A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Ken Chestek at 3:10 p.m., on May 4, 2020, via the MaestroConference teleconference platform due to social distancing in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendance was taken by viewing registrations and logons to the teleconference platform, and a quorum was reached.

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

Chair Chestek called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020; motion made, seconded, and carried.

It was approved to move the Chair’s Report to the end of the meeting.

Provost Miller reported on transition working groups in place and search committees on pause. She reported that Incoming President Seidel asked all vice presidents and deans for analysis of where Academic Affairs and other divisions are and what priorities are. There was a question and answer period following her report.

Standing committee reports were distributed with the agenda for the: Academic Planning Committee, Academic Information and Technology Committee, Committee on Committees, Graduate Council, University Course Review Committee. Committee reports not received by the agenda deadline will be on file in the Faculty Senate office, when received.

Ratification of standing committee chairs; moved and seconded to ratify. Ratification carried.

Ratification of standing committee members; moved and seconded to ratify. Ratification carried.

Chair Chestek brought to the floor for discussion Senate Resolution 378, “Resolution in Support of General Counsel Proposed UW Regulations 2-121, Change of Grades, and 2-106, Assignment of Grades,” and gave background and rationale for the proposed changes. Senator Barker moved to remove “and complaints” from Title E, Line 62. Senator Michalak asked for a friendly amendment that “complaints” in lines 66 & 67 also be removed. The friendly amendment was approved by Senator Barker and additionally to replace “complaints” with “appeals” in line 67. Discussion. A friendly amendment to remove “complaints” from Line 11 was accepted by Senator Barker. Motion approved. Senator Barker moved, and it was seconded, in Line 78 to change to “appeal.” Motion carried. Senate Resolution 378, as amended, passed.
Senate Resolution 379, “Resolution on Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Career and Technical Education,” was introduced and rationale given by Melissa Alexander, chair of the Academic Planning Committee and Leslie Rush, director of the School of Teacher Education, College of Education. Senator Barker moved to suspend the Faculty Senate rules in the Bylaws to consider this Resolution for second reading and approval now rather than wait until the fall semester for second reading. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion carried by a two-thirds vote. Discussion on the Resolution. Senate Resolution 379 passed.

Chestek spoke to the issues undertaken over the past year representing the Faculty Senate, and thanked everyone for “turning on a dime” for having to do what needed to be done for courses to go online as a consequence of the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke about the COVID-19 working groups formed and the good work done by them. A shared governance task force was formed and has been actively seeking material and information throughout the year to present to the Board of Trustees. He remarked that it’s been a pleasure to serve and thanked everyone for their support, and he handed over the gavel to Chair-Elect Michalak. Chair Michalak thanked Chair Chestek and will hand over the customary gift at a later date.

Moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn to executive session at 4:40pm.

Michael G. Barker, Secretary
Dated: September 7, 2020