

Academic Planning Committee – Annual Report

During the 2015 – 2016 Academic Year, the Academic Planning Committee was given one formal charge by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and asked to consider a second.

The formal charge was to consider changes to UW Regulations 6-41 (Financial Exigency), 6-43 (Academic Program Elimination), 6-405 (Establishment of a Policy Confining Class Meetings to Pre-Scheduled Times), and 6-702 (Section 4: Academic Planning Committee) that contained inadvertent errors and omissions, obsolete references, and did not reflect current practices. Several issues were raised by the committee, especially when considering UW Regulation 6-41; however, these were deemed outside the limits of the charge by the Faculty Senate Chair. We refocused our efforts and made several cosmetic changes to these UW Regulations, which primarily consisted of changing the name of the “Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs” to the “Vice President for Academic Affairs.”

The second issue brought before the Academic Planning Committee was a question raised by Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education, Dr. Anne Alexander, in regard to whether the Academic Planning Committee was involved in evaluating changes in curricula and programs across campus. Our response was that the Academic Planning Committee is involved in making recommendations “concerning the initiation, quality, modification or termination of academic programs.” However, for the Academic Planning Committee to consider modifications to current programs, the modifications would have to rise to a major level which would involve a fundamental change in the academic environment to accommodate the change. This response seemed to satisfy Dr. Alexander and the Faculty Senate Chair.

The last item considered by the Academic Planning Committee this year was a discussion with Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones in regard to the Academic Program Review (March 2016) being initiated by the University. The Committee questioned Vice President Jones about the “Department/Program Reviews” presentation he made to the Faculty Senate on February 21 and the Academic Program Review process which is currently being implemented in regard to the role and expectations of the Academic Planning Committee during the remainder of this academic year and the next. Undergraduate programs with fewer than 25 graduates over the past 5 years and masters programs with fewer than 15 graduates over the past 5 years have been selected for program review this semester. These programs have already been notified. Their reviews are to be completed sometime in May with institutional review being completed either this summer or by the beginning of the Fall Semester. Depending upon the recommendations made, the Academic Planning Committee “will make recommendations concerning the initiation, quality, **modification**, or **termination** of academic programs.” [UW Regulation 6-702, Section 4. Part b.] It is not anticipated that the Academic Planning Committee will become involved in the process prior to the Fall Semester of 2016.

Members of the Academic Planning Committee for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Hertanto Adidharma – Chemical and Petroleum Engineering

Mark Byra – Kinesiology and Health

Debra Donahue – Law School

Mark Helmsing – Secondary Education

David Kruger – Libraries

Lydia Nganga – UW Casper

Rael Otuya – ASUW

Phil Roberts – History

D. Claudia Thompson – American Heritage Center
Kelly Tian – Management and Marketing
James Waggoner – Ecosystem Science and Management
Stephen Bieber – Statistics

Stephen Bieber, Department of Statistics, was elected to Chair the Academic Planning Committee for the 2016-2017 Academic Year.

Submitted by Stephen Bieber, Chair
April 1, 2016

April 11, 2016

RE: Academic Information Technology Committee Annual Report

Faculty Senate:

The Academic Information Technology Committee met in the spring semester 2016 in consideration of the following charge:

1. Provide a report of various solutions to how “classified” ads might be removed from the Faculty Senate Listserv while still providing alternative mechanisms for making that information available.
Feel free to rank your recommendations if you wish while providing perceived strengths and weaknesses of each.
2. Suggest language that can be posted to the Faculty Senate Listserv webpage that delineates the type of posts that are appropriate from those that are not appropriate.

The Committee members agreed upon a set of suggestions, which were reported to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on February 22, 2016. The recommendations were as follows:

- 1.) Place language on the sign-up page for UW-Faculty listserv that a.) directs users wishing to post classified ads to the eClassifieds website and b.) stipulates that only private commercial activity is prohibited and that advertising paid UW, organizational, or departmental events is allowed
- 2.) Designate a responsible party to send in reply to any person posting private commercial activity the stipulations outlined above, and direct them to the eClassifieds webpage. This person, typically the listserv administrator, would remove the advertising post and reply to the poster with the same language as described above.
- 3.) Place a prominent link to eClassifieds on the WyoWeb homepage. Preferably with a graphic or other large button, to combat the lack of general knowledge about the eClassifieds system.

The Executive Committee then directed the AITC Chair to discuss feasibility of implementation with the Vice President for Technology. This meeting will be scheduled for after the date of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler G. Cline
Chair, AITC

Faculty Senate Budget Committee --- Annual report April 12th 2016

Chairman Fred Sterbenz

Report for 2015-2016

The faculty Senate Budget planning committee met during the fall to discuss the four percent tuition increase. We had a meeting with David Jones, Vice president for Academic Affairs in which we discussed the four percent tuition increase and what we might do with it. We summarized our comments. Our comments on the proposed tuition increase were then distributed to the executive committee of the faculty senate.

We also discussed the Uniregs for the Reviser bill.

In the Spring 2016 we met to discuss the impact on the budget of the shortfall in funding occurring. This meeting was also with David Jones Vice President for Academic Affairs. A second meeting was the afternoon of April 11th with Janet Lowe the Associate Vice President for Fiscal Administration to discuss the fiscal budget. Janet Lowe provided us with a Link to the current year's budget and we provided a list of questions for her on budgets. We discussed the new accounting system, and the categories of funding. We also discussed the decentralized way the budget is working. We discussed other aspects of the budget as well all in preparation for the future.

After that we discussed the future plans for the budget committee. I was elected to another year as chairman of the committee.

I thank Dave Bruch and Debora Person for their work on the committee as they are finishing terms.

**Faculty Academic Standards, Rights & Responsibilities (FASRR) Committee
2015-16 Academic Year**

College	Department	Name	Term Expires (Spring)	Phone	Email . . . uwyo.edu
AG	Molecular Biology	Daniel Levy	2018	64806	dlevy1
AS	English	Cliff Marks	2018(2)	62870	clifford
AS	Criminal Justice	Eric Wodahl	2017	63803	ewodahl
BU	Accounting	Eric Johnson	2016	63959	ejohns44
ED	Educational Studies	Jeasik Cho	2017	66400	jstell
EN	Electrical & Computer Engineering	John O'Brien	2016(2)	62162	obrienj
HS	Pharmacy School	Michelle Hilaire, Chair	2017(2)	66121	mhilaire
LA	Law School	Jerry Parkinson	2016	62385	jparkins
LI	Libraries Technical Services	Cynthia Hughes	2018	65611	chughes5
AHC	American Heritage Center	Rick Ewig	2016(2)	66385	rewig
ASUW	Student	Brandon Fritz	2016		bfritz3

(2)=second consecutive term

The FASRR Committee was charged with reviewing the following regulations this academic year: UR 6-41 (Financial Exigency), UR 6-43 (Academic Program Elimination), UR 6-405 (Establishment of a Policy Confirming Class Meetings to Pre-Scheduled Times), UR 6-700 (Bylaws of the University Faculty), UR 6-701 (Faculty Senate Bylaws), UR 6-809 (Class Syllabus Requirements), UR 6-702 (Establishment of Faculty Senate Committee). These were send in an email as a word document to the Executive Committee with comments in November 2015.

The FASRR Committee was also charged with reviewing UW Regulation 5-801 (Procedure for Dismissal of Faculty Members). As a committee we looked at the charge and thought about it from a timeliness perspective. The preliminary proceedings require multiple meetings (peer group at dept level, college committee before moving to the formal process). Is the repetitive nature of this disruptive at the department level and seen as too time consuming? Do we need to separate this out to say that in issues like research or teaching issues that we should use the preliminary charge, but in the case of sexual harassment, we move straight to the formal process and utilize 1-5 Civil Rights Discrimination or 1-44 Violence in the Workplace? The committee looked at documents from other universities concerning this process and shared these with committee members. The committee did not take this charge lightly as dismissal of a tenure track faculty member is very serious.

The committee did not reach any consensus decisions on what is the best way to handle the dismissal process. Three themes were found:

- Keep the process exactly as is without changes to any procedure. This has only been tested one time to the knowledge of the committee and some felt that there was no need to make a change.
- Eliminate the peer review committee process (Step 2 of the preliminary proceedings). This was brought up due to damage of collegiality and morale among department/divisional faculty.
- In the case of sexual harassment (confirmed by the EEO office), that the preliminary stage of the regulation would be skipped and move straight to formal proceedings.

There was a discussion among the committee that due to budget cuts at the University, one would be concerned of not getting a “fair trial” in a charge was brought up against them that could evolve into dismissal of the University.

Due to the nature of the University gaining a new president, the committee would like to have the new charge (officially sent on March 22, 2016) to explore a “progressive faculty discipline system” rolled over to academic year 2016-2017. Five of the current committee members will still be on the committee, plus the addition of new members may allow for a richer discussion to ensue. The new charge stated that the report could be submitted at the end of the September 2016.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to serve the University.

Michelle L. Hilaire
FASRR Committee Chair

Committee on Committees

2015-16 Academic Year Annual Report

Membership:

AG Molecular Biology	Jay Gatlin
AS Communication & Journalism	Eric Wiltse
AS Sociology	Malcolm Holmes
BU Economics & Finance	Owen Phillips
ED Elementary & Early Childhood Education	Michelle Buchanan
EN Chemical & Petroleum	Shunde Yin
HS Communication Disorders	Teresa Ukrainetz
LA Law School	Jim Delaney
LI Research & Instruction	Cheryl Goldenstein
OS Outreach Credit Programs	Oksana Wasilik
AHC	Molly Marcusse

The Committee on Committees met April 7 to nominate and vote on representatives from our respective units to fill expiring terms on standing Faculty Senate Committees for 2016-17. We addressed other vacancies by email as they occurred throughout the year. Nominations were forwarded to Faculty Senate for ratification. We anticipate filling a couple of remaining vacancies before committees begin their work in the fall. Kate Conerton (University Libraries) was elected chair for 2016-17.

The Committee was charged with reviewing parts or all of UW Regulations 6-701, 6-702, and 6-703 as part of a larger Revisor's Bill that was presented to Faculty Senate for approval. Because these regulations relate to activities of all Faculty Senate standing committees, the chair of the Committee on Committees solicited input from chairs of all standing committees before suggesting non-substantive edits to the regulations.

The Committee thanks the many faculty and lecturers who volunteer for committees, and we thank Amy Kopp for keeping track of volunteers and committee rosters.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Goldenstein Chair, Committee on Committees

Report from the Faculty Development Committee
Submitted by Jeff Miller, Chair
April 11, 2016

In November, 2015 The Flittie Sabbatical Augmentation Award was discussed and decided upon, by the committee through email, which was simple, with only one nomination. The committee then met on March 9th to determine 2016 Faculty Award winners, discuss the Flittie Sabbatical Augmentation Award nominating procedure and how it might be improved, discuss ways to solicit larger numbers of award nominations overall, and to appoint a committee chair for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The following were awarded:

- One George Duke Humphrey Distinguished Faculty Award
- One Ellbogen Lifetime Teaching Award
- Three Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Awards
- One Hollon Family Award for Teaching Excellence in Off-Campus Programs

The award winners will be officially announced later this month.

In regard to the Flittie Sabbatical Augmentation Award, the fact that only one was received caused some concern. Recently, there has been some discussion on the committee of substantially changing the nomination process. However, it was determined rather quickly in the meeting that such a change would be quite involved and would require input from entities beyond the committee and would likely have a ripple effect on colleges that have committees and processes set up specifically for this purpose.

One idea to improve the number of nominations for awards all around, was to have the chair of the Faculty Development Committee make a timely visit to a Deans and Directors meeting to remind them that a request for nominations for all awards will be going out soon and ask them to watch for those announcements and encourage nominations in their colleges. Additionally, the number and timing of emails and announcements sent to the faculty listserv and WyoWeb will be looked at.

Finally, Jeff Miller agreed to chair the committee for the upcoming academic year, 2016-27.

Graduate Council

Standing Committee Report, AY 2015-16

Membership: Ben Rashford (Chair), David Fay (F15), replaced by Jay Gatlin (S16); Kelly Kinney, Rachel Sailor, Carolyn Pepper, Gregg Cawley, Klaas Van't Veld, Stephanie Oneto, Peter Moran, Mary Alice Bruce, Suresh Muknahallipatna, Kam Ng, Sreejayan Nair, Baskaran Thyagarajan, Mark Glover, Raymond Tupling (student representative), Kevin Achieng (student representative)

Ex-Officio Membership: Ann Hild (Interim VP for Graduate Education), Bill Gern (VP for Research and Economic Development), Susan Frye (Dean of Outreach), Lori Phillips (Interim Dean of Libraries), Richard Ewig (Director, American Heritage Center)

Council Business

The Graduate Council met ten times in AY 2015-16 and conducted considerable business led by sub-committees. We addressed several explicit charges from Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs, in addition to completing regular business. A summary of these activities is provided below.

1. “3+2” Degree Programs
The Council worked with Faculty Senate to finalize recommendations on 3+2 degree programs. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the Council’s recommendations.
2. Graduate Committee Policies
At the request of Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council completed a detailed review of the Graduate Regulations and Policies governing graduate student committees. The review was led by a subcommittee of Council members: Ben Rashford, Gregg Cawley, Carolyn Pepper, Mary Alice Bruce and Ray Tupling (student representative). The Council findings and recommendations were detailed in a white paper, which was reviewed by the Faculty Senate. The Council is now working with interim VP Ann Hild to draft new graduate regulations and policies that conform to the Council’s recommendation and Faculty Senate feedback.
3. Graduate Admissions Standards
At the request of Academic Affairs, the Graduate Council is currently reviewing graduate student admissions standards. The review is being led by a subcommittee of Council members: Suresh Muknahallipatna, Mary Alice Bruce, Kelly Kinney, Baski Thyagarajan, and Kevin Achieng (student representative). The Council plans to have recommendations finalized for consideration by the Senate Executive Committee by May 2.
4. Graduate School UniRegs
At the request of the Senate Executive committee, the Graduate Council has begun drafting new University Regulations to govern a Graduate School. This effort is being led by a sub-committee of: Ben Rashford, Gregg Cawley, Jay Gatlin and Ken Chestek. The Council plans to have an update on this effort for the Senate Executive Committee by May 2.
5. PharmD Admissions Requirement
At the request of Academic Affairs and Admissions, the Council reviewed and approved Pharmacy’s proposal to allow the Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD) to meet the “at least a bachelor’s degree” requirement for purposes of graduate admissions.

6. UniReg 6-702

At the request of the Faculty Senate's Committee on Committees, the Council reviewed UniReg 6-702 and recommended no non-substantive changes to the language of the UniReg. The Council suggested two substantive changes to UniReg 6-702 for future consideration:

7. University Graduate Awards

The Council selected the following recipients for the annual graduate awards:

- Distinguished Graduate Faculty Mentor Award: Robert L. Kelly
- Ellbogen Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award: Leslie Brown, Christopher Beltz, Ann-Marie Hodge, Angel Munoz Gomez Andrade, and Kristina Faimon
- Outstanding Master's Thesis Award: Zachary Underwood
- Outstanding Dissertation Award: Hao Jiang

Recipients will be announced at the Graduate Awards luncheon on April 22.

8. New/Revised Programs

- Community College Certificate Program – Approved
- Family and Consumer Science Online Program in Human and Family Sciences – Approved
- Ed.D. Outreach Program – Returned to AA because it does not require Graduate Council approval (no proposed changes to the Master List of Degrees)
- Pharmacy Certificates Programs – Tabled by Academic Affairs

Chair Elect AY2016-17: The Council elected *Ben Rashford* to remain as chair for the next academic year.

Library Council Annual Committee Report

Compiled by: Andrea Burrows, Chair; Sent to: Amy Kopp

Overview: The Library Council is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. The purpose and goals for Library Council are defined in University Regulation 6-702. The rationale for the committee is to facilitate communication between members of the university community about issues arising with regard to the Libraries.

The Council will bring needs to the Dean of Libraries and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Read the full description here: <http://www.uwyo.edu/generalcounsel/files/docs/uw-reg-6-702.pdf>. Meeting minutes and reports available at: http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/about/library_council/index.cfm (*These meeting minutes expand on the following topics*)

The library council (list included at the end of this summary) worked diligently in academic year 2015-2016 and focused on the following topics:

1. Setting meeting dates (Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Feb. 8, March 7, and April 11)
2. Conducting an issues audit (e.g. What is important to the library council and why?)
3. Explaining and summarizing the budget and budget constraints
4. Explaining and supporting start up funds for new faculty
5. Explaining and supporting the library collections
6. Exploring the new service desk model
7. Meeting and understanding the role of the library liaisons
8. Introduction to the Jackson Research Center Library
9. Meeting and offering feedback on the new library dean candidates

Issues Audit: Council members formed small groups and discussed three questions: 1) how do we use library resources, 2) one question to explore or issue to resolve over the course of the year, and 3) what do we want to accomplish as a Library Council this year? Small groups then reported on their findings.

Collection Budget The budget has grown from \$2.9 million to \$9 million, and, given the budget cuts that are proposed, we are aware that our collection budget is a target, however, the Trustees have committed in the past to hold our budget steady, and grow is to reach research goals. Books come in either print or as e-preferred.

Start-Up Funds for New Faculty There are **start-up funds for new faculty** project. UW Libraries has set aside \$1,000 per individual to purchase materials recommended for the libraries' collections. New faculty are directed during orientation to contact the Collection Development Office to set up an appointment to discuss their needs. Existing faculty can submit suggestions for resources, and welcomed any proposals.

Collection Movement Level 1 project. The libraries are rehabilitating the carpet on the north side of the 50's and 70's buildings due to repeated water events and heat from the steam tunnels that have caused the carpet glue to fail. The contractors are moving the stacks with the help of a stack moving apparatus. Here is a link to a video of one in action: <https://youtu.be/zitRHAO23qc> Use Request It, ask at the circulation desk, or call the help desk for assistance in retrieving materials on that floor if needed.

Dean Search & Projects There is a collaboration with the College of Engineering with a maker space/design center. We provide the space, they provide staffing and funding for remodeling, and we'll go together on equipment. We are partnering with UWIT and the Research Office to provide data management and a data repository. It is a very complex area and a natural partnership for the libraries in this initiative. We are in the planning process to become a full realized research library, a member of ARL, through building our collections and staffing. Lori Terrill has been appointed Special Projects librarian to analyze data and write.

Webpage Cass Kvenild provided an update to Council members about how the webpages are constructed and modified. The Libraries webpages is an information/research portal, and is constructed with student users in mind. Mike Obenchain, who designs the webpage, does so with the input of Kate Conerton, who heads the web team, and with feedback from usability tests, which includes screenshots of students

completing tasks to see where students struggle. Recent screenshots have shown that students struggle to navigate tabs (and databases), an issue that is mitigated by the webpage's current layout with two search boxes. Mike shared three potential drawings for the next iteration of the website and solicited input from the Council on ways to organize the over 800 databases to make them more "user friendly." Participants discussed the utility of certain words, categories, and links to students versus faculty and staff. Action item: Investigate (Mike & the web team) the Google Scholar idea.

Liaison Librarians They serve as links to specific departments in the university. 'Liaison librarians' strive to stay up-to-date with publications in their field, and work to be involved in their departments by joining committees and participating in projects, including digitalization. Phil White, the liaison for social sciences, was introduced to the Council. Since the task of selecting texts had been relegated to Collection Development, Liaison Librarians have been better able to provide information literary instruction and support.

New Service Desk Model The former Research Help Desk has been discontinued and the space will be repurposed. All assistance functions now take place from a single help desk. This allows for some level of assistance all of the hours Coe Library is open.

Jackson Research Center Library The Jackson Research Center Library runs under a contract with the National Park Service. This is one of two branch libraries that are part of a larger university contract; the other is with the Albany County School District. Current goals at the Jackson Research Center include obtaining high speed Internet and broadening the resources beyond science texts (for example, reports on the implications of the introduction of wolves to Yellowstone, etc.).

College	Department	Library Council Member Name	Term Expires (Spring)	Phone	Email . . . uwo.edu
AG	Veterinary Sciences	Kerry Sondgeroth	2017	69932	ksondger
AS	Statistics	Shaun Wulff	2017	66483	wulff
AS	History	Alexandra Kelly	2016	65112	Alexandra.kelly
BU	Management & Marketing	Bob Sprague	2018(2)	65670	spraguer
ED	Secondary Education	Andrea Burrows, Chair	2017	66735	aburrow1
EN	Civil & Architectural Engineering	Jianting Zhu	2016(R)	64375	Jzhu5
HS	Pharmacy	Melissa Hunter	2016(R)	66988	mhunter2
LA	Law School	Debora Person	2018(2)	65731	dperson
LI	Collection Development	David Macaulay	2017	65619	dmacaula
AHC	American Heritage Center	Anne Lane	2018	62565	amlane
NonUW	Albany County Library	Cindy Moore	2016	721-2580	*
ASUW	Graduate Student	Paul Drake	2016		pdrake2
ASUW	Undergraduate Student	Victor Hernandez	2016		vhernan2
	Interim Dean of Libraries	Lori Phillips		63859	lphil
	Executive Assistant	Birgit Fowler Burke		66868	burek

April 11, 2016

Larry Schmidt, 2015-2016 Chair, Research Advisory Committee Faculty Senate

Annual Report of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**.

During the 2015 – 2016 Academic Year the RAC met once to discuss the Faculty Grant In Aid proposals to decide on this years grant recipients. This meeting took place on Wednesday March 2, 2016. After last years review the committee decided to change the proposal ranking form to better fit the review process and we used this form for the 2016 proposal reviews. The total amount awarded this year was \$54,539.61 (Table 1).

The chairs of the Committee on Committees and Faculty Development Committee were charged by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to review UW Regulation 6-703 for errors, omissions or inconsistencies with current practices. The RAC was asked to review the regulation and after consulting with Bill Gern and Dorothy Yates the Research Advisory Committee determined no changes were needed at this time.

Research Advisory Committee - 2015-16 Academic Year

College	Department	Name	Term Expires (Spring)	Phone	Email ... uwyo.edu
AG	Agricultural & Applied Economics	Ben Rashford	2017(2)	66474	brashfor
AS	Sociology	Anna Zajacova	2016	63342	azajacov
AS	Geology & Geophysics	Kenneth Sims	2018(2)	63306	ksims7
BU	Economics & Finance	Charles Mason	2018(2)	65336	bambuzlr
ED	Elementary & Early Childhood Education	Jennifer Forrester	2017	268-2274	jforres5
EN	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Suresh Muknahallipatna	2016	63174	sureshm
HS	Communication Disorders	Douglas Petersen	2016	66405	dpeter39
LA	Law School	Diane Courselle	2018(2)	63118	dcoursel
LI	Brinkerhoff Geology Library	Larry Schmidt, Chair	2016	62844	lschmidt
AHC	American Heritage Center	Leslie Waggener	2016	62557	lwaggen2
OS	UW-Casper	Dagmara Motriuk Smith	2016(2)	268-2542	motriuk

(2)=second consecutive term

Larry Schmidt will be chair for the 2016 -2017 term.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Schmidt
Chair RAC 2016

FGIA Awards for 2016

The following recipients were awarded Faculty Grant in Aid awards by the Research Advisory Committee.

Table 1

2016 FGIA Awards						
PI	Co-PI	PI Department	Co-PI Department	Title	Amount Requested	Amount Funded
Sims, Kenneth		Geology & Geophysics		Plumbing the Depths of Yellowstone's Iconic Old Faithful Geyser	\$ 5,090.00	\$ 5,090.00
Leonard, Brian		Chemistry		Bimetallic Oxide Nanomaterials for Energy Storage	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Harmon, Jennifer		Family & Consumer Science		Bacterial Cellulose Growth and Drying Techniques to Improve Textile Properties	\$ 7,449.61	\$ 7,449.61
Murphy, Melanie		EcoSystem Science		Evaluating Consequences of Specits' Rarity Using Landscape Genomics	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Krist, Amy	Larson, Michele	Zoology	Program in Ecology (PiE)	Evaluating the role of the enemy release hypothesis to the success of an invasive species	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Munoz-Gutierrez, Jose		Vet Sciences		Investigation of bighorn sheep paranasal tumors for a novel retrovirus by target-enriched high-through-put sequencing	\$ 7,487.00	\$ 5,000.00
McKibbin, Christine	Hartung, Cynthia	Psychology	Psychology	Pilot Testing a Multi-level Weight Management Intervention for Overweight or Obese Youth with Emotional Behavioral Disturbance	\$ 7,496.00	\$ 5,000.00
Ren, Jun		Pharmacy		Epigenetic modulation in cigarette smoke-induced heart dysfunction	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Wu, Chi-Chen		Music		Recording of Piano Works by Robert Schumann on a Period Instrument	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
					\$ 64,522.61	\$ 54,539.61

Student Interaction Committee Members 2015-2016

Ginger Paige, Sandy Hsu, Brianna Wright, David Finnoff, Kimberly Miller, Chair, Tonja Woods, Bryan Ricupero, Amanda Stow, Kadi Cooley, Kaite Krell, Shawn Chin, Chris Ellbogen

Pursuant to University of Wyoming Regulation 6- 702, Section IIIB, “The primary function of committees of the faculty shall be to consider bills or proposals submitted to the Senate and assigned to their areas of responsibility. Committees shall be expected, in a reasonable time, to return appropriate recommendations to the Senate for action”

Student Interaction Committee was asked to review the following Regulations related to the Revisor’s Bill:6-802: Procedures and Authorized University Actions in Cases of Academic Dishonesty. Kimberly Miller, SIC chair attended the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 to report out SIC findings.

In reviewing Regulation 6-802 SIC made minor revisions such as cosmetic changes with wording (changing his or her to student and taking out provost throughout the document, and add department head or designee when applicable). We also felt that instructor, archivist, and librarian should be added to the document when necessary.

Additionally, we thought some words should be added to the definitions section of the document. The SIC suggested hearing officer, form, and calendar days should be added. We also had questions about if the student could appeal to the Dean or designee if they don’t feel the hearing officer is impartial?

Our Second Charge was UW Regulation 6-711 “Honor Roll and Honor Graduation, specifically SIC was to deliberate whether the current cutoff for the President’s Honor Roll of 4.0 should be adjusted to 3.90.

SIC’s final overall Recommendation: As there is no standardization in grading across campus, it would be difficult to justify changing the UW Regulation until there is consistency. Additionally, few students would be impacted by the change.

Regards,
Kim

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TO: University of Wyoming Faculty Senate

FROM: Course Review Committee

RE: Annual Report

The University Course Review Committee has met five times during the 15-16 academic year (last meeting of the year is scheduled for April 13). In total the committee approved 392 course action items. The breakdown and classification by college/school/program (FYS courses were approved from a number of colleges and programs) is shown below:

	Courses Modified	Courses Added	Courses Discontinued
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources	11	4	6
College of Arts & Sciences	131	34	29
College of Business	7	8	0
College of Education	4	2	1
College of Engineering & Applied Science	79	5	3
College of Health Sciences	11	18	18
ENR	1	0	0
ERS	1	1	0
LAW	2	0	0
UWYO	2	0	0
FYS		14	
Total	249	86	57

Committee member included Bruce Cameron (AGNR), Audrey Shalinsky (A&S), Kent Drummond (BUS), Leslie Rush (ED), David Whitman (ENG), Rex Gantenbein (HS), Jacquelyn Bridgemon (LAW). Ex-officio members, Susan Frye (Outreach School), Rory Ashdown (ASUW).

Respectfully submitted

Bruce A. Cameron, Chair (15-16).

2015-2016 University of Wyoming
Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee
Report to Faculty Senate
April 11, 2016

Committee Membership: Sandy Barstow (chair), K. J. Reddy, Warrie Means, Sandy Hsu, Stefan Heinz, Narina Nunez, Margaret Wilson, Mark Peterson, John Mittelstaedt, Deborah McGriff, Steve Bialostok, Suresh Muknahallipatna, David Bagley, Mark Byra, Teresa Ukrainetz, Debra Donahue, John Waggener.

The University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee (URTP) met in 2015-16 to conduct three items of business: (1) reviewing two post-tenure review appeal cases; (2) providing input to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee on a proposed change to UW Regulation 5-1; and (3) reviewing reappointment, tenure and promotion cases.

Reviewing Post-Tenure Review Appeal Cases: Under UW Regulation 5-808, Post-Tenure Review Policy, if a faculty member appeals a “performing below expectations” evaluation arising from a post-tenure review, the case must be considered by “unit faculty, unit head, college tenure and promotion committee, dean, and university tenure and promotion committee,” with a written vote at each level. There is not a standard timeline for the post-tenure reviews themselves, but once a review is appealed, the consideration of the appeal must occur relatively quickly, so the URTP met at the end of July, discussed the cases, and provided input to Academic Affairs.

Providing Input on Proposed Change to UW Regulation 5-1: In the fall of 2015, URTP met to discuss the proposal to add a new faculty designation of Professor of Practice to UW Regulation 5-1. Although it had been hoped that the proposal would be presented to Faculty Senate as a formal resolution before the end of 2015, the proposed change was not actually presented until the February 2016 meeting. At the March 2016 Faculty Senate meeting, Faculty Senate Bill 337 was defeated.

Reviewing Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Cases: As directed in UW Regulation 5-803, URTP reviews cases that are conflicted (defined as cases where the decisions at the department, college, department head, and/or dean level conflict); early promotion cases; and cases referred by the Vice President for Academic Affairs for additional review. URTP reviewed four early promotion cases and eight conflicted cases. The meetings with the faculty members, their department heads, and their deans were held on April 4th and 5th. The URTP members provided votes and comments on the cases – these were due to Academic Affairs by April 9th, 2016.

The committee also discussed items of procedure that emanated from this year’s review. Items that URTP considered worthy of Faculty Senate attention include:

- UW Regulation 5-808, Post-Tenure Review Policy: The regulation lacks a time frame for the faculty member to appeal the post-tenure review decision. The performance approval plan section is vague as to the time periods (academic year vs. fiscal year). The regulation mentions a Post-Tenure Review Committee, but there is no evidence that this committee was ever formed.
- UW Regulation 5-803, Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Procedures for University Faculty: The issue of joint appointments was not addressed by the URTP this year, as was suggested in last year’s annual report. The committee also recommends examining individual department-level peer group voting protocols, and codifying the circumstances under which abstentions are valid.

Other Business: The University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee elected Suresh Muknahallipatna, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, as the 2016-2017 chair of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Barstow (chair)

April 11, 2016 April 12, 2016

To: Faculty Senate
 Re: University Studies Committee Report 2015-2016
 From: Mark Byra, Committee Chair

A total of 48 courses were reviewed by the USP Committee AY 2015-2016. That included 17 courses for the First-year Seminar (FYS) category, 5 for the Communication 2 (C2) category, 10 for the Communication 3 (C3) category, 13 for the Human Culture (H) category, and 3 for the Physical and Natural World (PN) category. The committee reviews all new course submissions for the FYS and Communication series (C1, C2, and C3) and only H and PN course submissions from academic programs that are not housed within one of the Colleges (e.g., Honors Program, UW Library, etc.).

The committee was also involved in reviewing FYS courses for re-approval. FYS course must be re-approved annually.

Respectfully Submitted,

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USP COURSE REVIEWS FALL 2015 & Spring 2016 (4/12/16)				
USP 2015 Category	Course Number	Course Title	Initial Decision	Follow-up Acceptance
FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR				
FYS	ATSC 1101	Weather, Climate, and Global Change	Approved-Minor Revisions	2/24/16
FYS	EDEL 1101	Borders, Barriers, and Bridges	Approved 10/21/15	NA
FYS	ERS 1101	Wyoming's Energy, Environment, and Economy	Approved 12/1/15	NA
FYS	EE 1101	Bits & Bytes: A Taste of Electronics	Approved-Minor Revisions	3/11/16
FYS	GEOG 1101	Surviving the Apocalypse: Geography of Natural Disasters	Approved 12/1/15	NA
FYS	GEOL 1101	Man and Geology: The Control of Nature	Approved 9/8/15	NA
FYS	ITEC 1101	Making, Hacking, and Tinkering: Creating in the Modern World	Approved 10/27/15	NA
FYS	LANG 1101	Food, Culture, Language (LANG/SPAN 1101)	Approved-Minor Revisions	2/9/16
FYS	MKT 1101	Marketing Signs and Symbols	Approved-Minor Revisions	10/2/15
FYS	MATH 1101	Infinity and Beyond	Approved 9/8/15	NA
FYS	SPPA 1101	The Brain and Human Communication	Approved 12/1/15	NA
FYS	UWYO 1101	Get a Life	Approved 9/8/15	NA
FYS	UWYO 1101	Intellectual Self-Defense	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/21/15
FYS	UWYO 1101	Learning from the Masters: The Power of the Seeing	Approved-Minor Revisions	12/10/15
FYS	UWYO 1101	Where Do I Belong? A Personal Odyssey	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/28/15
FYS	ZOO 1101	Natural History: Past, Present, and Future	Approved-Minor Revisions	12/12/15
FYS	ZOO 1101	The Biology of Food	Approved-Minor Revisions	11/24/15
COMMUNICATION 2				
C2	COJO 2090	Argumentation	Approved-Minor Revisions	2/10/16

C2	ENGL 2020	Introduction to English Studies	Approved-Minor Revisions	
C2	ENGL 2030	Critical Reading and Writing	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/9/15
C2	LBRY 3020	Research as Social Capital	Approved 4/11/16	NA
C2	UWYO 1600	Veterans Transition Course	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/24/15
COMMUNICATION 3				
C3	AGRI 4600	Developing Organizational Leadership	Approved-Minor Revisions	11/24/15
C3	AIST 4460	American Indian Literature	Tabled 10/21/15	
C3	EDEL Series	EDEL 4109, 4309, and 4409	Approved-Minor Revisions	10/21/15
C3	EE 4320/4330	Senior Design I & Senior Design II	Approved-Minor Revisions	2/4/16
C3	ENGL 4000	21 st Century Issues in Professional Writing	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/17/15
C3	ENGL 4999	Senior Seminar on Political Theater	Approved-Minor Revisions	4/9/16
C3	FIN 4250	Advanced Corporate Finance	Tabled 9/8/15	11/17/15
C3	HP 4990	Senior Seminar	Approved 3/21/16	NA
C3	KIN 4080	Assessment in Physical Education	Approved 12/1/15	NA
C3	WMST 4700	Feminist Theory	Approved-Minor Revisions	3/9/16
HUMAN CULTURE				
H	HP 2151	Not So Plain Tales from India: The Indian Short Story	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 2151	Non-western Perspectives: Classical Islam	Approved 9/15/15	NA
H	HP 2151	Modern Japanese Culture and Society	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 2153	Being Basque: Old World and New	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 3151	Modes: Popular Views of Christians and Muslims in the Middle Ages and Beyond	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 3151	Art and Environment	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/18/15
H	HP 3151	How to Think about What to Think	Approved-Minor Revisions	10/2/15
H	HP 3151	Taboo: Sacred and Forbidden	Approved 9/15/15	NA
H	HP 3151	The Disney Discourse	Approved-Minor Revisions	9/24/15
H	HP 3152	Mass Media and Collective Consciousness	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 3152	Race and Racism	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 3152	Children's Film	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 3153	Art and Culture of Hip Hop	Approved-Minor Revisions	
H	HP 4151	Concepts of Holy War	Approved-Major Revisions	
PHYSICAL & NATURAL WORLD				
PN	ERS 1000	Energy and Society	Approved 1/25/16	NA
PN	HP 3151	Chaos, Fractals, and Complexity	Approved-Minor Revisions	10/7/15
PN	HP 4152	HIV/AIDS	Approved-Minor Revisions	