FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting
of
January 25, 2016

Note: Prior to the call to order, incoming UW president Dr. Laurie Nichols spoke with the senators, advising of her plans for coming to Laramie to begin her work, and touching on her immediate and long-term goals. There was a question and answer period following her remarks.

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Tucker Readdy at 3:34 p.m., on January 25, 2016, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Donal O'Toole, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Anderson, Buckner, Daniels, Hvidston, Murphy, Smith.

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

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

Chair Readdy reported on what progress the senate has made toward accomplishing the goals he established for the 2015-16 academic year. He also reported on items the Board of Trustees approved at their meeting held in January.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones reported that he and Vice President Gern met with Dr. Nichols at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. He also spoke regarding budget cuts that may be expected for the colleges, and explained the program reviewing process across campus.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the “Reports” section of the agenda in order for Senator Kevin Inouye to give his campaign speech early as he had to leave to teach a class. Motion carried, and Senator Inouye gave his stump speech for member-at-large.

ASUW President Brian Schueler reported on docket items that group is working on, such as organizing a student-led, student delegation to Shanghai University; speaking with the Legislature about student email privacy and HB 13; revising Student Code of Conduct processes; and reviewing plus/minus grading.

Staff Senate President Arron Sullivan reported on that organization’s activities, such as the success of the holiday food drive; work on employment practice procedures; development of supervising training programs; review of accumulation and usage of vacation days; and gathering of comparator institutions salary data. He announced Staff Recognition Day will be April 5, from 10-noon at the Gateway Center.

Senator Kate Conerton announced the passage of an open access resolution by UW Libraries.

Chair Readdy called for nominations for office from the floor. There being none, the candidates for office for 2016-17 gave their campaign speeches in this order: Senator Ken Chestek for member-at-large; Senator Adrienne Freng for member-at-large; Senator Nicole Lamartine for member-at-large; Senator Donal O'Toole for secretary; Senator Tucker Readdy for chair-elect; and Senator Tim Slater for chair-elect.
Faculty Senate Bill 336, "Faculty Senate Revisor's Bill," was brought to the floor and introduced by the Executive Committee. Deputy General Counsel Tara Evans explained the purpose of the bill. Discussion and vote will be at the February meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m., followed by Executive Session.

Donal O'Toole, Secretary