

FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Adrienne Freng at 3:30 p.m., on October 11, 2021, in the Family Room, University of Wyoming Union. Additional FS members and guests were able to join via Zoom.

The roll was called by Senator and Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy: Barker, Cain, Downs, Freedman, Grant, Griesmaier, Hoberg, Lake, McCoy, Merkle, Miller, S., Nganga, Stuemky, and Urynowicz.

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 September 27th, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Freng delivered the Chairs Report, which began by reminding senators that feedback on Regulation 12-5 on Foundation accounts was due to General Counsel Evans by October 22. Other topics included the Board of Trustees looking at extending the mask mandate; a clarification on the vaccination policy for the Early Care and Education Center and exemptions; updates on the 2-13 process including announcement of an upcoming survey from Faculty Senate Exec; and the need for faculty representation on the Exterior Housing Design Advisory Committee. Further discussion included possible reinitiating the Grad School; a document on rehiring faculty impacted by the 2-13 process; an update on the Business and Health Science Deans searches, along with a search for the head of the Research Office; articulation meetings; updates on the Academic Planning Council and Grad Council reviews of 2-13 program eliminations; and finally an update on the Chair's meeting with the President and Provost regarding the restructuring plan.

There was no Staff Senate or ASUW report.

In other reports, the Senior VP of Administration and Finance Neil Theobald reported on the State Supplemental Budget Requests for FY's 2022-23, and 2023-24. The top priority operating request is an ongoing salary increase in the amount of 3% per fiscal year. Other items in operating requests included one-time funding for the Rodeo program; ongoing increase in utilities funding, facilities operations personnel, and facilities operations equipment; ongoing funding for both research and economic development personnel and an increase in funding for more academic faculty and staff; and finally both ongoing and one-time funding for personnel and start-up funds in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. There will also be a number of capital requests which include the College of Law Clinical and Experiential Learning facilities addition; a renovation of the West Stands at War Memorial Stadium and the Corbett Natatorium; AMK Ranch Renovations; installation of a roundabout at 22nd & Willett Streets; College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Research and Extension Center renovations, including IT upgrades at some facilities; and finally, a request for renovation of the Lab School. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

General announcements included a reminder that a special meeting with the President and Provost on 2-13 could occur on Monday, October 18th.

VP for Strategic Planning and Initiatives Anne Alexander presented on the Navigate Advising System. She shared that the Navigate system includes many advantages for both students and advisors, not least of which is a more seamless set of tools and resources for degree evaluations, financial aid, mental health, and student opportunities such as the Fullbright Scholars program. Currently, the system is funded through the Online Delivery fee, but that will likely change to a new technology fee.

It was moved by Senator Jeff Miller, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:43 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Treva E Sprout Ahrenholtz".

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: October 18, 2021