A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on November 18, 2019, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Barker called roll, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Bowman, Buckner, Bush, Crawford, S., Dalrymple, Hall, Harkin, Lake, Lebo, Nganga, Reiser, Tahmasebi, Thompson-Ebanks, Urynowicz.

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Chestek gave the Chair’s Report, speaking on the topics of: the Board of Trustees meeting last week that addressed items including building, construction and parking projects; the approval of a computer science education program; utilization of the AMK Ranch in Teton County; the approval of the workload policy, UW Regulation 2-9; and deans’ searches. He also reported that ASUW formed a task force to address food insecurity on campus and they asked for a Faculty Senate representative to serve on that task force.

Chair Chestek called for a motion to ratify the nomination of a standing committee member; motion made, seconded, and ratification carried.

Chair Chestek brought to the table for discussion Senate Resolution 368, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel and Academic Affairs Proposed UW Regulation 2-120, Academic and Honorary Degree Revocation.” Senator and Member-at-Large Laegreid moved on behalf of the Executive Committee to add as line 311, “Recipients have the right to appeal revocation of an honorary degree. The written appeal must be made within 30 days of the public announcement of revocation. The appeal shall be submitted to the chair of Faculty Senate. The chairperson will convene an ad hoc committee composed of the Faculty Senate chair, a past chair of Faculty Senate, and the Provost or a representative designated by the Provost. The ad hoc committee will consider the merits of the appeal. It will submit its recommendation to the President of whether the revocation decision should stand. The recommendation shall be made within 7 working days of receiving the appeal.” Motion seconded. With discussion, a friendly amendment was suggested to add after “appeal” at the end of the proposed amendment, “, after which the President will convey the recommendations to the Board of Trustees for action, along with the President’s recommendation.” The friendly amendment was accepted. The amendment passed, as amended. After discussion, Senate Resolution 368, as amended, passed.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 369, “Resolution on Geospatial Information Science & Technology (GIST).” Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, presented APC’s recommendations approving six of the eight GIST proposed programs and went over data for the two that were not recommended for approval. Jeff Hamerlinck, director of the Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, answered questions regarding the proposed programs. Discussion on the Resolution. Senator Barker moved to add to line 26 after “proposed programs” the language, “(1) undergraduate certificate in GIS; (2) undergraduate certificate in Remote Sensing; (3) Masters in GIST, without thesis, online; (4) graduate certificate in GIST; (5) graduate certificate in Remote Sensing; and (6) graduate certificate in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)” ; and not
approve two programs: “(1) undergraduate Bachelors of Science in GIST; or (2) Masters in GIST . . .” Motion seconded, and passed. After discussion, Senate Resolution 369, as amended, passed unanimously.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 370, “Resolution on New Music Department Certificates and New Performance Degree.” Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, presented APC’s recommendations. Senate Resolution 370 passed unanimously.

Chair Chestek introduced Senate Resolution 371, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel and Academic Affairs Proposed UW Regulation 2-6, Procedures for Dismissal of Faculty Members.” A question and answer period followed introduction. Discussion and vote will be at the next meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Motion made, seconded, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Michael G. Barker, Secretary
Dated: December 1, 2019