FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting
of
April 25, 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: Janus, Johnson, L., Johnson, P., Kidwell, Landreville, McDonald, Obert, Smith, Stone, Wade.

Chair Readdy called for approval of the agenda. It was moved by Senator Tammy Mielke to add discussion and the end of the agenda regarding Senator Carolyn Anderson’s listserv message posted earlier in the day concerning athletics funding. Motion seconded and carried. Motion moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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

Chair Readdy reported that the provost search is ongoing but not yet set for finalists to come to campus. He also stated that ASUW has passed Resolution 2493 recommending that the Title IX policy concerning sexual harassment be inserted into all course syllabi; they presented this proposal to the Executive Committee, who generally weren’t in agreement with that approach to publicizing the policy. He advised the Executive Committee received the Athletics Planning Committee report at its last meeting and Athletic Director Tom Burman was in attendance to address athletics funding questions.

President Richard McGinity thanked everyone for all they do in service to the university and stated he appreciated the motion of appreciation distributed with the senate agenda. He acknowledged it will be a challenge for the university in light of the budget cuts requested by Governor Mead. He added that he is preparing incoming president Nichols for a seamless transition into office. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones advised that the graduate committee policy formation is coming together for finalization and anticipated it to be finished after semester’s end. He thanked faculty for their patience with the administration in finding its way through all the recent years’ changes. There was a question and answer period following his report.

ASUW President Brian Schueler reported that ASUW passed a resolution to have each course syllabi include information regarding sexual misconduct. He thanked Tucker Readdy for his mentoring this past year. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Staff Senate President Arron Sullivan introduced incoming president Mark Gunnerson. Sullivan reported that Staff Recognition Day was a success.

Faculty Senate standing committee chairs were introduced and thanked for their service the past year. They were Steve Bieber, Academic Planning Committee; Tyler Cline, Academic Information Technology Committee; Fred Sterbenz, Budget Planning Committee; Michelle Hilaire, Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee; Cheryl Goldenstein, Committee on Committees; Jeff Miller, Faculty Development Committee; Ben Rashford, Graduate Council; Library Council, Andrea Burrows; Lawrence Schmidt, Research Advisory Committee; Bruce Cameron, University Course Review Committee; Sandra
Chair Readdy called for ratification of standing committee chairs and members for the next academic year. It was moved, seconded and carried to ratify nominations as attached to the agenda.

Alyson Hagy, Faculty Athletics Representative for the Athletics Planning Committee, gave the annual report for that committee. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Chair Readdy brought to the floor for discussion Senate Bill 338, “Revisions to UW Regulation 5-35, ‘Faculty Dispute Resolution.’” Discussion ensued. Senator O’Toole called the question. It was seconded and carried. Senate Bill 338 passed 41-0-2.

Chair Readdy brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 332, “A Resolution of Thanks to President Richard McGinity and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Jones.” Senate Resolution 332 passed unanimously.

Chair Readdy gave the background for the discussion topic of athletics budget funding, and Senator Anderson presented research and her rationale for being opposed to Section I funding for athletics, with football in particular. Senator O’Toole added his perspective. Discussion ensued. In summation it was determined to have senators discuss the topic with their colleagues for a possible senate discussion around the issue in the fall.

Chair Readdy thanked Amy Kopp, Executive Committee officers, committee chairs, associate vice presidents for Academic Affairs, Vice President Jones, Vice Presidents Boswell and Gern, deans, and President McGinity for their assistance and support during his tenure as chair, after which he passed the gavel to Chair-Elect Scott Shaw, who in turn thanked Chair Readdy for the outstanding job as leader of the senate during 2015 and 2016.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Donal O’Toole, Secretary

Date: 18 Aug 2016