

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
January 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Edward Janak at 3:10 p.m., on January 26, 2015, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Janet Dewey, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Andersen, M., Buckner, Cammack, Chestek, Chichester, Forrester, Hvidston, Ipina, McDonald, Mealor.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Janak read a letter he received from Governor Mead addressing the resolution for parity of women and men on UW's Board of Trustees passed at the December senate meeting, which stated, in part, that he would take into account the resolution. He also spoke to communication received by the Board of Trustees from the Executive Committee addressing trustee involvement in the deans' search process, and the reply from the board, which stated, in part, that it was their intention not to have any direct interference with the deans' searches, only to be updated with information during each search. Janak provided information about the numerous water leaks that occurred on campus during winter break, and that Physical Plant has developed a cold weather protocol to help alleviate this from happening in the future. He reported that due to decreased state revenues resulting from low oil prices, legislative funding appropriations may be lower than originally hoped.

Ricardo Lind-Gonzalez, vice president of ASUW, spoke regarding legislation that body is considering. A question and answer discussion period followed regarding a possible resolution that is being considered expressing the right to have concealed/carry firearms on campus.

Rachel Stevens, president of Staff Senate, spoke regarding four resolutions that body is considering regarding the cost analysis procedure for capital construction projects; the trustees' endowed chairs initiative; e-smoking on campus; and concealed/carry firearms on campus. There was a question and answer discussion period following her report.

David Jones, vice president for Academic Affairs, reported on the status of the four deans' searches; the trustees' participation in the deans' searches that will be limited to giving a subcommittee information updating them on any particular search; receiving comments from the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee and other constituents regarding the UP4 draft document which is scheduled to go to the trustees in March; faculty retention and the process being established for selecting comparator institutions. There was a question and answer discussion period following his report.

Janak called for nominations from the floor for the offices of chair-elect, secretary and member-at-large. There being none, he closed nominations. Campaign speeches were given by Senator Scott Shaw and Senator Robert Sprague for chair-elect; Senator Donal O'Toole for secretary; and Senator Janet Dewey for member-at-large.

Tara Evans, deputy general counsel, spoke regarding the UW regulations that office is working on to clean up content that is not substantive in nature.

John Stark, senior associate vice president for Development, spoke in place of Ben Blalock, vice president for Institutional Advancement, who was originally scheduled to speak but couldn't attend due to a scheduling conflict, regarding the function of the Foundation. There was a question and answer discussion period following his talk.

Janak led discussion on the trustees' initiative on endowed chairs. It was determined to ask Dave Palmerlee, president of the Board of Trustees, or multiple trustees, to attend a Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions about the initiative. It was also decided to have the Executive Committee draft a resolution for the February senate meeting and to have senators solicit suggestions from their departments concerning what they want to be included in the process.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

/s/

Janet Dewey

Secretary of the Faculty Senate