

FACULTY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
Laramie, Wyoming  
Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
29 November 2021

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Adrienne Freng at 3:32p.m., on November 29, 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: Steve Bialostok, David Bodily, William Cain, Raechel Cook, Todd Cornish, James Creel, William Downs, Kit Freedman, Donna Harris, David Kruger, Scott Lake, Rochelle McCoy, Jerod Merkle, Steve Miller, Shane Murphy, Alexandre Skiba, Dan Stanescu, Pejman Tahmasebi,

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 November 8, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Freng delivered the chairs report. She relayed information from the Board of Trustee meeting noting the Mask policy will continue until Dec Board meeting and then be reevaluated for Spring Semester. Reorg was the major topic of the Board meeting. The Board did not approve the motion to pass the plan as presented by July 2022 but allowed for further discussion and with July 2023 completion date. Chair Freng mentioned to board that the work for reorganizations will largely be borne by faculty and staff which will impair other aspects of job duties. APC submitted their report on the updated version of the School of Computing. Report has been shared. Grad Council will begin their review of the new School of Computing plan.

Dr. Kevin Carman, Provost and Executive Vice President, provided the Provost's report. He provided updates on current searches and noted that he was not sure how the President would proceed with the Dean of the Office of Diversity position but expects a decision by end of the year. He announced the Central Advising report on how to maintain high quality advising for first year students and still have meaningful contact with departments due shortly, and that training for the new advising platform, Navigate, begins in December with plans to launch platform in January. Enrollment summits on how to be more strategic in student recruitment, leveraging financial aid and scholarships, and marketing are underway. Discussion on Equitable Access for students purchasing textbooks, which will be moving forward albeit with more discussion, is underway. Provost Carmen mentioned he had given a presentation on what it means to be a R-1 Research University, and where the most strategic investments might be made to bring UW up to R-1 status and offered to give this presentation to Faculty Senate. He concluded his report with a review of the four major motions made and approved at the Trustees meeting.

Grant Lindstrom from the Academic Planning Committee: College of Computing. APC support this second, much revised proposal. One concern is on resources in the University (Library and Computing Center), but no mention on how these demands will be met.

General Announcement: Given the university is going back to a regular class schedule Spring Semester, Faculty Senate will start at 3:10pm starting in January.

VP Jim Ahern presented on the plan on the proposed School of Graduate Education. Notice of Intent for Graduate School approved by Trustees. The name changes to School of Graduate Education and a new leadership model with a Vice-Provost & Graduate Dean to lead the school will bring UW up closer to national standards and stature in terms of a School and ratio of admin to grad student ratios.

Chair Elect Laegreid reminded Senators interested in running for MAL, Secretary, or Chair Elect to contact her. All Senators standing for one of these positions send a one-page CV, with a brief statement of interest, to Faculty Senate Staff person Tracy Blakeman by the end of December. Nominees to give their stump speeches Jan 24<sup>th</sup>; elections to be held at the Feb. 21st Senate meeting.

Chair Freng introduced Senate Resolution 399, Resolution in Support of Proposed UW Regulation 2-3, "Compensation for Academic Personnel"

Chair Freng introduced Senate Resolution 400, Resolution in Support to Sunset Regulation 5-1, "Staff of the University"

Chair Freng introduced Senate Resolution 401, Resolution in Support of Proposed UW Regulation 5-2, "Retirement Provisions"

Chair Freng introduced Senate Resolution 402, Resolution in Support of Proposed UW Regulation 5-3, "Employee Handbook"

Chair Freng introduced Senate Resolution 403, Resolution in Support of Proposed Changes to Employee Handbook

Chair Freng reminded Senators that since these measures will be voted on during the December 13 meeting, to be sure to either attend or make have department Alternates attend, and to send amendments to Chair Freng prior to the Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to streamline the process.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:34 pm.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary and Renee Laegreid, Chair-Elect  
Dated: November 29, 2021