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 May 3, 2021, via Zoom due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The roll was called by Senator and Secretary Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, with the following senators not in attendance and not represented by official alternate or by proxy: Bodily, Cain, Crawford, Lake, McDonald, Moran, Nganga, Skiba, Thomas.

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 19, 2021; motion made, seconded, and carried.

Chair Michalak reported on the status of the vaccination effort and the Portfolio Review Committee’s report going forward to the Provost.

Interim Provost Anne Alexander went over the process of the portfolio review report, and that recommendations will go to the Board of Trustees (BOT) in July, with finalization at the November BOT meeting. She gave a review of the pillar teams process, and advised that the strategic scenario plan will be released this week or next. She thanked the senators for all the contributions they’ve made during this difficult year. There was a question, answer, and discussion period following her report.

Chair Michalak opened the floor for discussion on Senate Resolution 387, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-4, Extended-Term Faculty.” Discussion on the resolution. Senate Resolution 387 carried unanimously upon vote.

Chair Michalak opened the floor for discussion on Senate Resolution 388, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 2-16, Sabbatical and Professional Development Leave.” There was no discussion, and Senate Resolution 388 carried unanimously upon vote.

Chair Michalak opened the floor for discussion on Senate Bill 348, “A Bill to Revise UW Regulation 2-5, Effectiveness Evaluating System.” Senator and Member-at-Large Renee Laegreid asked to yield her seat to Immediate-Past-Chair Ken Chestek, who is no longer a senator, and who explained the bill. He moved to change the title of the bill and the proposed revised regulation to “Assessing Effective Teaching” to be in line with the SAPP that will be introduced later in the meeting, and which was approved by the Executive Committee. Motion seconded and carried. Senate Bill 348, as amended, carried unanimously upon vote.

Chair Michalak opened the floor for discussion on Senate Resolution 389, “Resolution on Bachelor of Science in Agroecology.” There was no discussion, and Senate Resolution 389 carried unanimously upon vote.
Senator and Member-at-Large Judy Pasek introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 390, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 9-1, University Intellectual Property.” Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

Senator Pasek introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 391, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 9-2, Indirect Cost Rates and Distribution.” Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

Senator Sprout Ahrenholtz introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 392, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 9-13, Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance.” There was a question and answer period following the introduction. Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

Senator Sprout Ahrenholtz introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 393, “Resolution in Support of Proposed SAPP Accompanying UW Regulation 2-13, Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction, and Discontinuance.” There was a question and answer period following the introduction. Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

Senator and Chair-Elect Adrienne Freng introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 394, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulation 1-4, Shared Governance.” Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

Senator Freng introduced and gave background on Senate Resolution 395, “Resolution in Support of Proposed SAPP Accompanying UW Regulation 2-5, Procedures for Assessing Effective Teaching.” Discussion and vote will be on May 10, 2021.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:04 p.m.

Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary
Dated: May 4, 2021