

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
September 29, 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 September 29, 2014, in the Family Room of the 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: Chichester, Mealor, Urynowicz.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

The minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2014, were approved as distributed.

Janak reported the Executive Committee was busy during the summer, and sent charges to several standing committees. He advised that senators can introduce bills at a senate meeting, but must do so when the agenda is being approved. Janak also reported that he met with the Board of Trustees president Dave Palmerlee and that the trustees want to establish a communication “pipeline” with faculty.

ASUW president Ahmed Balogun reported on activities ASUW will be undertaking this year, including a sustainable storage system for student materials used by RSOs on campus and an online application called WyoVoices giving students an opportunity to share feedback directly with ASUW.

There was no report from Staff Senate.

Jennifer Petrie, chair of the Faculty Senate Faculty Development Committee, explained the composition and function of the committee, and reported on charges they are working on this year, including faculty growth awards, and reviewing and compiling UW’s statewide events and activities. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Caroline McCracken-Flesher, chair of the Faculty Senate Graduate Council, explained the function of the committee, and reported on charges they are working on, including the review of state funding for next generation science standards, and developing guidelines for the re-establishment of the graduate school. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Robert Sprague, chair of the Faculty Senate Library Council, explained the function of the committee and reported on issues they are working on, including funding for materials for new faculty. He asked for library issues or concerns to be emailed to him.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones reported they are launching searches for the deans of the College of Business, College of Education, and College of Law, and explained the process. They are also looking at the possibility of working together with the Faculty Senate on statewide engagement. There was a question and answer period following his report focused on the composition of the STEM task force and the political overtones of its selection.

President Dick McGinity spoke regarding the UPIV or strategic plan process. There was a question, answer, discussion period following his report. Senators voiced concern over the multiple task forces working on campus and suggested a means of evaluating them as well as the imbalance of political affiliations of current Trustees.

Vice President and General Counsel Rick Miller reported on the "Revisor's Bill," explaining his office is cleaning up the University regulations, by "housekeeping" archaic language throughout the regulations and that no substantive changes are being made. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Interim Associate Provost Alyson Hagy gave a background for the transfer credit initiative (2+2/60x60 plan) and explained what is currently happening with the initiative. Patrice Noel, Director of Transfer Relations, and Mary Aguayo, Enrollment and Policy Strategist, also spoke regarding the plan. A "TreQ" flyer was distributed. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

Janak called for ratification of the standing committee chair and members presented with the agenda. Ratification carried.

Campaign speeches were given for the one-year member-at-large vacancy by Senator Mark Garnich and Senator Donal O'Toole. Election will be held at the October meeting.

Faculty Senate Bill 330, *A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 5-803, Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Procedures for University Faculty*, was introduced by Chair-elect Tucker Readdy, and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones explained the rationale for the proposed revisions. There was a question and answer period following the introduction. Discussion and vote will take place at the October meeting.

Faculty Senate Bill 331, *A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 5-1, Academic Personnel*, was introduced by Member-at-Large Robert Sprague. Tami Benham-Deal, Interim Associate Provost and chair of the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee when this revision was proposed in 2012, gave the committee's rationale for the proposed revision. There was a question and answer period following the introduction. Discussion and vote will take place at the October meeting.

Faculty Senate Resolution 325, *Resolution Against State Preemption of Regulation of Firearms on UW Campuses*, was introduced by Chair-elect Tucker Readdy. There was a question and answer period following the introduction. Discussion and vote will take place at the October meeting. Senators are asked to submit any written amendments for all legislation prior to the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Janet Dewey

Secretary of the Faculty Senate