A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on March 25, 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: Garnich, Haney, Johnson, L., Lee, Means, J., Painter, Prather, Stephenson.

Chair Barker asked to amend the agenda by deleting “III. Athletics Planning Committee Report” and “V. Straw Poll: Electronic vs. Hard-Copy Faculty Senate Agenda Packets” and by adding “IV. Discussion with new UW President Robert Sternberg.” There being no objections, the agenda was amended and approved.

Senator Nelson moved to amend the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2013, by changing the word “times” in the first line of the Chair’s Report to read “items.” Motion seconded. Motion carried and the minutes were approved as amended.

For his report Chair Barker explained the procedure for discussion of Senate Bill 324. He noted that the Athletics Report that was deleted as an agenda item will be sent to senators via email instead. Barker explained the issue and conducted the straw poll that was deleted as an agenda item, asking for a show of hands for those in favor of receiving a hard-copy only of the monthly Faculty Senate agenda as opposed to an email copy only. The hard-copy option received the most votes. Barker briefed the senators on the plan for Dr. Sternberg’s visit to the senate later in the meeting.

Ben Marks, president of Staff Senate, reported on activities they have been undertaking, i.e., staff awards; Relay for Life participation; organizing Staff Recognition Day; collection of box tops for schools; and staff senator elections.

John O’Hagan, chair of the Faculty Senate Student Interaction Committee, provided a report regarding the charge of reviewing current methods for promoting the Supplemental Instruction (SI) and Synergy programs.

Debbie McCarthy, chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Planning Committee, gave a presentation on the web page developed by the committee to address the charge to inform and educate the Faculty Senate on the UW budget.

Provost Myron Allen gave a legislative UW budget report and the final funding outcome of the legislative session. He also announced that he has received the final report from the academic calendar committee for academic years 2014-15 through 2019-20. That report will be disseminated to the Faculty Senate soon.

Senator Cliff Marks, member of the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee, introduced Senate Bill 324, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulations 5-1 “Academic Personnel,” 5-808 “Post-Tenure Review Policy,” 1-44 “Violence in the Workplace,” 5-35 “Faculty Dispute Resolution,” 5-35 “Appendix A,” 5-408 “Guidelines for Establishing Academic Professionals” and 7-570 “Regulations of the College of Law” and reviewed the charge to the committee. Discussion. Senator Scott Shaw moved to insert “where appropriate” at the end of line 24, page 2,
and delete “where appropriate” from lines 25, 26 and 29, page 2. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Discussion. Senator Jennifer Deckert moved to delete “have the doctor’s degree in course” from lines 14 and 18, page 2, and replace both deletions with “hold the terminal qualification in their discipline (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., MFA, etc.).” Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Senator Richard Anderson-Sprecher moved to put back in the proposed deletion “It is not anticipated that each faculty member will attain the rank of full professor” on lines 38 and 39, page 2. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion failed. Senator Donal O’Toole moved to insert “physical or mental incapacity (as delimited by federal and state disability law) and” at the beginning of line 34, page 7, and delete “physical or mental incapacity (as delimited by federal and state disability law),” from lines 35 and 36, page 7; and to insert “behavior that leads to a” before the word “conviction” on line 37, page 7. Discussion. Motion carried. Senator Colin Keeney moved to postpone definitely further discussion on Senate Bill 324 to April 29, 2013. Motion seconded and carried.

Chair Barker turned the floor over to Provost Allen who introduced Dr. Bob Sternberg, the incoming president of the University of Wyoming. Dr. Sternberg spoke about the academic values he will use as president. There was a question and answer period following his talk.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

/s/
Tucker Readdy
Secretary of the Faculty Senate