

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
April 6, 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 6, 2020, via teleconference due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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: Barker, Buckner, Lake, Miller, S., Nganga, Norton, Pratt, 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 February 24, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried. Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Chestek reported that he has been spending time working with COVID-19 response issues. He also reported on the Board of Trustees meeting that was done electronically. The BOT authorized a waiver for changing the date for withdrawal from courses to the last day of classes, and for April 17 for S/U grading changes by students.

Acting President Theobald reported on the following topics: UW's COVID-19 response; student employees continuing to be paid to the end of the semester per BOT; the UW Foundation will match \$250K donations for help for students; biennial budget funding approved for UW by the Legislature. He noted that Provost Miller is stepping down as provost June 30, 2020. He also noted he has heard nothing but praise for instructors teaching virtually. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Kyle Moore, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, reported on the COVID-19 response. He spoke about the incredible effort and strides faculty have made for a successful transition to online learning in the middle of the semester, and that students are so appreciative of the sophistication of the effort to go online. He asked senators to urge colleagues in departments/units to make sure they are aware when students are showing a lack of engagement and to reach out individually, and to copy their advisor so they can reach out to support. He advised students' election of S/U grades changed to Apr 17, and students' withdrawal date to be the last day of classes. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Tom Koczara, Associate Vice President for Human Relations, spoke on the COVID-19 response. He reported that UW implemented the emergency response three weeks ago. He advised to go to UW's web page at <https://www.uwyo.edu/shser/corona-virus.html> for official coronavirus updates, which also conveys important information via FAQs, and the email address to send problems directly to the incident command team for immediate review and resolution as soon as possible. HR is working to replace the HR paper forms to be available online instead of requiring paper copies. There was a question and answer period following his report.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 375, "Resolution in Support of General Counsel and Academic Affairs Proposed UW Regulation 2-8, *Appointment, Evaluation and Removal of Academic Administrators.*" There being no discussion, Senate Resolution 375 passed unanimously.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Bill 346, "A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 2-1, *Academic Personnel*." Member-at-Large and Senator Colleen Denney explained the reason for the revision to include "Curators" to the definitions of UW Regulation 2-1, *Academic Personnel*. There was no discussion, and Senate Bill 346 passed unanimously.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for introduction Senate Resolution 376, "Resolution on Department of Accounting and Finance Graduate Certificate in *Financial Planning*." Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee, introduced the legislation by giving the APC's rationale for supporting the graduate certificate. Discussion and vote will be at the next Senate meeting.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for introduction Senate Resolution 377, "Resolution Regarding Faculty Response to COVID-19 Emergency Measures," and he explained the rationale for the Resolution. Due to a pressing timeline of needing to know the Senate's view by April 17 when students elect to use S/U grading, he asked if the Resolution's first reading could be waived and go onto second reading and vote at this meeting. Senator Marks moved to vote this date, and it was seconded. There was no discussion on the motion, and the motion passed. After discussion, Senate Resolution 377 passed.

Member-at-Large and Senator Laegreid moved to adjourn and Senator Paige seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.



Kenneth D. Chestek, Chair

Dated: April 13, 2020