

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
February 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on February 10, 2020, in Room 212, Wyoming Family Room, Wyoming Union.

Chair-Elect Rudi Michalak called roll in the absence of Secretary Michael Barker, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official unit alternate or by proxy: Barker, Cain, Crawford, S., Denney, Griesmaier, Hodza, Lake, McDonald, Miller, S., Nganga, Norton, Steele, Tahmasebi, Thompson-Ebanks, Urynowicz.

Due to lack of a quorum, Chair Chestek gave the Chair's Report. He announced there will be a moderated open forum put on by the Faculty Senate and the Strategic Improvement Working Group on the topic of the Office of Research and Economic Development on February 18, 2-4 p.m., in the Union Family Room. He also announced that a taskforce appointed to draft a white paper on best practices of shared governance has asked to schedule Faculty Senate focus groups on the topic of shared governance, and it was determined to have the focus groups gather immediately after the March 9 Faculty Senate meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Additionally, a University Studies Program taskforce is being formed to reassess the current USP, and volunteers are to contact him if interested in serving. Chair Chestek reported on the presidential search process, and that final candidates will be on campus the week of February 24.

The quorum was attained and 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 January 27, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal reported on topics the Office of Academic Affairs is working on, including: three deans' searches for Engineering and Applied Science; Haub School, and Arts and Sciences; curriculum mapping and assessment; discussions are underway for the next generation of university studies; forming a taskforce for envisioning possibilities for UW and the AMK Ranch near Jackson and the Tetons; and uses for WyoFolio and WyoVita.

Associate Vice President for Human Resources Tom Koczara spoke on his preliminary priorities for HR since his appointment in January. He spoke on topics concerning: working on problems with payroll and HCM processes; continuous improvement in minimizing paperwork; reestablishing customer focus; timely responsiveness in recruiting; and quality and frequency of HR communications with the campus. There was a question and answer period following his talk.

Chair Chestek called for a motion to vote by acclamation for the candidates for office since each was unopposed. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the nominees. Newly-elected officers to commence office in May are: Senator Adrienne Freng, chair-elect; Senator Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, secretary; Senator Michael Barker and Senator Cliff Marks, members-at-large.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 372, "Resolution on *Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Technology for the Industrial Internet of Things (CET-IIOT)*." Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, reviewed the APC's recommendation not to approve the degree. Steven Barrett, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science, spoke on the degree proposal. Discussion. Senate Resolution 372 passed.

Chair Chestek introduced Senate Resolution 373, "Resolution on *Graduate Certificate in Energy Business*." Discussion and vote will be at the next meeting.

Chair Chestek introduced Senate Resolution 374, "Resolution in Support of Additional Changes to UW Regulation 2-2, *Academic Personnel Dispute Resolution*." 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 4:34 p.m.



Kenneth D. Chestek, Chair
Dated: February 17, 2020