A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on December 10, 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, D., Anderson-Sprecher, Chen, Dillon, Ferre-Pikal, Forrester, Groose, Harkin, Hartman, Hvidston, Janak, Janus, Lee, Maas, Mealor, Painter, Prather, Prewett, Stephenson, Thayer.

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Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting moved to Open Discussion, where the presidential search process and proposed general education guidelines were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Tucker Readdy
Secretary of the Faculty Senate