A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on October 9, 2017, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Janet Dewey, with the following members recorded absent or not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Clennan, Gardzelewski, Johnson, E., Lamartine, Lebo, Murphy, Peck, Thompson-Ebanks, Toohey.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda of October 9, 2017. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017. Motion carried.

Chair Barker reported there are 59 UW regulations relating to faculty and Faculty Senate that will be coming forward from General Counsel for Faculty Senate review and approval. These rewrites and revisions are being split among the associate vice provosts to draft. He explained the process used when revising or writing UW regulations for approval by the Board of Trustees. Barker also reported on data regarding resignations and retirements of instructional faculty.

President Nichols gave a Power Point presentation entitled “2016-17 Annual Accomplishments.” She reviewed the reductions of the 2017-18 biennium budget amounting to $48.6 million. She also reported on the WyoCloud financial system, the drafting of the strategic plan, the implementation of the Honors College, the formation of the Native American Education, Research and Cultural Center, the completion of the High Bay Research Facility, as well as various task forces, surveys, and studies. There was a question and answer period following her presentation.

Rachel Stevens, president of Staff Senate, reported on items that group is working on, i.e., a program fee proposal; a tuition waiver option for staff; and probation being required of staff due to reorganizations.

Scott Crawford and D. J. Yocom announced that a survey concerning students with disabilities will be sent to all faculty for input regarding areas that are doing well, and areas that could use help.

Chair-Elect Donal O’Toole announced the nominating committee is seeking nominations for chair-elect, secretary, and members-at-large for 2018-19.

Jean Garrison, director of the Center for Global Studies, spoke on the Engagement Task Force and items that group is undertaking. She advised there will be a survey sent to faculty requesting input regarding the office of engagement and outreach. There was a question and answer period following her presentation.

David Jewell, associate vice president for Budget and Planning, updated the senate on the WyoCloud system, and took questions.

Chair Barker asked for a motion to ratify the standing committee members contained in the agenda. It was moved, seconded, and carried to ratify.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:59 p.m.

Janet Dewey
Secretary of the Faculty Senate