

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

Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
November 24, 2014

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Edward Janak at 3:10 p.m., on November 24, 2014, in the Family Room of the Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Chair-Elect Tucker Readdy in the absence of Secretary Janet Dewey, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Andersen, M., Anderson, C., Anderson, D., Anderson-Sprecher, Buckner, Garnich, Gigley, Henne, Janus, Kidwell, McDonald, Minckley, Navratil, Murphy, Raddaoui, Skopek.

Due to lack of a quorum not allowing for voting, Janak gave his Chair's Report, which included a report on the Board of Trustees' initiatives regarding the College of Education, tuition increases, and endowed chairs. He reported the Executive Committee met with President McGinity and discussion of a trustee orientation for newly-appointed trustees may be initiated. Janak advised that ASUW and Staff Senate are having discussions for a tobacco-free campus initiative. He added that an *ad hoc* committee is reviewing expanding the senate to include interdisciplinary programs, and also that a charge has been sent to two standing committees to review changing the upper-division credit requirement. He announced the December meeting will be held at the Gateway Center.

ASUW president Ahmed Balogun reported on activities they are undertaking, and that they helped organize the vigil for classmate Joe McGowan.

Having acquired a quorum, the agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2014, were approved as distributed.

Cheryl Goldenstein, chair of the Committee on Committees, explained the function of the committee.

Lawrence Schmidt, chair of the Research Advisory Committee, explained the function of the committee.

Steve Smutko, chair of the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee, explained the function of the committee, and noted they are reviewing UW Regulation 5-803, regarding first year reviews, as charged by the Faculty Senate.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones reported on the Board of Trustees' initiatives regarding endowed chairs, the College of Education, and involvement of trustees in deans' searches. He added the semifinalists will soon be selected in all of the deans' searches, with the intention to have the finalists visit campus to interview. He also announced the UP4 draft document can be found on the Academic Affairs Website at [http://www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs/plans/14-20/up4\\_draft.pdf](http://www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs/plans/14-20/up4_draft.pdf) and input

continues to be solicited on the current draft. Academic Affairs is also in the process of reviewing sabbatical proposals.

Ryan O'Neil, Wyoming Union Events Coordinator, distributed a calendar of events for "Days of Dialogue" to be held February 3-7, 2015, and spoke regarding the events planned. She asked for participation from faculty and students.

Dave Micus, UW Registrar, talked about the background and need for an "Early Alert" system which alerts undergraduate students of mid-term grades for 1000-2000 level courses. Jo Chytka, Director of the Center for Advising and Career Services, distributed information concerning the "UW Early Alert Program" and spoke on this year's data and how early alerts have affected grades.

Janak called for ratification of a standing committee member nominee. It was moved, seconded and carried.

Senator Tucker Readdy, chair-elect of the Faculty Senate, announced he will be accepting nominations for chair-elect, secretary, and three-members-at-large. One of the members-at-large is for the spring 2015 through spring 2016 unexpired term, while the other nominations are to commence fall 2015. Campaign speeches will be held in January 2015 and the election in February.

Janak opened the floor for discussion of Senate Resolution 325, "Resolution Against State Preemption of Regulation of Firearms on UW Campuses," and read Senator O'Toole's proposed amendment from the October meeting, "Whereas, students and UW employees who think they are threatened can obtain a permit to carry a gun on campus by written application to UW's police department." The amendment carried with 34 in favor, 4 opposed, and 5 abstentions. After discussion on Senate Resolution 325, as amended, the vote carried with 43 in favor, and 4 opposed.

Senate Bill 332, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 6-702, Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees," was introduced by Janak. The bill will come to the senate at its December meeting for discussion and vote.

Senate Resolution 326, "Resolution for Gender Parity on UW's Board of Trustees," was introduced by Janak. Nicole Ballenger, professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, and one of the authors of an online petition for signatures requesting gender equity on the Board of Trustees to be sent to Governor Mead, reviewed the petition, followed by discussion. The resolution will come to the senate at its December meeting for discussion and vote.

The senate went into Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Tucker Readdy, Chair-Elect for  
Janet Dewey, Secretary of the Faculty Senate