A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Edward Janak at 3:10 p.m., on February 23, 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., Anderson, D., Henne, Huizinga, Johnson, L., Johnson, T., McGee, Means, Navratil, Ritchie.

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

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

Janak announced the Wyoming State Science Fair is in need of judges. He reported that an ad hoc committee of former senate chairs has formed, and is discussing whether to produce a survey for faculty and staff regarding the morale on campus. He also reported on issues the Legislature is debating, in particular conceal-carry laws on school campuses, and the UW supplemental budget request. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Ricardo Lind-Gonzalez, vice president of ASUW, spoke on issues on which that body is working, such as Common Cents week, asset storage (locker space) applications, ASUW meeting dress code, the Chinese Ambassador Scholarship, and discussion on a parking garage. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Rachel Stevens, president of Staff Senate, announced that Arron Sullivent has been elected the next Staff Senate president to take over the duties July 1. She also 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 period following her report.

David Jones, vice president for Academic Affairs, reported on the status of the four deans’ searches; the trustees’ initiative on endowed chairs, and the UP4 draft document. There was a question and answer discussion period following his report.

Patrice Noel, director of Transfer Relations in the Office of Academic Affairs, and David Anton, Complete College Wyoming team member, distributed information regarding Complete College Wyoming, and spoke about its mission to facilitate cooperation among community colleges, the University of Wyoming, and other stakeholders to focus on student access, success, and completion. There was a question and answer period following their presentation.
Janak read a message he received from Dave Palmerlee, president of the Board of Trustees, replying to questions regarding the trustees’ endowed chairs initiative. He conveyed that trustees will be attending the Faculty Senate meeting in March for discussion on the subject, and that no decisions have been made.

Janak called for a vote by acclamation for Donal O’Toole, candidate for secretary, and for Janet Dewey, candidate for member-at-large. Vote by acclamation carried unanimously. Scott Shaw received the most votes by secret ballot for chair-elect.

Tucker Readdy, Faculty Senate chair-elect, called for nominations of two members-at-large—one for the one-year term of fall 2015-spring 2016, and one for the two-year term of fall 2015-through spring 2017.

Senate Resolution 327, “Resolution in Support of Expansion of Positions in Faculty Senate” was introduced by Janak for the Executive Committee. Discussion and vote will be at the March meeting.

Senate Bill 333, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 6-805(3)(d) Regarding Joint Degrees Awarded by the College of Law” was introduced by Janak for the Executive Committee, and Jacquelyn Bridgeman, interim dean of the College of Law, gave background information. Discussion and vote will be at the March meeting.

The senate went in to Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

/s/
Janet Dewey
Secretary of the Faculty Senate