

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

Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
September 11, 2017

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on September 11, 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: Albers, Denney, Fall, Gigley, Lake.

With the exception that President Nichols was not able to attend the meeting due to another commitment, it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with that deletion. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017. Motion carried.

Chair Barker gave a presentation explaining the Faculty Senate regulations that summarize senate meetings, standing committees, the process for meetings, attendees, and briefed on *Robert's Rules of Order*. He also spoke about faculty governance and advised the senators that this is going to be a very busy year involved with UW Regulation changes due to the Board of Trustees' mandate for a new regulatory structure. He asked the senators to take the responsibility of setting a tone of positive action and a forward-thinking attitude working in combination with the newly-adopted strategic plan. He reported the senate lost five representatives due to the department merge that took place over the summer.

Kate Miller, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on what administration has been working on. She spoke to enrollment and retention, and introduced Kyle Moore, the newly-appointed Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, who heads up the registrar, admissions, scholarships and financial aid under Academic Affairs. She spoke regarding the strategic plan, and handed out booklets entitled, "Breaking Through: 2017-2022 – A Strategic Plan for the University of Wyoming." She advised that the department-level plans are due by the end of year. She distributed and reviewed the newly-updated Academic Affairs organization chart. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Ben Wetzel, president of ASUW, reported on legislation and activities that body is working on -- both current and future goals.

Rachel Stevens, president of Staff Senate, reported on various topics Staff Senate is taking under consideration. Topics being discussed are improving communication to help low morale; the classification system; staff workloads. She advised they are working on establishing a staff scholarship fund and also active shooter preparedness training.

It was moved, seconded and carried to ratify standing committee chairs and members as listed in the agenda packet.

Chair Barker took a straw vote on who would be in favor of receiving only electronic Faculty Senate agenda packets, with no paper copies distributed. After the straw vote, it was moved, seconded and carried to have only electronic distribution of the agendas as “pdf” files.

Chair Barker read a request from Chief Diversity Officer Emily Monago, who is setting up an “Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion,” and is requesting a faculty member to serve on the council. Anyone interested is to contact the Faculty Senate office.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:29 p.m.

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Janet Dewey, Secretary

September 18, 2017