

**FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Laramie, Wyoming**

Minutes of the Meeting
of
October 8, 2018

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 8, 2018, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Cliff Marks took the roll call, with the following members recorded absent and not excused or represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Chichester, Dutta, Fall, Godby, Lake, Means, Michalak, Thompson-Ebanks, Urynowicz.

O'Toole called for a motion to approve the agenda; moved, seconded, approved.

O'Toole called for a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018; moved, seconded, approved.

O'Toole reported he is in receipt of proposed revisions for review of UW Regulation 2-7, Reappointment, Tenure, Promotion, and Fixed Term, that will be sent to the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee; and also in receipt of the draft rationale for the closing of the Biodiversity Institute from VP for Research and Economic Development Ed Synakowski. The proposed SAPP for Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance will be brought to the senate for introduction at the next meeting. He reported that he has been in discussions with VP for Information Technology Robert Aylward regarding the proposed SAPP that includes email retention and tagline use.

President Laurie Nichols gave her State of the University report. She distributed an "Annual Report, Year 1" booklet that summarizes the first year progress of the Strategic Plan. She spoke on the headway being taken on each of the five goals of the Plan. She also reported on the supplemental budget request for FY20. There was a question, answer, discussion period following her report.

ASUW President Seth Jones reported briefly on the Pilot Hill survey and the residence hall survey.

Carlos Martinez Del Rio, first director of the Biodiversity Institute (BI), spoke on the history and the formation of the BI, and distributed a handout containing data of its accomplishments and partnerships since its establishment in 2012. VP Ed Synakowski spoke on his vision statement for research at UW, and his transition goals for programs executed by the BI. There was a question, answer, discussion period following their talks.

Jeanne Durr, Associate Vice President for Human Resources, and Dan Maxey, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, gave a presentation on the preliminary results of the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* Great Colleges to Work For survey. They distributed a preliminary report on the results and a preliminary results summary table. An independent contractor will generate a more comprehensive report, and the committee spearheading the survey on campus will generate an action plan, using the final results.

O'Toole introduced 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*." Discussion and vote will be held at the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Clifford Marks, Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Dated: October 15, 2018