A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Donal O’Toole at 3:10 p.m., on January 28, 2019, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Cliff Marks called roll, with the following senators recorded absent and not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Barker, Dalrymple, Hall, Ipina, Lake, Means, Moran, Murphy, Saraji, Skiba, Toohey.

Chair O’Toole called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded and approved.

Chair O’Toole called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2018; motion made, seconded and approved.

Chair O’Toole reported on the following items: the recent Board of Trustees meeting, and members of the Senate Executive Committee sitting in on BOT committee meetings; the Biodiversity Institute to be funded for one year, with new director Dr. Brent Ewers, professor of Botany, seeking funding to continue on after the first year; the Office of Research and Economic Development planning proposal; a request by AVP Tony Ogden for a faculty senator to sit on the newly-created committee for international travel for the purpose of revising UW international travel policies; Gray Associates, consultants who score programs for viability, to be on campus; Academic Analytics, consultants who review quality of research publications, to be on campus in February; new UW regulations coming to Senate for review spring semester.

ASUW Chief of Staff Bailee Harris reported that ASUW is working on the tuition policy change, Alex Mulhall stepping up from ASUW vice president to president due to the resignation of previous president Seth Jones.

Staff Senate Vice President David Keto reported on topics they are working on: campus communication; a staff professional development and career advancement task force; HCM implementation—evaluation system improvements; Staff Senate sponsored scholarships to support morale—five awarded last year, and there will be eight awarded this year; the success of the food drive and the Holiday Market; Staff Recognition Day theme to be “UW Staff Out of this World.”

Associate Vice President for Research Diana Hulme; David Jewell, AVP for Budget; and Jerry Fife, interim leadership due to resignation of Ron Ravel, Senior Director of Financial Administration and Compliance, spoke to the reorganization of the Office of Research and Economic Development and pre- and post-award concerns. There was a question and answer period following their talk.

Chair O’Toole called for a motion to ratify the standing committee co-chairs of the Academic Planning Committee. Motion made, seconded and approved.
Chair O’Toole called for nominations from the floor for Faculty Senate officers. There being none, nominations were closed. Stump speeches were given by nominees Rudi Michalak for chair-elect; Chair O’Toole for Michael Barker for secretary; Renee Laegreid for member-at-large; and Judy Pasek for member-at-large.

Faculty Senate Bill 343, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 2-300 (current 6-700), Bylaws of the University Faculty” was introduced by Chair O’Toole. Discussion and vote will be at next regular Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Bill 344, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulations 2-301, Faculty Senate Bylaws (current 6-701); 6-702, Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees; and 6-703, Establishment of University Standing Advisory Committees“ was introduced by Chair O’Toole. Discussion and vote will be at next regular Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Resolution 353, “Resolution on Geography Major” was introduced by Academic Planning Committee Co-Chair Malcolm Holmes and Co-Chair Melissa Alexander. Discussion and vote will be at next regular Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Resolution 354, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel’s and Academic Affair’s Proposed UW Regulation 2-7, Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures: Procedures for Implementing and Evaluating Rolling Contracts” was introduced by Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee Chair Claudia Thompson. Discussion and vote will be at next regular Faculty Senate meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Clifford Marks, Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Dated: February 4, 2019