A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Scott Shaw at 3:10 p.m., on January 30, 2017, 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: Freng, Goual, Marks, Miller, Norton J., Reiser, Wade.

Secretary O’Toole moved to amend the agenda by adding Faculty Senate Resolution 335, “A Resolution in Favor of State Retention of Current UW Regulation of Firearms on UW Campuses” after the “Campaign Speeches for 2017-18 Officers” agenda item. He noted that the resolution passed by a majority of the Executive Committee. Motion seconded and approved. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016. Motion carried.

Chair Shaw reported on the Board of Trustees’ January meeting and the dinner with the trustees and members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and committee chairs.

Provost Kate Miller reported on current endeavors Academic Affairs is undertaking. Items she specifically spoke on were the: Academic Program Review; Budget Review; Volunteer Separation Incentive Program; second contract with Huron; Honors Steering Committee report; reorganization of Academic Affairs; searches for Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Executive Director for Academic Affairs. She gave updates about the searches for the Vice Presidents for Research and Student Affairs, and is working on the Haub School dean’s search. A question and answer period followed her report.

ASUW President Michael Rotellini reported on recent legislation introduced and voted on by ASUW, and on activities that ASUW is currently undertaking.

Under the agenda item “General Announcements” 1) Senator Irlanda Jacinto announced a petition for UW to become a sanctuary university would be available to sign during the meeting; 2) Chair-Elect Michael Barker announced a reminder that when speaking on legislative items to the press, views given are on a personal and individual basis only, and not to represent the Faculty Senate; 3) Steve Bieber, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee, announced that the committee is on target with the review of the program elimination proposals; 4) Secretary O’Toole announced the University Faculty Association has asked Vice President Boswell in an open forum to explain the legislation before the Legislature that is pertinent to UW.

The special election was held for member-at-large by secret ballot. Senator Justin Piccorelli won the election and will serve on the Executive Committee for the replacement term through spring 2017.
Chair Shaw called for ratification of standing committee member nominees Elaine Welle, Research Advisory Committee; and Lydia Dambekalns and Melissa Alexander, Academic Planning Committee. Ratification carried.

Chair Shaw called for nominations from the floor for officers for 2017-2018. There being none, he closed nominations. Campaign speeches were given by nominees Donal O’Toole for Chair-Elect; Carolyn Anderson and Janet Dewey for Secretary; Kevin Inouye and Justin Piccorelli for Members-at-Large. The election will be held at the February meeting.

Faculty Senate Resolution 335, “A Resolution in Favor of State Retention of Current UW Regulation of Firearms on UW Campuses” was introduced by Secretary O’Toole. Senator Piccorelli moved to add at the end of line 38, “provide resources for counseling”; it was seconded and discussion followed. Secretary O’Toole moved to suspend the rules to allow Dr. Carolyn Pepper, who is not a senator, to address the amendment. It was seconded and carried. Dr. Pepper addressed the senate on the issue of suicide. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Senator Inouye moved, and it was seconded, to add to line 30 a bulleted item pertaining to “storage of firearms.” Discussion on the amendment. Motion failed. Senator Matthew Carling moved, and it was seconded, to add to line 23 a new sentence, “Allowing concealed carry firearms on campus would cause the ECEC to no longer be in compliance with its accrediting standards and federal law.” Discussion on the amendment. Motion carried. Resolution 335, as amended, carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:17 p.m.

Scott R. Shaw, Chair of the Faculty Senate for Donal O’Toole, Secretary

Date: February 16, 2017