Welcome to the 48th University of Wyoming Faculty Senate

Monday, August 31st
3:10-5:10pm

The 48th UW Faculty Senate

• Total number of Senators: 65
  – Number of new Senators: 12

• New programs represented
  – African American and Diaspora Studies
  – Global and Area Studies

• New seating arrangement

Objectives and Authority of the Faculty Senate

UW Regulation 6-700 (Bylaws of University Faculty)

• “…in accordance with UW Regulations, the Faculty Senate shall seek to determine and establish educational and academic policies which promote and protect the interests and welfare of the University community and further the full and free development of scholarly learning, teaching and research, including the following…”

Objectives and Authority of the Faculty Senate

• To establish and review policies relating to undergraduate and graduate curricula and courses of study

• To establish and recommend policies relating to general requirements for degrees, diplomas and certificates, and honorary degrees

• To establish policies and standards regarding the admission, registration, and dismissal of students, and other matters which relate to the education of students

• To participate in the formulation and implementation of policy governing the status of faculty, including such matters as appointment, promotion, tenure, academic freedom, dismissal, sabbatical and other leaves of absence, travel allowance, and general economic benefits.

• To participate in the development, allocation, and utilization of the University’s human, fiscal, and physical plant resources, including the formulation of policies and procedures governing budgetary priorities.

Objectives and Authority of the Faculty Senate

• To consult with the Board of Trustees regarding the selection of a President of the University when that office shall become vacant.

• To propose amendments or additions to the Bylaws of the Trustees and UW Regulations.

• To provide the means through which any matter of interest to the faculty or pertaining to the University and its purposes may be brought to the Faculty Senate for discussion and appropriate action.
Faculty Senate Standing Committees

Internal Senate Relations
- Committee on Committees (Cheryl Goldenstein)
- Executive Committee (Tucker Readdy)

Faculty Relations
- Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee (Michelle Hilaire)
- Faculty Development Committee (Jeff Miller)

Student Relations
- Student Interaction Committee (Kimberly Miler)

Administrative Relations
- Academic Planning Committee (Steve Bieber)
- Graduate Council (Ben Rashford)
- Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee (Sandy Barstow)
- Budget Planning Committee (Fred Sterbenz)
- University Course Review Committee (Bruce Cameron)
- Library Council (Andrea Burrows)
- University Studies Committee (Cassandra Kvenild)
- Academic Information Technology Committee (Tyler Cline)

Research Advisory Committee (Lawrence Schmidt)

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

- Chair: Tucker Readdy
- Chair-Elect: Scott Shaw
- Past Chair: Ed Janak*
- Secretary: Donal O'Toole
- Members at Large: Christi Boggs, Ken Chestek, Janet Dewey, Robert Sprague

Responsibilities of Faculty Senators

- Attend regular meetings of the Faculty Senate or ensure attendance by alternate or proxy
- Regularly report Faculty Senate proceedings and business items, including committee activities, to the constituents whom they represent
- Actively seek and acquire input from the constituents whom they represent and relay this input to the Faculty Senate and/or to Faculty Senate committees when appropriate

Senate Legislation

- Bills: Legislation that amends existing UW Regulations
- Resolutions: Legislation that formally establishes the sentiment of the Faculty Senate on issues directly related to the University of Wyoming
- Bills and Resolutions are introduced with appropriate background information at Meeting #1
  - Bills and Resolutions are then discussed and voted on (when appropriate) at Meeting #2

Communication in the Faculty Senate

- Senate meetings are governed by Robert's Rules of Order
  - Please review handout provided in August packet
- Public Sessions and Executive Sessions
- Potential issues for discussion by the Faculty Senate may be brought to:
  - The appropriate committee chair
  - Any Executive Committee member