

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

Minutes of the Meeting
of
September 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate was called to order by Chair Rudi Michalak at 3:30 p.m., on September 28, 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: Coupal, Crawford, Creel, Fine, Hoberg, Hodza, Lake, Lebo, Marks, McDonald, Miller, S., Moran, Nejadmalayeri, Nganga, Pratt, Reiser, Skiba, Taggart, Tahmasebi, Urynowicz.

A quorum was not attained.

Chair Michalak reported on COVID-19 guidelines and current issues being addressed. He also gave an update on the budget reduction process and procedures being discussed.

Interim Provost Anne Alexander reported on the budget reduction process and the listening sessions being conducted regarding budget cuts. She thanked the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for ideas about shared governance and that an AAUP presentation on shared governance will be held during the week of October 5. She gave shout outs to the Social Work program, ECTL, Student Affairs, and faculty for all the help associated with this time of crisis.

United Way of Albany County campaign chairs Mary Burman and Charles Dewolf, along with United Way of Albany County Executive Director Evelyn Edson, spoke about the United Way campaign currently underway, and encouraged donations to the campaign.

Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Neil Theobald spoke about the annual budget reduction needed of \$36 million or \$72 million for two years. He reported that the Budget Reduction Advisory Committee appointed by President Seidel has a timetable of October 15 for the preliminary plan that will go out campus-wide, November 1 for the final plan, and November 13 for approval of the plan by the Board of Trustees. There was a discussion session following his report.

Due to lack of a quorum, voting items will be brought forward to the Senate meeting of October 12.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 4:40 p.m.



Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, Secretary

Dated: October 5, 2020