

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Scott Shaw at 3:10 p.m., on October 24, 2016, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary O'Toole, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Anderson-Sprecher, Boggs, Buckner, Miller, Shogren, Stone.

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 26, 2016. Motion carried.

Chair Shaw gave an overview of the senate agenda, and spoke briefly regarding the academic program elimination proposals recently distributed from the provost's office. He reported on the Board of Trustees' meeting he attended in September.

Provost Miller reported on various issues, specifically that UW Regulation 6-43 has been followed during the process of academic program reviews, and that all initial comments regarding the proposed program eliminations are to be in to Academic Affairs by December 16, after which time they will go to the Faculty Senate for review. She also announced that the strategic planning process is underway and listening sessions are being held. Additionally, she advised that the dean of the Haub School search is being advertised, and a taskforce has been established to review the Honors Program to determine the viability of it becoming a college. There was a question and answer period following her report.

ASUW President Michael Rotellini reported on legislation and activities that ASUW is currently working on, such as gender-neutral legislation; alcohol sales at athletic events; strategic planning; listening sessions for academic program eliminations; and legislation in regard to programmatic fees.

Staff Senate President Mark Gunnerson addressed actions being undertaken by Staff Senate, such as the Outstanding Employee of the Quarter; the annual food drive; and legislation regarding the change in board retiree group health insurance benefits.

Nominations Committee Chair Tucker Readdy announced nominations are being accepted for officers for 2017-2018, specifically for chair-elect, secretary, and two members-at-large. The deadline for nominations is January 18, 2017.

The election for chair-elect for 2016-2017 was held by secret ballot with Michael Barker being elected.

Chair Shaw called for ratification of a standing committee member as presented with the agenda. It was moved and seconded to ratify the nomination. Ratification carried.

Senate Bill 339, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 6-715 (VII.)(A.), 'Scholastic Probation, Suspension, Reinstatement and Academic Renewal for Undergraduate Students,'" was introduced by Chair Shaw on behalf of the Executive Committee, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne Alexander answered questions concerning the revision. Discussion and vote will take place at the November meeting.

Senate Resolution 333, "Resolution to Restore Board Retiree Group Health Insurance Benefit to Previously Promised Levels," was introduced by Senator and Member-at-Large Robert Sprague on behalf of the Executive Committee. Senator Readdy moved for an amendment to change line 43 by deleting "this change" and adding "any reduction in benefits" to the sentence. Motion seconded. Discussion on the motion. Motion on the amendment carried. Discussion on the resolution. Senate Resolution 333, as amended, carried unanimously.

Chair of the Financial Crisis Advisory Committee Steve Bieber announced the FCAC is taking comments until October 28. Comments and discussion were given by senators. He stressed the importance of involvement and input from all faculty, and President Nichols will forward the final report to the Board of Trustees at the November meeting.

Senator and Immediate Past Chair Tucker Readdy reviewed the background of the proposed "Professor of Practice" revision made by the trustees to UW Regulation 5-1, noting that this was an opportunity to provide feedback to the trustees prior to their adoption of the revision. Discussion was had and Readdy asked that comments be emailed to him by the first week of November, and he will present the senate's views at the November BOT meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



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

Date: November 3, 2016