A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Michael Barker at 3:10 p.m., on December 11, 2017, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

The roll call was taken by Secretary Janet Dewey, with the following members recorded absent and not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Buckner, Gardzelewski, James, Lake, Painter, Reiser, Shogren.

Chair Barker called for a motion to approve the agenda; moved, seconded and carried.

Chair Barker called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2017; moved, seconded and carried.

Chair Barker reported that the UW Community Holiday Party had a big turnout and commented on what a wonderful event he thought it was. He advised that the Natural Resource Recreation and Tourism proposed degree has been forwarded for review and recommendations to the Faculty Senate Academic Planning Committee. He announced that the newly-formed Open Access taskforce is seeking a Faculty Senate representative. Barker reported that he has been meeting with Academic Affairs concerning Sections 5 and 6 UW regulation rewrites/revisions and four will be introduced at the January 29 Senate meeting. He also reported that the University Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee has received a charge from Vice Provost Benham-Deal to rewrite and rework UW 5-803, Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Procedures for University Faculty.

Provost Kate Miller reported about on-going projects, i.e., Health Sciences and Business deans searches, as well as the Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement search; establishing a faculty review committee for sabbaticals; writing an Academic Affairs strategic plan; revising Sections 4 and 5 of the UW regulations; working through the transition for distance education support; UW-Casper; a capacity study and tuition pricing for out-of-state students; academic management. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Rachel Stevens, Staff Senate president, reported that the Holiday Market organized by Staff Senate raised $1,500 for its staff scholarship program. The Holiday Food Drive, sponsored by Staff Senate, which benefits a UW family-in-need, is accepting family nominations. They also have been working on resolutions for the staff scholarship, and revisions to UW Regulation 1-101.

Chair-Elect Donal O’Toole gave a brief report on nominations he has received for next year’s officers. Stump speeches will be presented at the January meeting.
Chair Barker brought to the floor for discussion (introduced at last meeting) Faculty Senate Resolution 338, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulations 6-719, Assessment of Prior and Sponsored Experiential Learning; 8-3, Admission of Students; 8-242, Students Receiving US Department of Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits; 8-246, Registrar; 8-247, Requirements for Student Participation in the ACT or SAT Assessment Programs and University Use of Results; 8-248, Admission of International Students; and 8-253, Superior Student in Education Scholarship Program.” Discussion. Motion and second to remove lines 33 through 40 beginning after the word “title” in line 33. Motion carried. Motion and second to add the title of Senate Resolution 338 after the word “title” in line 33. Motion carried. Senate Resolution 338, as amended, passed on vote.

Chair Barker brought to the floor for discussion (introduced at last meeting) Faculty Senate Resolution 339, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 1-101, “UW Regulations and Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures” and called for a motion to replace the original version with the amended version prepared by the Executive Committee that was distributed to senators during the week prior to the meeting. Senator Inouye moved and Senator Chestek seconded allowing the replacement amendment. Senator Chestek gave an overview of the amended version. After discussion, member-at-large Justin Piccorelli suggested adding at the beginning of the third paragraph of Section V, “When acting in their University capacities, the . . .” After discussion, it was moved and seconded to add that specific wording. Motion carried. Senate Resolution 339, as amended, passed on vote.

Dean Michael Pishko, College of Engineering and Applied Science; and Interim Dean David Chicoine, College of Business, presented information regarding the Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which is an initiative President Nichols has put forward and is in the planning stage. There was a question and answer period following their information presentation.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.

Janet Dewey
Secretary of the Faculty Senate