A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Rudi Michalak at 3:30 p.m., on December 7, 2020, 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: Bush, Crawford, Guzzo, Krueger, Lake, Marks, McDonald, Miller, S., Moran, Nganga, Pratt, Skiba, Stanescu, Tahmasebi, Urynowicz.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak reported that Senator and Member-at-Large Michael Barker, Senator and Chair-Elect Adrienne Freng, and Chair Rudi Michalak were selected by the Executive Committee to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and SPC subcommittee nominees will be selected in the future. He also spoke about Spring Plan changes and that responses from faculty senators were being compiled to send to Academic Affairs.

Interim Provost Anne Alexander thanked “everyone for getting us to finals week during the hardest time of our lives.” She then reported on program eliminations up for review, and with no predetermined outcome, under UW Regulation 2-13. She also spoke about the Strategic Scenario Planning Process and the Spring Plan. She then took questions from faculty senators.

Chair-Elect Adrienne Freng thanked the nominees and announced the nominations of Faculty Senate officers for next year: Renee Laegreid, chair-elect; Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, secretary; Karen Bartsch Estes, Ali Nejadmalayeri, Gregg Cawley, Mike Borowczak, members-at-large. She advised that stump speeches will be in January, and the election in February.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:15 p.m.

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: January 18, 2021