A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate (FS) was called to order by Chair Rudi Michalak at 3:30 p.m., on April 19, 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 senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy: Clements, Crawford, Guzzo, Lake, Miller, S., Moran, Nganga, Reiser, Skiba, Tahmasebi, Todd, 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 April 5, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak reported on the status of the vaccination effort, the Portfolio Review Committee, and the 2-13 working group’s recommendations that went to President Seidel. He advised that, due to the large amount of legislation still needing to be addressed by FS, a special meeting may be called for May 10 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. He also reported that incoming Provost Carman has indicated he wants to meet monthly with FS and also monthly with the Executive Committee (FSE). He briefed on the recent Board of Trustees meeting.

Staff Senate was not represented for a report.

ASUW President Riley Talamantes reported that they held their election, with Hunter Swilling and Colter Anderson elected president and vice president respectively. She advised that April 27 is the final ASUW meeting of the semester, and she briefed on legislation going forward.

Senator and Chair-Elect Adrienne Freng introduced and gave the rationale for Senate Resolution 387, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-4, Extended-Term Faculty.” Discussion and vote will be at the May 3 FS meeting.

Senator and Member-at-Large Cliff Marks introduced and gave the rationale for Senate Resolution 388, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-16, Sabbatical and Professional Development Leave.” Discussion and vote will be at the May 3 FS meeting.

Immediate Past Chair Ken Chestek introduced and gave the rationale for Senate Bill 348, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 2-5, Effectiveness Evaluating System.” Discussion and vote will be at the May 3 FS meeting.

Senator and Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz introduced and gave the rationale for Senate Resolution 389, “Resolution on Bachelor of Science in Agroecology.” Discussion and vote will be at the May 3 FS meeting.
Chair Michalak brought to the floor for discussion Senate Bill 347, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulations 2-300, University Faculty, and 2-301, Faculty Senate.” Immediate Past Chair Chestek led discussion on the proposed changes. After a division was called, Senator Grant Bowman moved, and it was seconded, to amend UW Reg 2-301, line 77, by adding back in “dismissal.” After discussion, the motion carried. Senator Bowman then moved, and it was seconded, to add “human and” before “physical resources” in line 88. After discussion, the motion carried. Senate Bill 347, as amended, passed.

Chair Michalak brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 386 “Resolution on Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Visual Communication Design.” Senator and Member-at-Large Cliff Marks explained the proposed changes. Senate Resolution 386 passed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:35 p.m.

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: April 19, 2021