

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
March 28, 2016

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: Buckner, Cammack, Dutta, Fitch, Flanigan, Gigley, Janus, Kidwell, Murphy, Slater.

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 several informational items taken from the March Board of Trustees' meeting; topics reported on included the Provost/VPAA search, with the finalist group being selected the last week of April or first week of May; and the Chief Diversity Officer search, with a selection made by January 2017. He advised that the Executive Committee met with members of the Board for a meeting to discuss pertinent topics. Among items discussed were the academic review process, regulations for program elimination, and faculty morale.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones advised that incoming president Nichols attended a portion of the Board of Trustees' meeting, and that she plans to meet with each department on the UW campus this summer. She also plans traveling state-wide to meet all UW units. VP Jones also spoke about the UW budget for next fiscal year 2017. There was a question and answer period following his report.

ASUW president Brian Schueler reported that the Wyoming Legislature passed legislation in favor of privacy of student emails. Schueler also reported he led a group of eight students to Shanghai University over spring break, and he advised ASUW passed a resolution to have each course syllabi include information regarding sexual misconduct. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Chair Readdy announced that Dr. Adam Myers from the Department of Physics and Astronomy was selected as the spring speaker for the Faculty Senate Speaker Series. His talk will be April 5.

There was no Staff Senate report.


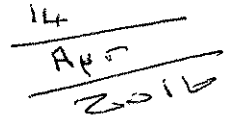
Chair Readdy called for open discussion on the Graduate Council's White Paper on "Graduate Committee Formation Policies." Senators gave their views and those of their constituents on the policies presented. Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies Ann Hild and Graduate Council chair Ben Rashford were present to hear comments and answer questions. A policy document will be drafted by Associate VP Hild in conjunction with the Graduate Council, taking into consideration the White Paper and the input received from faculty senators.

Chair Readdy brought to the floor Senate Bill 337, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 5-1, 'Academic Personnel'" which proposed the addition of an employee designation called "Professor of Practice." Dean Pishko and Dean Alexander were present to speak in favor of creating the designation. There was discussion on the bill. Senator Carolyn Anderson called the question after discussion on a motion to amend by Senator Patrick Johnson, and whose motion was seconded. The call for the question carried.

The amendment failed, with 17 in favor and 27 opposed. After further discussion, Senator Robert Sprague called the question, which carried, with 22 in favor and 16 opposed. Senate Bill 337 failed with 18 in favor and 28 opposed.

Chair Readdy brought to the floor for introduction Senate Bill 338, "Revisions to UW Regulation 5-35, 'Faculty Dispute Resolution.'" Discussion and vote will be at the April meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m., and was followed by an Executive Session.

Donal O'Toole
Secretary