A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on March 9, 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: Anderson, Arnette, Barker, Buckner, Cain, Crawford, W., Freedman, Griesmaier, Hodza, Humphrey, Lake, Lebo, McDonald, Miller, S., Nejadmalayeri, Nganga, Norton, Pratt, Steele, Tahmasebi, Thompson-Ebanks, Urynowicz.

Due to lack of a quorum, Chair Chestek skipped agenda and minutes voting matters, and gave his report. He spoke about the focus groups being held after the meeting for discussion on shared governance. He announced faculty are being asked to volunteer, if interested, to be on the USP review task force. He also announced the opening for the position of faculty conciliator. He reported the post-tenure review task force will soon forward the proposed revised version to the Senate. He added he is serving on the search committee for the associate vice provost for undergraduate education.

Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal reported that the SAPP on rolling contracts has been approved by Acting President Theobald, and it will be distributed soon. She advised the deans’ searches for the Haub School, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and Applied Science, are ongoing, with the hope they can be in place in late spring or start of fall semester. She also spoke about the topics of: USP review; FY21 budget; streamlined on-line application from Enrollment Management; graduate students awards luncheon; reappointment, tenure and promotion packets being reviewed in WyoFolio; the global engagement task force convened to stay abreast of COVID-19 and notices sent out regarding international travel. She advised summer study abroad programs to stay in touch with the study abroad office.

Staff Senate President James Wheeler reported on the topics of: Staff Recognition Day to be March 24; his re-election to the Staff Senate office of president; the food insecurity task force in which Staff Senate and Faculty Senate are a part. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Discussion and vote on Senate Resolution 375 was not brought to the floor due to lack of a quorum.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for introduction Senate Bill 346, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 2-1, Academic Personnel.” Senator and Member-at-Large Colleen Denney introduced the bill, along with Senator Katie Christensen explaining the rationale. Discussion and vote will be at the next Senate meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session. Motion made, seconded, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Kenneth D. Chestek, Chair
Dated: March 30, 2020