

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
February 8, 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 February 8, 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 a proxy: Bell, Bodily, Cain, Crawford, Creel, Freedman, Guzzo, Harkin, Lake, McDonald, Miller, S., Moran, Tahmasebi, Urynowicz.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the agenda; motion made and seconded. Senator Sprout Ahrenholtz moved to amend by adding as an agenda item, "Discussion on new program proposals" after item V. on the agenda. Motion to amend seconded and carried. The agenda, as amended, was approved.

Chair Michalak called for a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak gave an update on COVID-19 vaccinations. He also reported the Fall plan is under discussions. He spoke about 2-13 program reviews, and Strategic Portfolio reviews.

Interim Provost Anne Alexander thanked everyone for all they are doing with all that's going on. She reported on vaccinations, capacities of classrooms, Fall plan discussions, the Board of Trustees February meeting, the Strategic Scenario Planning group, Portfolio Review, budget targets under the budget reduction plan, and the Strategic Investment Fund. There was a question, answer, discussion period following her report.

ASUW President Riley Talamantes reported about items they are working on which included reviewing budget proposal, drafting legislation, discussing having a speaker come to campus to speak on the Capitol insurrection.

Chair Michalak announced there are upcoming breakfast sessions to interview the candidates for provost and asked if anyone is interested in attending, to contact him as there are several seats available for faculty.

Chair Michalak called for a vote by acclamation for the election of Senator Renee Laegreid as chair-elect. The vote by acclamation carried. He then called for a vote by acclamation for the election of Senator Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz. The vote by acclamation carried. A secret Zoom poll was then administered for the election of two members-at-large. Senator Karen Bartsch Estes and Senator Jeff Miller were elected.

Senator Adrienne Freng introduced and answered questions on Senate Resolution 381, "Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-10, *Post-Tenure Review*." There will be discussion and vote on Senate Resolution 381 on February 22.

Senator Renee Laegreid introduced and answered questions on Senate Resolution 382, "Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 6-10, *University of Wyoming Public Art.*" There will be discussion and vote on Senate Resolution 382 on February 22.

Senator Sprout Ahrenholtz spoke about two new program proposals that have come before the Executive Committee; two were reviewed by the Academic Planning Committee, and one by the Graduate Council. The question she brought to the Faculty Senate was whether or not they should come before the Faculty Senate as resolutions due to the current budget crisis and strategic planning underway. After discussion, a Zoom straw poll was conducted with the question, "Should Faculty Senate entertain considering new programs when we have to close down many existing programs, and have no strategic plan updated?". Results of the straw poll were 88 percent "no," and 13 percent "yes."

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary

Dated: February 15, 2021