Faculty Senate University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of 29 August 2022

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Renee Laegreid at 3:14 p.m., on August 29, 2022, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The roll was called by Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy; Ulrich Adelt, Mike Borowczak, Grant Bowman, John Hoberg, Scott Lake, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller, and Lydiah Nganga.

Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the agenda; a motion was made to amend the agenda, seconded, and carried. The amended agenda also carried Chair Laegreid called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started with her meeting with General Counsel Tara Evans. There will be perhaps a dozen regulations coming this year that aren't board level that will be sunset and then reinstituted as SAPPs. They hope to get them in early September and some topics are remote work policy, personal file policy and the non-international travel process.

Senate Executive Committee continues to meet with the Provost and President to be more coordinated in the goals of the University.

The 2-13 SAPP needs to be reviewed and revised. Chair Laegreid also asked the Senators to review the Strategic Plan and that there should be an evaluation of the strategic plan process.

In July the Board of Trustees decided on a presidential evaluation and the Executive Committee is in the process of gathering questions.

State of the University will be held on September 1st. Leadership of the three Senates have decided to talk on three topics, shared governance, compensation and parking as related to each faction.

The Chair asked for names of people who might be a good Faculty Resolution Conciliator. The President will then pick from three names to be the Conciliator.

ASUW President Alison Brown introduced herself and brought Riley Skorcz the ASUW Chief of Staff to give the ASUW report which included the make-up of the student senate including the new college council. She also reported on forming an ad-hoc committee for campus parking and transportation.

Staff Senator Chris Maki gave a report on Staff Senate, which included the Presidential Performance Evaluation questions, staff morale, staff scholarships, a proposed giving day, compensation and parking.

Ali Nejadmalayeri gave a summation of the Economic Development Committee. They finished and sent in their recommendations to the President at the end of July. Questions and comments followed.

Past Chair Freng spoke on the three committees she liaises with. The Conflict of Interest Committee has finished, and they sent it to the President. Strategic Planning has two meetings planned this week, one in person and one on zoom. The HCM (Human Capital Management) committee is working on a very tight time schedule for the hiring system. Questions and comments followed.

Cliff Marks said the search committee for VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion met over the summer and finalized a list of ten people. Nine interviews were scheduled. The top 3 or 4 candidates will be brought to campus. Questions and comments followed.

Roger Coupal summarized the Family and Consumer Science Review Committee standing. It has been placed on hold. Questions and comments followed.

Chair Laegreid reported on the Parking Committee, noting she asked for statistics on this year's parking permit sales, including over/under selling lots, personal parking spaces and color types sold vs last year's sales. Also parking permits sold for lots that are only available this semester. She also asked for a volunteer to take over the Parking Committee as she has a schedule conflict. Steve Bialostok volunteered to take it over.

Thomas Grant spoke on the RTP Committee. Questions and comments followed.

The Science Initiative Executive Committee is new this year. Chair Laegreid said they need two faculty senators, one from the humanities and one from science.

Kate McLaughlin, Director of UDSS spoke on changes in her department. Questions and comments followed.

Kwanna King, Registrar brought a guest, Jennifer Waluta, System Administrator for the Curriculum Catalog. Jennifer Waluta spoke on the curriculog platform. Questions and comments followed.

There was a motion to reconsider Senate Bill 349 and Senate Bill 350 from making them SAPPs into making them bylaws. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed. At the next meeting the new format will be voted on.

Chair Elect Robert Sprague announced the need to fill a Member-at-Large seat on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Please send nominations to him along with a short one-page CV and a short statement of why you wish to join the committee.

Communication is of utmost importance in the role of a Faculty Senator. Please communicate with your constituents to keep them apprised of Faculty Senate business.

Priorities for upcoming year include shared governance, strategic planning and processes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 to executive session.