

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
August 29, 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 August 29, 2016, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Senator and Member-at-Large Janet Dewey in the absence of Secretary O'Toole, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Miller, Norton, O'Toole, Painter, Readdy.

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016. Motion carried.

Chair Shaw welcomed all senators and guests. He reported on the Board of Trustees meeting held in May and meeting with President Nichols over the summer. He advised the Faculty Crisis Advisory Committee, which was formed due to President Nichols declaring a financial crisis, includes six faculty from the Faculty Senate: two Executive Committee members, Robert Sprague and Donal O'Toole; two from the Budget Planning Committee, Fred Sterbenz and Gregg Cawley; and two from the Academic Planning Committee, Steve Bieber and Molly Marcusse. Chair Shaw conveyed that the review of academic programs, the undertaking of strategic planning, and the budget crisis will be the main topics for the year.

President Laurie Nichols reported that she has been conducting state-wide travel over the summer, and will continue to do more, in order to meet communities, legislators, community colleges, school districts, and to basically get to know the state. She also has been visiting departments on campus, and intends to visit each department and unit at the University through October. She advised that she attended the Foundation Board meeting in New York City. She reported on the status of the budget crisis. She also announced that the strategic planning process is to begin with the appointment of a strategic planning team, and then spoke about the process and timeline she hopes to follow. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Kate Miller stated she looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate, and briefed the senators on what she has been working on since she began working at UW the first part of August. She reported being on the Financial Crisis Advisory Committee and spoke regarding the program review process. She noted she is the chair of the search committee for the dean of the Haub School. There was a question and answer period following her report.

ASUW President Michael Rotellini reviewed activities that ASUW worked on over the summer such as working on reinstating the Student Wellness Advisory Board and following up on the focus of mental health.

Staff Senate President Mark Gunnerson thanked faculty senators for their service. He announced Staff Senate is taking nominations for the employee of the quarter. He also noted they are working with Human Resources on time reporting for exempt employees, and spoke about the shared business centers being created to combine duties among staff from different departments.

On behalf of Chair-Elect and Immediate Past Chair Tucker Readdy, Chair Shaw announced Readdy is withdrawing from the chair-elect position due to personal and professional reasons, but that he will remain as immediate past chair serving on the Executive Committee. Chair Shaw read Readdy's statement that included he will continue as chair of the nominating committee and seek nominations for chair-elect.

Chair of the Financial Crisis Advisory Committee, Steve Bieber, gave a presentation on the timeline for the FCAC planning meetings and presented data concerning the reductions being taken and the status of deliberations of the committee. He advised it is anticipated the final plan, in consultation with President Nichols and the campus community, will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at their November meeting. He stressed the importance of involvement and input from all faculty. There was a question and answer period following his presentation.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m., followed by an executive session.

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

Date: September 12, 2016