
Resolution to Postpone Sale of Y Cross ranch

WHEREAS, the Y Cross is a one-of-a-kind donation to the University of Wyoming Foundation; and

WHEREAS, gifted land of this magnitude that is available to the entire University community has a value that can only grow with time and use; and

WHEREAS, the property offers a laboratory for the recent Wyoming Biodiversity Initiative, the Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center, our land-grant University, and this natural resource-dependent state; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming never established a Y Cross user committee to promote and assess the full spectrum of educational, scientific and research uses, including geology, plant sciences, hydrology, animal science, agronomy, art, anthropology, natural resources, and business management; and

WHEREAS, a five-year hiatus gives the University an opportunity to determine the value of the property for educational purposes and to demonstrate good faith; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate

- Requests sale of the Y Cross Ranch by the University of Wyoming be postponed for five (5) years;
- Urges the UW Foundation and the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to use the hiatus to make faculty, staff and students aware of the resource so that it is used as the donor intended;
- Requests that all use for teaching, research and other educational purposes by UW employees and students on the Y Cross be documented;
- Recommends that at the end of the five-year period an advisory committee, including representation from each college whose faculty used the ranch for teaching and research, be established to make a formal public recommendation to the UW Foundation about whether the ranch be retained as a teaching and research tool at UW, or alternatively that it be sold.

AUTHENTICATION: *The foregoing Senate Resolution 315, As Amended, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of October 22, 2012, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

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Secretary of the Faculty Senate*