

STAFF SENATE RESOLUTION #240

Title: Recognition of the Service of University of Wyoming President Laurie Nichols

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Sponsors: Senator Galey, Senator Wheeler

1 WHEREAS, the role of the University of Wyoming Staff Senate is to be a representative body
2 of the University's staff employees and,

3 WHEREAS, Laurie Nichols has served as the 26th, and first female, President of the University
4 of Wyoming (UW) since May 26, 2016; and,

5 WHEREAS, President Nichols started her tenure at UW during a time of financial difficulty
6 and uncertainty here at UW and across the State of Wyoming; and

7 WHEREAS, President Nichols has successfully led UW through these difficulties and
8 uncertainties during her nearly three years as president; and,

9 WHEREAS, President Nichols has always valued and advocated student, faculty, and staff
10 voices in the shared governance process of UW; and,

11 WHEREAS, President Nichols has overseen and been responsible for several initiatives that
12 have positively impacted UW and campus life, including but not limited to the No More
13 campaign, the University Strategic plan process, and the hiring of UW's first ever Chief
14 Diversity Officer along with a strong Associate Vice President of Human Resources; and,

15 WHEREAS, President Nichols has been an invaluable partner of the Staff Senate and has
16 ensured that employees' voices have been heard and respected on such issues as salaries and
17 UW's response to sexual assault on campus through the No More campaign; and,

18 WHEREAS, the UW Board of Trustees has decided not to renew President Nichols' contract
19 after it expires in June 2019.

20 THEREFORE, be it resolved that the University of Wyoming Staff Senate
21 notes with immense sadness the decision of the Board of Trustees; and,
22 THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the University of Wyoming Staff Senate thanks
23 President Laurie Nichols for her service and contributions during her tenure as
24 President of the University of Wyoming; and,
25 THEREFORE, be it further resolved that upon passage of this resolution, a copy be
26 presented to President Nichols.

Date of Passage: June 5, 2019

“Being enacted on 6/24/19, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this
Senate action.” Renee Ballard

Staff Senate President, Renee Ballard