

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
September 9, 2019

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on September 9, 2019, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Secretary Michael Barker called roll, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official department alternate or by proxy: Dalrymple, Freng, Lake, Nganga, Porter, Pratt.

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

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2019; motion made, seconded, and approved.

Chair Chestek reported that Acting President Neil Theobald is conducting outreach throughout the state by going on one-day visits during the school year to various communities, and he is inviting faculty members to travel with him. If anyone is interested in participating in this event entitled, *The World Needs More Cowboys Community Visits 2019-20*, contact Chair Chestek, Jean Garrison, or Chad Baldwin. Chestek also reported that Dr. Emily Monago, UW Chief Diversity Officer, is asking to have a Faculty Senate representative on the UW Bias Education & Engagement Team. Contact Chestek if interested in serving. Chestek announced that the Higher Learning Commission is visiting campus November 18 and 19, and the Office of Academic Affairs is hosting an all-senates meeting event on September 19 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom for an information session about the HLC visit. Chestek reported on other topics including the presidential search process and public listening and coffee sessions; the Strategic Improvement Working Group; UW regulation reviews of regulations 2-2, *Academic Personnel Dispute Resolution*; 2-9, *Faculty Workload*; 2-6, *Faculty Dismissal*; 2-10, *Post-Tenure Review* will be brought before the Senate this fall.

Provost Kate Miller welcomed senators back to campus, and reported on activities currently being undertaken by Academic Affairs, including the Higher Learning Commission evaluation; the priorities of Acting President Theobald, such as faculty excellence, recruitment and retention of students, affordability for students, increasing number of graduates, distance education, excellence in student preparation. She also reported on new software systems being implemented to assist as faculty resources, enrollment management, 2+2 articulation with community colleges, graduate education, UW regulations and SAPPs. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Director of the Office of Engagement and Outreach Jean Garrison reported on the state outreach being conducted by Theobald. Information and dates will be forwarded to senators. She gave a presentation on the new UWYO Events Statewide Calendar and Reporting Project. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Michael Barker, Faculty Senate Secretary, and Chair of the Strategic Improvement Working Group, gave the same presentation on the efforts of the group as he will give to the Board of Trustees later in the week. The group is working on reviewing and suggesting solutions to the results taken from the *Great Colleges to Work For* survey conducted last year, and their goal is to “Make it Happen.” They have been meeting regularly since March. There is an eighteen-month expectation for implementation of their recommendations.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Barker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael G. Barker, Secretary of the Faculty Senate

Dated: September 16, 2019