Faculty Senate University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting of 9 May 2022

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Adrienne Freng at 3:14 p.m., on May 9, 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: Grant Bowman, Erin Bush, Nathan Clements, James Creel, William Downs, Donna Harris, Paddington Hodza, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller, and Valerie Thompson-Ebanks.

Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried. Chair Freng called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2022; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair's report started with Chair Freng thanking all of the Senators for showing up and doing the work. She also announced that cookies were available.

The Chair stated that a Risk Assessment email was sent out this morning to share with your constituents.

The President announced a new Faculty Fellows position.

Chair Freng had several meetings this recently including a short meeting with the President and letting him know about the new Resolution on regulation 2-13. She also asked what might be coming up this summer and it will be a continuing of what has already been started. She also met with the Provost and they talked about Community Engagement and the Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee that will have Senators Mike Borowczak and Thomas Grant participating.

She met with the Tri-Senate, with Staff Senate talking about an Ombudsman, advising changes with reorganization and Human Resources. Academic Forum will have deans finalized soon and a staffing analysis starting. Allison Brown will be the new ASUW President.

The committee reports started with Economic Development. Ali Nejadmalayeri said they will be starting to meet weekly to make the June 15 deadline.

Chair Freng said the Conflict of Interest Committee has met several times to work through comments and questions. More will be explained later in the meeting during the Resolution for Conflict of Interest. She also thanked all the hard work in the units this year during Strategic Planning. They are trying to bring all the information together and will be sent out in June.

Cliff Marks for the VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Search Committee said there was nothing new to report.

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz said University Studies Program Planning Committee will have a luncheon retreat to go over the gathered information.

For Family and Consumer Science Review Committee, Roger Coupal said they finished the report and sent it to the Provost with recommendations.

From Graduate Council, Tucker Readdy was there to answer any questions later for the Resolutions for the School of Graduate Education or 3+3 Quickstart Program they moved forward.

Chair-Elect Renee Laegreid said the Parking Committee meeting had been cancelled. She also said for the AVP for HR Search committee that the portal opened to 13 candidates, and they needed to decide which candidates to bring to campus.

Grant Lindstrom gave the APC annual report stating they had a very busy year. They moved forward on the 3+3 Quickstart Program and School of Graduate Education. The did not move forward the Honors proposal.

Jon Pikal on the Budget Committee said they had not been given any charges this year and had nothing to report.

The Library Report from Brenda Alexander stated that the board was a sounding board for the library and Dean Gaetz was doing well balancing resources and personnel. Coe Library has renewed the student learning commons and it is doing well.

Joseph Schroer gave the report on the University Studies Committee. The reviewed 43 courses including 16 seminar courses.

The Student Interaction Committee Report given by Dario Grana included FERPA training that talked about how to handle student records and the committee also reviewed the Student Code of Conduct recommending a clear statement that condemns offensive, discriminatory, and disrespectful behavior.

The RTP Committee wants to make sure that faculty voices get heard sooner in the process.

With no general announcements ratification of the Standing Committee Chairs followed by Chair Freng reading out the proposed list of Chairs. It was moved to approve the slate of Chairs, seconded and carried. Next Chair Freng read out Standing Committee Member nominee names. It was moved to approve the new members, seconded and carried.

Chair Freng opened the discussion on Senate Bill 350, "A Bill for a Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure (SAPP), Faculty Senate Bylaws". The amendments that had been made and seconded by the Executive Committee were read out in sections. Each section was then moved to accept, seconded and carried. Then the amended bill which now included a section on the Committee on Committees had a motion to accept, seconded and passed.

Discussion was opened on Resolution 404, "Resolution in Support of Instituting the School of Graduate Education". With no discussion a vote was taken, and Resolution 404 passed.

The Chair opened the discussion for Resolution 405, "Resolution Regarding Optional Admission Testing". Discussion followed. It was moved to table this resolution until fall to allow more information/data to be gathered. Motion was seconded and discussion on motion followed. The motion to table Resolution 405 carried.

Discussion was opened on Resolution 406, "Resolution Regarding Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance; Regulation 2-13". There was a motion to change this resolution back to a Bill, seconded and discussed. The motion to return this to a bill was carried. Chair Freng read two different sections that had been suggested. Both sections were discussed and approved. The amended Bill was then approved by the Senators.

Chair Freng opened the discussion for Resolution 407, "Resolution Regarding the 3+3 QuickStart Program between the School of Energy Resources and the College of Law". Discussion followed. A motion was made to table this resolution and seconded. Discussion followed on this motion. A vote was taken and the motion to table did not pass so discussion was then resumed. After discussion the vote was taken, and Resolution 407 passed.

The Chair brought amendments to Resolution 408, "Resolution Regarding the Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures (SAPP); Conflict of Interest" to be worked on before opening it up for general discussion. After each section read, discussion on the section was available and then vote was taken to approve. Tara Evans and Carolyn Brandt were on hand to answer any questions. After all amendments were read and approved, discussion on the amended resolution continued. After all discussion, Chair Freng called for a vote. Resolution 408 carried.

Chair Freng thanked everyone for their support. Then handed over the virtual gavel to Chair Renee Laegrid. Chair Laegrid thanked Chair Freng for her hard work this past year. A gift was presented to Chair Freng.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.