

FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

25 March 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: **Robert Sprague**, *Chair*; **Ray Fertig**, *Chair Elect*; **Renée Laegreid**, *Immediate Past-Chair*; **Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz**, *Secretary*; **Vladimir Alvarado**, **Rob Godby**, and **Tiger Robison**, *Members-at-Large*; and **Ashley Carlisle**, *Member-at-Large-Elect*. *Member-at-large Cawley was excused.*

Guests: **Steve Barrett**, *Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education*.

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:16 pm.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 18; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that The Committee on Committees will place members on committees when they are volunteer committee positions and will have a slate of members ready for Faculty Senate's approval when the Faculty Senate By-laws require that the college elect or appoint them.

The Chair reported that he would put out a call this week to standing committee chairs to submit their respective reports by the end of the month for the final meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The Chair reported that the Graduate Council has voted in favor of the PhD in English proposal, and that it would be introduced at the April 8, 2024, meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The Chair asked if there were any Gen-ed Committee or 2-13 Committee updates. Secretary Sprout-Ahrenholtz responded that the Gen-ed Committee had met and asked Vice-Provost Barrett if there had been any progress made on the 2-13 Committee. Vice-Provost Barrett responded that the 2-13 SAP would be submitted for public review sometime in the near future.

The Chair reported that he had yielded his report to the Board of Trustees to Immediate Past-Chair Laegreid to discuss the faculty retention survey. The Chair then yielded the floor to Immediate Past-Chair Laegreid. Immediate Past-Chair Laegreid overviewed the content of the report given to the Board of Trustees and reviewed the demographics of the survey respondents. Immediate Past-Chair Laegreid reported that the Board of Trustees had paid close attention to the

report and provided example responses from faculty that had been given to the Board of Trustees. The Committee discussed.

The Chair asked Chair-elect Fertig which Commencement ceremony he would attend. Chair-elect Fertig responded that he would be attending the Graduate Commencement Ceremony. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that spring convocation would occur on April 24, 2024, at 4 PM and that the program would consist of remarks from the Provost, ASUW, Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, President Seidel, and a panel on Freedom of Expression. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that he had met with Christina McDonald, the Staff Senate Office Associate, and she would be providing an update on the Staff reorganization that was resulting from the Deloitte study to the Faculty Senate. The Chair noted that staff at large had not been well informed about the reorganization and accordingly there was a great deal of misinformation on campus. The Chair expressed his thoughts on the reorganization and overviewed what both the intent and plan for the reorganization was and would be. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that University Regulation 7-11 on management of the Union was being amended and would rename the governing body of the Union to the Union Board and would change the composition of the Union Board. The Chair stated that he did not feel it needed to be presented to the Faculty Senate. The Committee agreed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.