, Onalaska, became Life Members of the UWR Alumni Association this year. Welcome … and thank you!

1998

Katrina (Beller) Bollig and her husband reside in Mauston with their two children, Dylan and Taylor. Katrina works at Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston.

2003

Jake Elder, Richland Center, is currently serving as a DNR Forester for Richland County and has been since 2008. He and his wife Melissa live in rural Richland Center with their two children. Jake recently became a Life Member of the Alumni Association. Welcome … and thank you!

2011

Brian Yam. Hong Kong, received his undergraduate degree in neuro-science from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and his master’s in clinical psychology. He is now working for AIA, an insurance company in Hong Kong. Brian recent added sommelier to the list of his accomplishments.

2011

Anna Halavina, Minsk, Russia, enjoyed a visit from UWR’s globe-trotter, Dorothy Thompson, in July of 2011. Anna is currently studying business at a German university.

2012

Josh Mulolland, Richland Center, is currently working as a sales representative for Nalco (Ecolab) in the water pre-treatment solutions group.

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Thank you, Dean Hagen

The UW-Richland Alumni Association Board of Directors takes this opportunity to say THANK YOU to Dr. Patrick Hagen, CEO/Dean of UW-Richland for the past six years. Dean Hagen has led this university with compassion, professionalism, and true dedication. He often said this was his “dream job” and we could tell that by the way he carried out his deansly responsibilities.

We’ve admired your work ethic, your care for students, and your dedication to making UW-Richland the best of the best.

We wish you success and happiness in your future endeavors.

45th Roadrunner Road Rallye is April 29

A true Roadrunner tradition, this year’s Roadrunner Road Rallye marks the 45th time that students, alumni, faculty/staff, and friends have hit the roads of Richland and adjoining counties for an afternoon drive that provides challenge, camaraderie, and fun. You, too, can join in the fun this year on Friday afternoon, April 29. A meeting of participants will take place at 2:30 in the Roadrunner Café/Student Center; the first car will depart the west lot at 3:00.
Dean’s Column
Charles Clarke, CEO/Dean

Recently my colleague John Poole, Alumni Newsletter editor, invited me to submit an article for the January edition of the Newsletter. I am happy to do this, as it affords me the opportunity to introduce myself and share some thoughts on UW-Richland’s critical role in Richland County, in the new University of Wisconsin Colleges Southwest Region (more on that below), as part of the UW Colleges, and as a key component of the Wisconsin Idea.

My name is Charles Clark; I have recently accepted the position of UW Colleges Executive Officer and Dean for the new Southwest Region, which comprises UW-Richland, UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, and UW-Rock County. I am one of four such regional deans, with the remaining three regions consisting of the Northern (UW-Barron County, UW-Marinette, UW-Marshfield/Wood County, and UW-Marathon County), the Northeastern (UW-Fond du Lac, UW-Fox Valley, and UW-Manitowoc), and the Southeastern (UW-Sheboygan, UW-Washington County, and UW-Waukesha); the UW Colleges Online serves as a critical resource for students and the communities and counties within which the campuses are located. As REO/Dean, I will lead a team of colleagues – faculty and staff – who will continue to ensure that students who come to UW-Richland will receive the best University of Wisconsin education the state has to offer.

My colleagues and I continue to keep service to students and our communities as the focal point of what we do. As REO/Dean, I will be seeking opportunities for collaboration among faculty and staff across the campuses of the Southwest Region. This collaboration will ultimately involve students as we look for research opportunities (at the Smart Farm, for example), opportunities for creativity (region-wide collaboration among student and faculty musicians, for example), and opportunities for sharing this scholarship and creativity with our communities (a public, region-wide undergraduate scholarship and creativity symposium, for example). These are just three possibilities that regionalization affords us. As the months and years go by, my colleagues and I will continue to find opportunities to reap the benefit of region-wide affiliation among the campuses of the Southwest.

UW-Richland is a valuable resource to Richland County, both to college students (traditional, non-traditional, and international) and to our community friends and neighbors. Regionalization of the Colleges’ administrative structure will not divert UW-Richland from its central role as an educational and cultural leader in Richland County.

On behalf of the campus, I thank the alumni of UW-Richland for your strong support and vigorous advocacy for our campus and for the UW Colleges, generally. Your support is critical to the success we enjoy as we serve our students and communities.

President’s Column
Kathy Granger ('66)

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are having a safe winter. I damaged our Passat and our son totaled his car with deer hits --- life in western Wisconsin!

I want to thank Dean Patrick Hagen for his dedication to UW-Richland and for his support of our organization. And I welcome Dr. Charles Clark to our campus and am looking forward to involving him with our activities.

Board Member Spotlight

The annual meeting of the UWR Alumni Association was held in conjunction with Fall Alumni Day on October 3. As a result of elections held during the meeting, the following individuals were elected to positions on the Board of Directors: Jessica Laeske ('08) was re-elected to a two-year term as Vice-President; Francis Braithwaite ('62) was elected to a two-year term as Secretary; Barbara Wentz ('75) was re-elected to a three-year term as Board Member; and, Karen Stoltz ('95) was elected to her first three-year term as a Board Member. Appointed to the Board earlier in the fall to fill the unexpired terms of Emery Wontor and Dory Wallace were Elizabeth Deitelhoff ('13) and Kathy Neckar ('98).

We are introducing you to three of the Board members in this edition of Alumni News.

Karen Stoltz

Hi! I’m Karen Stoltz, a proud alumna of the Class of 2005. I am excited to serve as a member of the Alumni Board. I received a wonderful educational experience at UW-Richland and transferred to UW-Platteville where I earned by bachelor’s degree.

Following graduation, I earned a master’s degree from Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. I currently serve as a student services coordinator at UW-Richland where I advise campus clubs/organizations and recruit in high schools for our alma mater. I look forward to helping coordinate future alumni events.

Go, Roadrunners!

Elizabeth Deitelhoff

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Deitelhoff. I grew up on a small family-owned dairy farm in northeast Richland County and graduated from Weston High School in 2010. I continued my education at UW-Richland, studying Natural Resources, and graduated in May 2013 with my Associate Degree. I transferred to UW-Stevens Point, majoring in Environmental Law Enforcement and Minor in Forest Recreation. I graduated from UW-Stevens Point in May 2015 with a Bachelor’s Degree. I worked as a Deputy Conservation Warden from May-August of 2015, and then accepted my current position with the Richland Center Police Department where I serve as a patrolman.

Kathy Neckar

Hi, my name is Kathy Neckar. UW-Richland has been an important part of my life since I moved to Richland County in 1975. I returned to college part-time while working and raising a family and graduated with my associate degree in 1998. I completed my bachelor's degree in the adult degree program of Vermont College in Montpelier, Vermont and came back to work with international students at UW-Richland.. Even though I retired in 2012, I’ve worked for the campus each summer since my retirement - teaching English in continuing education language camps and filling in as an interim coordinator in student services. My husband and I raised three sons who all benefited from their time at the campus. UW-Richland has been important to my family, and I'm happy to have this opportunity to serve on the alumni board.
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Registration Fee: $15 (includes t-shirt)

Circle shirt size: S M L XL XXL

Your coach:

What year(s) did you play at UW-R?

Yes, I plan to play on March 5.

Mailing Address:

E-Mail Address:

Name:

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Volleyball & Basketball Player Registration Form – Due February 12

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