

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
March 30, 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 March 30, 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, C., Forrester, Garnich, Gigley, Harkin, Janus, McDonald, Mealor, Murphy, Raddaoui.

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

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

Janak yielded his time for his chair's report to Trustee Bostrom and President McGinity.

Vice President of ASUW Ricardo Lind-Gonzalez spoke about issues on which that body is working, such as a resolution for registration of safer parties off campus and asset storage applications. He added that the student fees increase is supported by ASUW. There was a question and answer period following his report.

There was no Staff Senate report.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones, in his absence, asked Janak to report that the deans for the College of Business and the College of Law have been hired and will begin work July 1, and the dean for the College of Education will be hired in the next few weeks. Additionally, the associate vice president for undergraduate studies position has been announced.

President Dick McGinity reported on action taken at the recent legislative session, i.e., the failure of the conceal-carry legislation, and spoke regarding the funding approved for the University of Wyoming. He also spoke about the compensation distribution process approved by the Board of Trustees for market and merit increases. He added that the five newly-appointed trustees will bring a great benefit to the University. He also addressed construction and renovation cost issues.

Trustee Dave Bostrom spoke about the trustees' Endowed Chairs Initiative, noting that it is in the beginning "embryonic" stages of discussion, and that the beginning concept is to ask faculty to help establish the process. He spoke about an "academic board" and an "advisory board" that will guide the initiative. These boards would include, among others, trustees, faculty, staff and administration. The idea of faculty seeking donors was discussed with senators giving their views on that suggestion. Bostrom added that the thought behind the initiative is "to retain the best that we have and recruit the best that we can." There was a question and answer discussion following his remarks.

Janak called for nominations for member-at-large from the floor. There were none. Senator Christi Boggs, nominee for the one-year member-at-large open position, gave her campaign speech. Senator Bob Sprague, nominee for the two-year member-at-large position, gave his campaign speech. Janak closed the nominations.

Janak brought to the floor Senate Bill 330, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 5-803, 'Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Procedures for University Faculty,'" and explained the background and charge to the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee following introduction to the senate in the fall, and the directive by the senate to have the URT&P Committee review the proposed changes. It was moved and seconded to table the bill to the April meeting to give senators a chance to discuss the committee's proposed changes with their departments. Motion carried.

Janak brought to the floor Senate Bill 333, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 6-805(3)(d) Regarding Joint Degrees Awarded by the College of Law." Discussion. The question was called, and the bill passed.

Janak brought to the floor Senate Resolution 327, "Resolution in Support of Expansion of Positions in Faculty Senate." Discussion on the resolution. Senator Readdy moved, and it was seconded, to table to the April meeting. Discussion on the motion. Motion to table failed. The question was called and the resolution passed unanimously.

Janak introduced Senate Bill 334, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 6-404, 'University Undergraduate Degree Requirements.'" There was a question and answer period following the bill introduction. The bill will come before the senate in April for discussion and vote.

Janak moved, and it was seconded, to approve the revised amended version for consideration of Senate Bill 335, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 8-238, 'Procedures for Change of Registration.'" Motion carried. Interim Registrar Lane Buchanan introduced the bill. There was a question and answer period following the bill introduction. The bill will come before the senate in April for discussion and vote.

Janak introduced Senate Resolution 328, "A Resolution in Support of Graduate Council's Report, 'Graduate Studies at the University of Wyoming: Institutional and National Leadership.'" Caroline McCracken-Flesher, chair of the Graduate Council, spoke to the origins and development of the report. The resolution will come before the senate in April for discussion and vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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Janet Dewey
Secretary of the Faculty Senate