

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
April 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Scott Shaw at 3:10 p.m., on April 24, 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: Burant, Forbes, Gardzelewski, Jacinto, LeFebvre, Miller, Norton, Painter, Ricupero, Sailor, Stone, Watson.

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

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017. Motion carried.

Chair Shaw thanked everyone for serving on the senate, and thanked the Executive Committee and Amy Kopp for the work they've done the past year. He briefly reviewed action taken this year and gave an update on academic program elimination. Shaw noted 45 faculty members departed under the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, commented that they will be missed.

President Laurie Nichols thanked the senate for its service this past year. She gave brief updates to the: FY17 and FY18 budget reduction plans and program fees; strategic planning process; enrollment; housing study (residence halls); and capital projects. She concluded her report with reflections on her first year at UW. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Ben Wetzel, newly-elected president of ASUW, reported on legislation and activities they are working on, such as the establishment of UW being a sanctuary campus passed, and support for expansion of the Union and housing passed.

There was no Staff Senate report.

Chair Shaw introduced Faculty Senate standing committee chairs and thanked them for their efforts this year. He referred senators to the annual reports each committee chair submitted that were distributed with the agenda packet.

Chair Shaw called for a motion to ratify nominated committee chairs and committee members as outlined in the agenda packet. It was moved and seconded, and ratification carried.

Senator Adrienne Freng, who has been serving as the Faculty Conciliator, explained what the position is and the duties for which the position is responsible. Chair Shaw called for nominations as Freng's three-year term expires the end of June. Nominations will be brought to the Executive Committee and final nominations will be forwarded to President Nichols for appointment.

Associate Vice Provost Anne Alexander, Professor Susan Aronstein, acting director of the Honors Program, and Chris Rothfuss, Visiting Assistant Professor of the Honors Program, gave a presentation on their vision for the Honors College. There was a question and answer period following the presentation.

Chair-Elect Barker presented Chair Shaw with a commemorative plaque of appreciation and spoke to the good work he did for the Faculty Senate the past year.

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Donal O'Toole, Secretary