

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
November 26, 2012

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on November 26, 2012, 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: Maas, Mealor, Reaman.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

It was moved by Senator Towler to amend the October 22, 2012, Faculty Senate minutes by changing the vote as recorded on Senate Resolution 315, As Amended, to read “. . . passed with 34 in favor and 15 opposed.” Motion seconded and carried. The minutes were approved as amended.

Chair Barker reported: Senator Alex Latchininsky was awarded the fall Faculty Senate Speaker Series award, and his talk will be held November 29; the Presidential Search process is ongoing and to contact him with comments or questions; Vice President for Special Projects Carol Frost is calling for faculty nominations to serve on the Calendar Committee; he attended an ECTL visionary workshop; the Board of Trustees approved the changes to the surviving spouse benefits endorsed by Faculty Senate Resolution 314, and they also approved the plus/minus grading system approved by the Faculty Senate in Senate Bill 320. He then yielded the floor to Vice President for Information Technology and CIO Robert Aylward, who announced that students will soon be migrating to a new email system, and the email systems of faculty and staff also will be moved to a new system in 2013. Barker then gave general procedural guidelines for the discussion of Senate Resolution 316 concerning proposed General Education requirements for later in the meeting.

Chair-Elect Colin Keeney, chair of the Nominations Committee, announced that nominations are open for the Faculty Senate offices of chair-elect, secretary, and two members-at-large.

Joel Defebaugh, president of ASUW, reported: ASUW approved a special projects fund for improvements across campus; Freshman Senate is considering a smoke-free campus initiative; ASUW has been discussing the General Education proposal.

Ben Marks, president of Staff Senate, reported they are working on Staff Recognition Day, the Holiday Market, the Holiday Food Drive, and a bicycle raffle.

Provost Myron Allen distributed a handout entitled “Report Card-University Plan 3.” He spoke about how the charge for a new general education system came to be, and spoke to the work of Task Force-Stage 1 and Task Force-Stage 2. He spoke to concerns he’s received with the proposal.

Claudia Thompson, chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee, advised that her committee gave a unanimous endorsement of the University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2 report and brought Senate Resolution 316, “Resolution in Support of University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2 Report “Recommendations for a Revised General Education Program” (SR 316) to the floor. Discussion. Senator Janet

Dewey moved to postpone definitely the consideration of SR 316 to the January 28 full senate meeting. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Tucker Readdy
Secretary of the Faculty Senate