

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
November 25, 2013

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Colin Keeney at 3:10 p.m., on November 25, 2013, in the Family Room of the Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Jennifer Petrie, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Deckert, Downs, Ferre-Pikal, Gigley, Hartman, Jackson, Johnson, Landreville, Lee, Means J, Painter, Yocum.

The agenda, as amended, was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2013, were approved as distributed.

For his report, Chair Keeney announced the officer nomination process has begun for chair-elect, secretary, and two members-at-large. Nominations of self or others are welcome. He read a letter of thanks, written by Myron B. Allen, that expressed appreciation toward the UW Faculty Senators for SR 320 that was passed earlier in the semester nominating him for a Trustees' Award of Merit. Chair Keeney also expressed thanks to all faculty, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, ASUW leadership, Board of Trustees, and members of the Executive Committee for all collaborative efforts. He addressed that the purpose of an Executive Session was to allow all Faculty Senators the opportunity to speak freely. This is a session open only to Faculty Senators or their representatives (alternate or proxy). Legislation cannot be passed during Executive Session.

ASUW President Brett Kahler, reported on activities ASUW is undertaking. Three main items include: 1) Student memorial project, 2) Spring break opportunity for a student exchange to Shanghai, China, 3) Tuition and student fees being evaluated as a source of revenue. A question and answer period followed the report.

There was no Staff Senate report.

For his report, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Dick McGinity clarified his role. As stated within UW Reg 1-1, he is the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs performing the duties of the President until an acting President has been appointed by the Board of Trustees. He commented on the strengths of faculty and students and the overall infrastructure of UW that allows us to work together to achieve whatever we attempt in the future. The Board of Trustees will gather December 6, 2013 for clarification of leadership. UP4 is continuing. The timetable may be modified and the Deans and Directors are receiving guidance on how to proceed further. A question and answer period followed the report.

Vice President for Student Affairs Sara Axelson addressed the "Holistic Alternative Admission Policy". There is opportunity to further attract high achieving students with strengths in writing and seek out candidates who may not normally apply. The establishment of a rubric for reviewing essays to establish consistency is in process. There was a question and answer period.

Chair Keeney called for discussion on Senate Resolution 323, "Resolution of Changing the Name of Wyoming/Casper College Center to the University of Wyoming at Casper". Discussion. Senator Shaw offered a friendly amendment to place the title in bold in line 26 and 27 and to read as bolded ". . . University of Wyoming at Casper". The friendly amendment was accepted and seconded. Discussion on the amendment as amended. Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Amendment passed. Discussion on the amended Senate Resolution. Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Senate Resolution 323, as amended, passed.

Chair Keeney called for discussion on Senate Resolution 324, "Resolution for Transparency in Selecting a New President for the University of Wyoming". Senator O'Toole moved the Senate Resolution to the floor. Motion seconded. Senator Shaw offered a friendly amendment to insert at line 13 "WHEREAS, under University Regulation 6-700, I, Article II, Section 2f, the Faculty Senate is granted the legal authority "To consult with the Board of Trustees regarding the selection of a President of the University whenever that office shall become vacant"; and". Senator W Means offered a friendly amendment to replace the name of the Senate Resolution with "Recommendations For Selecting A University Of Wyoming President". Senator O'Toole accepted the two friendly amendments. Senator Shaw's amendment was moved and seconded. Discussion. Senator Prather recommended replacing the first "Whereas" at line 11 with the friendly amendment proposed by Senator Shaw. Senator Groose recommended removing the word "legal" from Senator Shaw's amendment. Senator Stephenson recommended not replacing the first "Whereas" at line 11, but instead place Senator Shaw's amendment at line 11 to read "WHEREAS, under University Regulation 6-700, I, Article II, Section 2f, the Faculty Senate is granted the authority "To consult with the Board of Trustees regarding the selection of a President of the University whenever that office shall become vacant"; and". Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Amendment was approved. Senator W Means' amendment was moved and seconded. Discussion. Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Amendment was approved. Senator Obert offered a friendly amendment to change line 25 (noted by Italics) to read "Recommends the names of *each finalist* for president of this University...". Senator O'Toole accepted the friendly amendment. It was seconded and carried. Amendment was approved. Senator Groose offered a friendly amendment to remove line 17, the fourth "Whereas". Senator Dewey moved to strike and amend line 17. It was recommended to remove "...confidential searches do not meet .. " from line 17 and also remove "...particularly AAUP's emphasis on ... " from line 18, to read (change noted by Italics) "WHEREAS, American Association of University Professor's standards for selecting a university president *emphasize* public visits during the finalist stage ...". Motion seconded. Senator O'Toole accepted the amendment. Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Amendment was approved. Discussion on the Senate Resolution as amended. Keeney called the question. It was seconded and carried. Senate Resolution 324, as amended, passed by majority. Senator O'Toole called for division. Senate Resolution passed on hand vote 47 in favor, 3 opposed.

Chair Keeney moved the senate to Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Jennifer Petrie

Secretary of the Faculty Senate