

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

Minutes of the Meeting  
of  
January 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Rudi Michalak at 3:30 p.m., on January 25, 2021, via Zoom due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The roll was called by Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following not in attendance and not represented by an official alternate or by proxy: Bowman, Bush, Lake, Miller, S., Moran.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made and seconded. Member-at-Large and Senator Barker moved to amend by adding "Senate Resolution 380, Resolution Regarding the Recommendations of Academic Planning Committee and Graduate Council – 2-13 Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance" as Item V. Motion to amend seconded and carried. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak reported on 2-13 program reviews. He spoke about strategic planning processes and called for nominees to serve on a Strategic Planning Committee subcommittee, which are based on the "4 Pillars" proposed by President Seidel: Digital, Entrepreneurial, Interdisciplinary, and Inclusive. The Chair also spoke on budget cut impacts on UW, i.e., discontinuance of programs and possibly departments.

Chair Michalak called for nominations from the floor for chair-elect, secretary, and member-at-large. There being none, he closed the nominations. Nominating Committee nominees gave stump speeches in this order: Renee Laegreid, for chair-elect; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, for secretary; Karen Bartsch Estes, Mike Borowczak, Jeff Miller, Ali Nejadmalayeri, for member-at large. Elections will be February 8, 2021.

President Seidel reported on the Community College Consortium; working on the UW strategic plan and building on "4 Pillars" for working groups: Digital, Entrepreneurial, Interdisciplinary, Inclusive. He spoke on goals, lessons learned, redesigning for the future. There was a question and answer and discussion period following his report.

Chair-Elect and Senator Freng introduced Senate Resolution 380, "Resolution Regarding the Recommendations of Academic Planning Committee and Graduate Council – 2-13 Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance." Member-at-Large and Senator Barker moved to suspend the rules so introduction, discussion, and vote can all take place at this meeting due to the deadline for Faculty Senate input on the program reviews. Senator Cawley called the question and the motion to suspend passed unanimously. Discussion on the Resolution. Tucker Ready, co-chair of the Graduate Council, and Gregg Cawley, representing the Academic Planning Committee, spoke on their committees' recommendations. Senate Resolution 380 passed unanimously.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary  
Dated: February 1, 2021