

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
September 24, 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 September 24, 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: Anderson, A., Chen, Dillon, Downs, Prewett, Towler.

Senator Donal O'Toole moved to amend the agenda by including a discussion item regarding the sale of the Y Cross Ranch, and subsequently Resolution 315, entitled "A Resolution in Support of Postponing Sale of the Y Cross Ranch." A copy of the proposed amended agenda was distributed. The motion was seconded, and passed. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of April 30, 2012, were approved as distributed.

Chair Barker gave an introduction to the Faculty Senate, and outlined the function as defined in UW Regulations 6-700 and 701, "Bylaws of the University Faculty" and "Faculty Senate Bylaws," respectively. He briefed about the committee structure, attendance at meetings, and the general procedures of the Faculty Senate. He also thanked the senators for their participation.

For his report, Chair Barker reported that the number one priority this year will be the review and consideration of the proposed General Education requirements. He advised that the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee is currently reviewing the report submitted by USP Review Task Force 2 and will have recommendations to the Executive Committee on October 8 for full senate discussion starting on October 22, 2012. Barker also gave backgrounds of and procedures for the two resolutions on the agenda. Additionally he reported that he has been asked as chair of the Faculty Senate by UW Trustee President Bostrom for faculty nominations for the UW Presidential Search Committee. He asked the senators to email one faculty member from their colleges to him by October 2, and he will review and select nominees to forward to Trustee Bostrom. Barker ended his report by asking for a volunteer to be parliamentarian for the academic year.

Joel Defebaugh, President of ASUW, reported on ASUW issues being addressed, such as the plus/minus grading system; salary raises supplemental request to the Legislature; the presidential search; and general studies input from students. He also distributed a brochure entitled "Moving Forward How We Govern" that outlines ASUW Student Government Priorities 2012-2013.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Myron Allen reported on: the status of the eight per cent budget reduction plan; the supplemental budget request for the upcoming legislative session; the status of the process of development of UP4, which will cover 2014-2020; and on the upcoming change in the President's Office due to the retirement of Tom Buchanan next year, explaining that the Board of Trustees have the responsibility for the final selection of his replacement.

Chair Barker called for a motion to ratify the nominations for chair of the Research Advisory Committee, and two members of the Student Interaction Committee. Motion to ratify, seconded, and passed.

Dr. Keith Evaschewski, Director of the University Counseling Center, and Carolyn Haney, Lecturer in the Division of Social Work, distributed folders entitled “Responding to Students in Distress” and spoke about the campus and community resources available when encountering a student in distress. All UW employees will receive via campus mail the folder which provides pertinent information when faced with this issue.

Associate Provost Nicole Ballenger gave a background of the need for revising UW regulations that address surviving spouse retirement issues, and spoke about the proposed revisions drafted by Academic Affairs, Human Resources, and the Legal Office. She and Eric Goldenstein, HR manager of Employee Benefits, answered questions. Chair Barker called for discussion of Senate Resolution 314, “Resolution in Support of Proposed Changes to UW Retirement-Related Regulations Pertaining to Surviving Spouse Benefits” introduced by the Executive Committee. Discussion. Senate Resolution 314 passed.

Senator Donal O’Toole, Faculty Senate representative from the Department of Veterinary Sciences, distributed an information sheet on the Y Cross Ranch and addressed his proposal to postpone the sale of the ranch. He introduced Drake Jorns, UW intern working on the ranch, and Tim Dawson, long-standing veterinarian on the ranch. Ben Blalock, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, distributed an information sheet and gave his response for the UW Foundation regarding the gift agreement between Courtenay and Amy Davis and the UW Foundation and the CSU Foundation, and the ultimate decision to put the Y Cross Ranch up for sale by sealed bid. Frank Galey, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, gave his response regarding the use of the Y Cross Ranch as a resource for his faculty and students. Chair Barker explained the legislative process pertaining to the proposed resolution, and he entertained a motion to bring Senate Resolution 315, “A Resolution in Support of Postponing Sale of the Y Cross Ranch” to the floor. It was moved and seconded to bring SR 315 to the floor. Discussion. Senator Ahrenholtz moved to postpone consideration of the resolution to the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 22, 2012. Motion seconded. Discussion. Senator Janus moved to commit to an *ad hoc* committee of five made up of members of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to report back to the senate on October 22 with a summary of wage, cost, and benefits for maintaining the land. Motion seconded. Discussion. Senator Baker moved to call the question. (Parliamentary mistake with no second.) Motion carried. Senator Janus’ motion failed. Senator Janus moved to form a committee of five members to be comprised of the general faculty population to report back to the senate on October 22 with a summary of wage, cost, and benefits for maintaining the land. Motion seconded. Discussion. Senator Ahrenholtz moved to call the question. Motion seconded. Senator Janus’ motion failed. Senator Keeney moved to call the question to postpone to the October 22, meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Chair Barker summarized that Senate Resolution 315 and debate will be brought to the floor at the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 22, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Tucker Readdy
Secretary of the Faculty Senate