

**FACULTY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

22 January 2024

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS: Robert Sprague, *Chair*; Ray Fertig, *Chair Elect*; Renee Laegreid, *Past Chair*, Treva Sprout Ahrenholtz, *Secretary*, Vladimir Alvarado, *Gregg Cawley, Rob Godby, and Tiger Robison, Members-at-Large.***

**Guests: James Ahern, *Vice Provost for Graduate Education.***

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

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

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of December 11; motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that the President had cancelled his plan to attend the meeting of the Faculty Senate that afternoon due to illness and that instead the time would be used to discuss the office of the Ombuds proposed SAPP.

The Chair asked the Committee if they would like to move their meeting times to 12:15 considering Member-at-large Godby's course schedule. The Committee discussed and decided in favor provided that the meetings were over by 2:00 pm.

The Chair reported that ASUW had paid for renovations to the Senate Chambers and that he would be viewing the renovated Senate Chambers with Natalie Simpson to decide if Senate meetings should be moved into that room at 2:30 and invited the committee to attend.

The Chair reported that he had received three undergraduate degree proposals for Organizational Leadership, Agribusiness Leadership, and Health Leadership (all housed at UW-Casper) and two master's degree proposals for Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Information Science & Engineering. All proposed degrees would be subject to review by the Faculty Senate.

The Chair reported that he would not charge the Academic Planning Committee with reviewing graduate course proposals or minors unless they directly applied to an undergraduate program due to their large workload, and reported that he had spoken with Steve Barrett, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, and that he had supported this strategy.

The Chair reported that the President would be holding a Faculty Town Hall meeting Wednesday, February 28 at noon and encouraged the committee to attend at a location to be decided.

The Chair reported that spring convocation would be on April 24 at 3 pm.

The Chair reported that the State Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) had approved their budget for the following year and that the Laramie Reporter's Jeff Victor had provided an excellent summary of both the proceedings and the content of the budget. The Chair reported that he was cautiously optimistic about the increases that the JAC had approved.

The Chair reported that at the last Cabinet meeting UWPD Chief Holland had led a discussion of active shooter reactions on campus. The Chair suggested that the Faculty Senate hold an active shoot session for the faculty on how to react within the classroom and to address any questions that the faculty may have. The Committee supported the idea.

The Chair noted that he would be yielding time during the full meeting of the Faculty Senate to Chair-elect Fertig to recruit members for next year's Executive Committee. Chair-elect Fertig noted that the Committee would need two members-at-large, a secretary and a chair-elect.

The Chair reported that the Faculty Senate meeting would simply be introducing three Resolutions and that there would be some short discussion of the Resolutions and their respective programs.

The Chair reported that the main point of discussion would be the new Ombuds SAPP and that instead of introducing a resolution he would be opening the floor to discussion and passing forward any concerns to General Counsel Tara Evans. The Committee discussed. The Committee asked why the office was being moved to the President's office. Vice Provost Ahern responded that he understood that the Office of the Ombuds was originally meant to be placed within the President's office but that it hadn't been placed there previously due to budget concerns. The Chair noted that he was concerned that the new SAPP would conflict with University Regulation 2-2, which provides procedures for informal dispute resolution, and stated that he would express these concerns to General Counsel Evans. The Committee discussed.

The Chair opened the floor to discussion. No comments were made.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.