

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 22, 2012
As Amended

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on October 22, 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, S., Chen, Estes, Landreville, Painter, Prather, Yocom.

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

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting of September 24, 2012, were approved as distributed.

For his report, Chair Barker explained the parliamentary process that will be used for agenda items regarding General Education and Senate Resolution 316, and regarding the Y Cross Ranch and Senate Resolution 315.

Ben Marks, president of Staff Senate, reported that they passed a resolution concerning surviving spouse retirement benefits and are reviewing the UW bereavement policy. They also are planning for Staff Recognition Day.

Claudia Thompson, chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee, reported on the committee's review of the University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2 (TF2) report, and announced the committee's unanimous decision to support the TF2 report plan.

Joel Defebaugh, president of ASUW, reported he has been meeting with the Board of Trustees regarding the presidential search process, and with Facilities Planning regarding the Half Acre renovation. He reported that ASUW also is reviewing the TF2 plan.

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. He asked for nominations to be sent to any of the committee members: Lisa Hunt, Treva Ahrenholtz, Tony Denzer, or himself. He advised stump speeches will be held at the January 2013 Faculty Senate meeting with the election at the February 2013 meeting.

Albany County United Way campaign officials spoke about the importance of donating and their goals for the 2012 campaign. Those speakers included: Mary Burman and Charlie Wolfe, Albany County co-chairs; David Bagley and Kim Zafft, UW co-chairs; and Paul Heimer, executive director of Albany County United Way. Becca Fisher, Albany County SAFE executive director, spoke about the volunteer partnership between UW and the SAFE project, a United Way agency.

Chair Barker brought Senate Resolution 315, "Resolution in Support of Postponing Sale of the Y Cross Ranch" (SR 315) back on the floor. Senator Donal O'Toole, sponsor of the resolution, moved to replace the original SR 315 with Senate Resolution 315, As Amended, and as distributed to the Faculty Senate prior to the meeting (a copy of SR 315, As Amended, is on file with the official minutes in the Faculty Senate office). Motion seconded. Discussion. The motion carried. Discussion on SR 315, As Amended. Senator Warrie Means moved to strike the

second and seventh “Whereas” paragraphs in their entirety: “Whereas, for 14 years the University of Wyoming failed to promote use of the gift as it was intended by the donor for educational and scientific use; and”; and “Whereas, the sealed bid process and current drought conditions are not the best for obtaining the highest price for the ranch; now therefore,”; and to delete “to the donor” on line 23 and add “; now therefore,” to the end of line 23. Motion seconded and carried. Senator Ed Janak called the question, seconded, and carried. Senate Resolution 315, As Amended, passed with 34 in favor and 15 opposed.

Alyson Hagy, chair of University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2, gave a summary of the report submitted by TF2 entitled “Recommendations for a Revised General Education Program.” A question and answer period followed her summary. Chair Barker advised that Senate Resolution 316, “Resolution in Support of University Studies Review Task Force – Stage 2 Report “Recommendations for a Revised General Education Program” sponsored by the Academic Planning Committee, will come to the floor of the senate at its November 26, 2012, meeting, and asked that issues and comments be sent to Amy Kopp in the Faculty Senate office prior to the November meeting for review by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Provost Myron Allen announced that the first position paper on University Plan 4 (UP4) can be found on the Academic Affairs’ website.

The Faculty Senate went into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Tucker Readdy
Secretary of the Faculty Senate