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 October 22, 2018, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Cliff Marks took the roll call, with the following members recorded absent and not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Barker, Chichester, Dalrymple, Godby, Ipina, Lake, Lebo, Means, Nejadmalayeri, Peck, Sebade, Urynowicz, Western.

O’Toole gave the chair’s report until a quorum could be attained. He reported on the meeting between he and President Nichols and on the Academic Affairs strategic plan.

After the quorum was reached, O’Toole called for a motion to approve the agenda; moved, seconded, approved.

O’Toole called for a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2018; moved, seconded, approved.

Provost Kate Miller reported on performance indicators of the UW Strategic Plan and topics included study abroad, enrollment management, a taskforce being constituted around careers and changing current Career Services, and endowed faculty positions. She thanked the senate for the input into the revisions of the UW regulations. She also spoke about the Academic Affairs preliminary strategic plan and the goals referenced in the plan. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Renee Ballard, president of Staff Senate, reviewed the goals being put into place, with topics including professional development, the update of staff classifications, a workload survey for staff, and an evaluation system of supervisors by staff. They are drafting resolutions for an ombudsman and longevity pay. She announced there will be a social gathering between Staff Senate, ASUW, and Faculty Senate on November 2 at 3:30 p.m., in the basement of Washakie Center.

ASUW President Seth Jones spoke on Faculty Senate Resolution 347 regarding plus/minus grading, and spoke about the ASUW resolution passed last year with the majority favoring letter grades.

Chair-Elect Ken Chestek, announced nominations for senate officers are being accepted for chair-elect, secretary, and two members-at-large.

O’Toole called for ratification of Bryan Ricupero as chair of the Student Interaction Committee. Moved to ratify, seconded and carried.

Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement Tony Ogden spoke on Comprehensive Internationalization and explained the structure of the Global Engagement Office. There was a question, answer, and discussion period following his talk.

O’Toole brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 347, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed Revisions to UW Regulation 6-710, Assignment of Grades; and UW Regulation 6-806, Course Approval Process; and the Elimination of UW Regulations 6-716, Change of Recorded Grades; 6-720, Assignment and Removal of the Grade of I; and 6-722, Grading System—Including Mid Semester and End of Semester Grades.” Senator Ricupero and chair of the Student Interaction Committee moved to amend UW Regulation 6-710, page 2, line 39, by deleting the minus signs after “C” and “B”; revising the grading chart between lines 59 and 60 by deleting all plus/minus letter grades; and page 5, line 175, by deleting the minus sign after “C” and the plus sign after “D.” Motion seconded. Discussion. Amendment passed with 27 in favor, 15 opposed. Discussion on the main motion. Chestek called for division, and UW Regulation 6-710, as amended, and UW Regulations 6-716, 6-720, 6-722 passed; and UW Regulation 6-806 passed. Senate Resolution 347, as amended, passed.
O’Toole brought to the floor for introduction Senate Resolution 348, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel and Academic Affairs Proposed UW Regulation 2-13 Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures: Policy and Guidelines for Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance.” Claudia Thompson, chair of the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights and Responsibilities Committee, introduced the resolution and gave a summary of committee changes. Discussion and vote will be at the next senate meeting.

O’Toole brought to the floor for introduction Senate Resolution 349, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed Revisions to UW Regulation 6-400, Academic Class Management; and the Elimination of UW Regulations 6-403, Class Meetings Outside Scheduled Times; 6-405 Final Examinations; and 6-721, Class Numbering Structure.” O’Toole introduced the resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee and summarized changes. Discussion and vote will be at the next senate meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Clifford Marks, Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Dated: November 4, 2018