

**FACULTY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
Laramie, Wyoming**

Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
January 28, 2013

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on January 28, 2013, in the Family Room of the Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Tucker Readdy, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by a unit alternate or by proxy: Andersen, M., Anderson, A., Geerts, Gigley, Maas, Reaman.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

Senator Readdy moved to amend the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2012, to change the title to read "Minutes, As Amended" and to include as the last sentence of the proceedings for Senate Resolution 317, "Therefore, the vote on SR 317 was vacated (no decision)." Motion seconded. There being no objections the amendment was approved. Senator Donal O'Toole moved to add to the Chair's Report where Trustee President Bostrom spoke, "Trustee Bostrom stated that the trustees anticipated they would lose about half of the pool if the names of the finalists became public." The Chair deemed the amendment not in order under parliamentary procedure. There being no objections, the minutes, as amended, were approved.

For his report Chair Barker explained the procedure for officer nominations and clarified the process for action to be taken on the resolutions as listed on the agenda.

Joel Defebaugh, president of ASUW, reported on activities that body is undertaking and deliberating, i.e., spring concert planning; the supplemental UW budget request; legislation with the Wyoming Legislature; a financial literacy program; RSO funding; WyoWeb restructuring; residence hall wireless capabilities.

Ben Marks, president of Staff Senate, reported they have elected Jim Logue, Computer Support Specialist at UW/CC, as the next president to begin July 1. He also noted that nominations for the employee for the first quarter are still open.

Provost Myron Allen gave a legislative update regarding the status of the UW budget requests. He also spoke on other legislation impacting UW. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Senator Colin Keeney, chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated for the 2013-14 academic year: Ed Janak for chair-elect; Jennifer Petrie for secretary; Tucker Readdy for member-at-large; and Teresa Stephenson for member-at-large. Chair Barker called for nominations from the floor for chair-elect; hearing none, nominations were closed for chair-elect. He called for nominations from the floor for secretary; hearing none, nominations were closed for secretary. He then called for nominations from the floor for member-at-large; hearing none, nominations were closed for member-at-large. Ed Janak, Jennifer Petrie, Tucker Readdy, and Linda Kidwell on behalf of Teresa Stephenson in her absence, each gave a stump speech.

Senator Warrie Means moved to amend Senate Resolution 317, "Resolution for Transparency in Selecting a New President for the University of Wyoming" (SR 317), by replacing "Transparency" in the title with "Non-Confidentiality," and by replacing "secretive" in line 20 with "confidential," and by replacing "standards" in line 26 with "recommendations." Motion seconded. Discussion. Amendment passed. Discussion. Senator Keeney called

for the question which passed with a two-thirds majority. SR 317, as amended, failed with 21 in favor, and 34 opposed.

Senator Alex Latchininsky moved to bring Senate Resolution 318, "Resolution for Protection of Academic Freedom at the University of Wyoming" (SR 318) to the floor. Senator Warrie Means moved to amend by replacing the resolution in its entirety with the amended version distributed at the meeting and attached to these minutes (<http://www.uwyo.edu/facultysenate/files/docs/2012-13/sr318-as-amended-academic-freedom-to-president.pdf>), and by deleting all addendums. Motion seconded. Senator Latchininsky showed a PowerPoint presentation, in lieu of the parliamentary procedure of "reading of papers." Discussion. Amendment passed. Discussion. Senator Dorothy Yocom called for the question which passed with a two-thirds majority. SR 318, as amended, passed.

Senate Resolution 316, "Resolution in Support of University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2 Report *Recommendations for a Revised General Education Program*" (SR 316) was brought back to the floor for discussion. Senator Quincy Newell moved to amend by deleting "and" from line 35, and adding as another bulleted paragraph after the second bulleted paragraph beginning on line 32, the wording: "Recommends that language on page 16 under 'Human Culture' and 'STEM' that currently reads 'Departments will be given the opportunity to designate courses as HC, STEM or neither' be changed to read 'Departments will be given the opportunity to designate courses as HC, STEM, neither, or some proportion of both (e.g., a 3-credit-hour interdisciplinary course that combines HC and STEM disciplines could be designated as 1 hour HC and 2 hours STEM, or 1.5 hours HC and 1.5 hours STEM)"; and language on page 16 under 'Human Culture' and 'STEM' that currently reads 'A course cannot fulfill the requirement for both categories' be changed to 'No credit hour, nor any fraction of a credit hour, may be designated as both HC and STEM'; and by further amending by adding another bulleted item immediately following the above to read, "Recommends that the remaining report be appropriately modified to reflect these changes." Discussion. Amendment passed. Discussion. Senator O'Toole called for the question, which passed with a two-thirds majority. SR 316, as amended, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

/s/

Tucker Readdy

Secretary of the Faculty Senate

1 **Senate Resolution 318**

2 **Introduced by**  
3 **Alexandre Latchininsky, Faculty Senator**  
4 **Ecosystem Science and Management**  
5 **Amended version proposed by Warrie Means**  
6 **Animal Science**

7 **RESOLUTION FOR PROTECTION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AT THE**  
8 **UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
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10 **WHEREAS**, recently, under pressure from the energy industry and state legislators, “Carbon  
11 Sink” artwork was prematurely removed by UW officials;

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13 **AND WHEREAS**, this act of censorship is contrary to the UW Mission and can be interpreted  
14 as a violation of academic freedom;

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16 **AND WHEREAS**, a “new” selection/approval process for campus artwork associated with a  
17 new building has been legislated;

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19 **AND WHEREAS**, freedom from censorship and preservation of academic freedom is of  
20 essential and non-negotiable importance to the integrity of a public university and to its duty to  
21 provide students and citizens with ideas, perspectives, and truths that are at the heart of a vital  
22 democracy and an open society;

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24 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming strongly  
25 expresses its opposition to censorship or restrictions of academic freedom at the University of  
26 Wyoming;

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28 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate calls upon the University of  
29 Wyoming Trustees to ensure that the next UW President supports the University Mission and  
30 academic freedom and places academic freedom above pressures which would undermine the  
31 essential nature of what it is to be a public university in service to society.