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**To:** Charles W. Sorensen  
Chancellor

**From:** Dennis Lee Shaw  
Chair, Senate of Academic Staff

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**Subj:** Senate of Academic Staff response regarding the Russell Leadership Team recommendation proposing an Ethics Statement for University of Wisconsin-Stout

Chancellor Sorensen,

Thank you for your letter of August 25, 2006 requesting the senates review and consider the report and recommendations from the Jeff Russell Leadership Team charged with proposing an ethics statement for the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

As you know, the Senate of Academic Staff has discussed the report at two meetings this fall, and was pleased that several members of the team could make a presentation and answer questions at our most recent joint meeting with the Faculty Senate.

This is to inform you that at the October 3, 2006 meeting, the Senate of Academic Staff, on a vote of 11 for and 1 against, passed a motion supporting the recommendations of the Russell Leadership Team. The motion adopted further recommends that a task force be established to implement the recommendations. The exact wording of the motion will be sent through the usual transmittal methods.

Our senators had a very welcome and spirited discussion of this topic and want to convey that if this idea is pursued, it deserves more than just a brochure that is handed out once and then forgotten. If our group is an indication, it should be exciting for the entire campus to join into a similar spirited discussion of our shared values regarding ethics and how we can celebrate those values.

Please feel free to call on me if you need any additional information about the motion adopted by the Senate of Academic Staff.

cc: Forrest Schultz, Chair, Faculty Senate  
Jordan Chabalowski, President, Stout Student Association  
Russell Leadership Ethics Team