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 December 3, 2018, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Cliff Marks called roll, with the following members recorded absent and not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Crawford, Dutta, Freng, Lake, Means, Murphy, Nejadmalayeri, Reiser, Teman, Toohey, Urynowicz.

Chair O’Toole called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded and approved.

Chair O’Toole called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018; motion made, seconded and approved.

Chair O’Toole reported on the following items: There will be a town hall meeting concerning the Great Colleges survey on December 7; he has met with Provost Miller and they had a good discussion about improving the relationship between administration and faculty; the Academic Planning Committee has received the charge to consider the recommendation for the dissolution of the Geography Department.

President Nichols briefed the Senate on the following topics: Great Colleges survey town hall meeting; 4% tuition increase allocation change; Biodiversity Institute proposal to be brought to Board of Trustees in January; the Legislature’s Joint Appropriate Committee meeting for the supplemental budget request and explained what is being asked for in one-time funding; Open House Holiday annual event to be December 4; and Winter Commencement to be December 15. She thanked everyone for a great semester.

Jibran Ludwig from Student Media, announced he is putting together review committees for the Owen Wister Review comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Contact him at owr@uwyo.edu if interested in participating.

Chair-Elect Ken Chestek reported on nominations for next academic year officers; nominations are needed for chair-elect, secretary, and two members-at-large. He advised that stump speeches will take place January 28, and election February 11. Nominations and questions are to be directed to him.

Chair O’Toole brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 352, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-1, Academic Personnel.” Senator Barker moved to add “Fixed-Term Annual Contract: Non-tenure track faculty contract that is one year in length” to the Definitions on page 1; and add “C. Fixed-Term Annual Contract Appointments—Appointments for positions filling a budgeted vacancy will be for one academic year; individuals so appointed may be considered for renewal annually” to page 7; and add “Rolling Contract” to “B. Fixed-Term Rolling Contract Appointments” on page 6; and add “Non-tenure track faculty may be appointed with a Fixed-Term Rolling Contract or a Fixed-Term Annual Contract” on page 2, under “C. Non-Tenure Track Faculty.” Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senator Flanigan moved to add on page 2, line 77 “ 1. Academic Professional: The title granted to persons who have at
minimum a master’s degree and have demonstrated ability to make substantial contributions to the University’s mission. Primary responsibilities include administration, service, faculty development and support, and research. Duties may encompass directing programs, working directly with classroom faculty, classroom teaching, or providing other support for the curricular, co-curricular, or extra-curricular missions of the University. Such appointments shall be at the rank (Assistant Academic Professional, Associate Academic Professional, or Senior Academic Professional) commensurate with their experiences and qualifications.”

Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senator Krueger moved to delete the “Clinical Educator” section on page 3, line 100. Motion seconded, discussed, and failed. Senator Barker moved to delete “Academic Practitioner” from line 4, page 149, and retain “Professor of Practice” on that same line. Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senator Chestek moved to add “distinguished” and “significant positive” to page 4, lines 150 and 151 so to read “persons who have had distinguished professional careers and have made a significant positive impact on fields and disciplines . . . “ Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senate Resolution 352, as amended, passed.

Chair O’Toole brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 351, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed Revisions to UW Regulation 2-7, Procedures for Reappointment, Tenure, Promotion and Fixed Term.” Senator Pasek moved for several minor editorial changes. Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senator Boggs moved to delete the sentence from page 9, lines 380-382. Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. Senator Buckner moved to take wording from proposed SAPP for Implementing and Evaluating Rolling Contracts, and add to page 9, line 382, “Non-tenure track faculty on fixed-term rolling contracts will normally be considered for promotion after six years. However, nothing shall prevent a faculty member from seeking promotion at an earlier time.” Motion seconded, discussed, and carried. The question was called, and Senator Resolution 351, as amended, passed.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Clifford Marks, Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Dated: January 27, 2019