

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
April 28, 2014

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Colin Keeney at 3:10 p.m., on April 28, 2014, 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: Andersen, Dillon, Jackson, Janus, Harkin, Lee, Ritchie, Johnson, T., Schmidt, Skopek.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the meeting of March 31, 2014, were approved as distributed.

Keeney gave a summary explanation of the survey faculty senators received from the Legislative Service Office (LSO) regarding a management audit being conducted.

There was no report from ASUW.

There was no report from Staff Senate.

Keeney introduced and thanked Faculty Senate standing committee chairs and called for questions pertaining to their annual reports distributed with the agenda. Committee chairs announced: Christi Boggs, Academic Information Technology Committee; Claudia Thompson, Academic Planning Committee; Debora Person, Budget Planning Committee; Cheryl Goldenstein, Committee on Committees; Tim Collier, Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee; Bret Range, Faculty Development Committee; Suzie Young, Graduate Council; Erin Campbell-Stone, Library Council; Kimberly Miller, Student Interaction Committee; Anna Zajacova, Research Advisory Committee; Dennis Coon, University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee; Brant Schumaker, University Studies Committee; Bruce Cameron, University Course Review Committee.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Maggi Murdock reported that work is in progress on the salary distribution plan. She spoke regarding the LSO management audit and the survey distributed to faculty, students, staff and administration. She advised that work on University Plan 4 is on target. Murdock thanked Colin Keeney for his leadership this past year. She reported on the USP Stage 3 implementation task force public discussions held on diversity/global curriculum, and asked for at least two volunteers from Faculty Senate to be on an *ad hoc* committee to address those issues. There was a question and answer period following her report. Keeney thanked her for her willingness to work with faculty.

Keeney called for vote by acclamation for nominees Janet Dewey for secretary and Robert Sprague for member-at-large. Acclamation carried.

Keeney called for ratification of standing committee chair nominees as distributed with the agenda, with the addition of Samara Madrid for the University Studies Committee. Ratification carried. Keeney called for ratification of standing committee member nominees as distributed with the agenda. Ratification carried.

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Bill Gern spoke regarding the University Plan 4 elements deriving from the Research Office and posted on that website. He invited comments on these elements to be sent to him. There was a question and answer period following his remarks.

Keeney noted that amendments for Senate Bills 326, 327, and 329 received prior to the meeting were distributed via email and as a handout at the meeting. These proposed amendments are on file with the official minutes in the Faculty Senate office.

Keeney asked for approval of amendments submitted by General Counsel to the Executive Committee, for Senate Bill 326, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulations 8-238 'Procedures for Change of Registration,' and 6-715 'Scholastic Probation, Suspension, Reinstatement and Academic Renewal for Undergraduate Students Specifically by Changing the Repeat Grade Policy'" on Page 1, Line 9, and Page 5, Lines 3 and 4, to the title of UW Regulation 6-715, by deleting "Specifically by Changing the Repeat Grade Policy." Amendments carried. Senator Jeff Means moved to amend Senate Bill 326, Page 2, Lines 7-9, by deleting "be continued to"; Page 5, Lines 26-27 by deleting "is where" and adding "shall mean that the student . . ."; Page 5, Lines 28-30 by deleting "may" and adding "will continue. . ." and "coursework on scholastic . . ."; and Page 6, Lines 17-19 by adding "calendar days. . ." Proposed amendments were seconded and carried. Discussion on the bill. Senate Bill 326, as amended, passed.

Keeney asked for approval of amendments submitted by General Counsel to the Executive Committee, Senate Bill 327, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulations 6-404 'University Undergraduate Degree Requirements,' 6-407 'University Studies Program,' 6-712 'Physical Education Requirements,' and 6-714 'Freshman English Graduation Requirement'" on Page 3, Lines 15 and 16, to the title of UW Regulation 6-715, by deleting "and Dismissal of Undergraduate Students and Cumulative Grade Point Average" and adding "Suspension, Reinstatement and Academic Renewal for Undergraduate Students." Amendments carried. Senator Christi Boggs moved to amend Senate Bill 327, Page 2, Lines 7-41, by adding "virtually or at extension. . ."; by deleting "(2) correspondence study courses offered through the Outreach School, including online and other distance coursework" Lines 9-11; and all of Lines 6 through 33. Proposed amendments were seconded and carried. Senate Bill 327, as amended, passed.

Senate Bill 328, "A Bill to Revise University Regulation 6-702, 'Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees'" passed with no discussion.

Senator Bill Weber moved to amend Senate Bill 329, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 5-1 'Academic Personnel'" by adding at the end of Line 29 the wording "Academic freedom does not negate the rights of students and the public to disagree with a professor's work, although students may be expected to learn material with which they disagree. Nor does it shield professors' work from the consequences of expert peer review, which is essential to the rigorous evaluation of teaching, research, and creative activity." Motion seconded. Senator Scott Shaw moved to amend by deleting "expert peer review" and adding "expert review by colleagues in their field of study". Motion seconded. Discussion. Amendment to

original amendment carried. Discussion on original amendment with friendly amendments. Original amendment, as amended, carried. Senator Julia Obert moved and it was seconded, to delete from Line 20-22, "teachers should avoid introducing into their teaching matter that is not germane to the subject, whether controversial or not." Discussion with friendly amendments, motion carried. Discussion on the bill. Senate Bill 329, as amended, passed.

Keeney thanked the senate for the hard work done this year and handed over the gavel to Chair-elect Ed Janak. Janak presented Keeney with a plaque of appreciation from the Faculty Senate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

/s/

Jennifer Petrie

Secretary of the Faculty Senate