

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
April 20, 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 April 20, 2020, via teleconference due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendance was taken by viewing registrations and logons to the MaestroConference program for the meeting, with the following senators recorded absent who were not represented by an official unit alternate or by proxy or by registration: Lake, McDonald, Miller, S., Moran, Steele, Tahmasebi, Urynowicz.

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 April 6, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Chestek reported that he has been working with three different COVID-19 response groups. He also reported that Academic Affairs is putting together a flash survey for a quick turnaround for responses from students for the purpose of getting immediate input on how online courses are working out for them so problems can be course-corrected before the end of the semester.

Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal spoke briefly about the student survey Chair Chestek addressed in his report, and noted that all faculty will receive an email with the results. She reported Academic Affairs (AA) sent an announcement to deans and department heads regarding faculty tenure clock stops and will post guidance on how to go about requesting clock stops and when they should be requested. The policy won't change but clock stops related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be addressed. She then briefed on the policy. She also advised they have been in discussions about the Fall semester and how to open safely. A decision should be made in the next six to eight weeks. The Executive Committee will be in the loop for making these decisions. She also spoke about virtual commencement plans. There was a question and answer period following her report. Provost Kate Miller thanked faculty for the outstanding work they've done in switching to online classes during the crisis.

James Wheeler, Staff Senate president, reported Staff Senate has moved meetings to Zoom and commended all for their work this semester.

ASUW President Jason Wilkins sent Chair Chestek his report which stated that elections will be the end of April for ASUW officers. He thanked all faculty for supporting students through these challenging times.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 376, "Resolution on Department of Accounting and Finance Graduate Certificate in *Financial Planning*." Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, spoke to the APC's recommendations for the graduate certificate in Financial Planning. There being no discussion, Senate Resolution 376 passed.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for introduction Senate Resolution 378, "Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulations 2-121, *Change of Grades*, and 2-106, *Assignment of Grades*." Chestek spoke to the background of the revisions to the regulations. Discussion and vote will be at the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Barker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and "B".

Michael G. Barker, Secretary

Dated: April 27, 2020