



## Faculty Senate – Executive Committee

### Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025

**Attendance:** Ray Stuart Fertig III (*Chair*), Ashley Hope Carlisle (*Member-at-Large*), Gregg Cawley (*Member-at-Large*), Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz (*Secretary*), Vladimir Alvarado, Tiger Robison (*Member-at-Large*), Rob Godby (*Chair-Elect*)

#### **Absent:**

#### **Guest(s):**

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm.

Motion to approve the agenda of last meeting; seconded, carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of last meeting; seconded, carried.

#### **Reminders:**

- Faculty Town Hall with the President will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 4 - 5p.
- Need Faculty Senate Rep for the Parking Committee. Chair received approval to recommend the position faculty representative of the committee be eliminated.
- Spring Faculty Senate Speaker Series will be held on March 11, 2:10-3 in Family Room – Jennifer Stephens – The Amazing and Colorful History of Nursing in Wyoming.

#### **Chairs Report(s):**

2-13 process for the School of Computing is hopefully to be completed by the end of February with materials being submitted to the Faculty Senate by 3/10, hopefully. Will be discussed by exec committee by 3/3 and go to a resolution for faculty senate by 3/24.

Cabinet met, and included the various deans from the colleges, to focus on the implications of federal actions and executive orders from the Trump administration. A lot of the impact of those actions is not yet clear. Tara (*General Counsel for UW*) invited to speak to the Senate on a semi-regular basis, and to provide updates from the Cabinet.

Ed Seidel has directed all staff to have two new mandatory goals sections to their yearly evaluations: 1) Contribution to student success and 2) an additional goal with direct link to the strategic plan. The mandate may or may not extend to faculty with goal requirements. Discussion of the various impacts of goals, measurable standards, and how they should be attained.

#### **Other Business:**

Discussion of various SAPP's and the business of hiring international personnel.



Motor Vehicle SAPP changes seem to be largely irrelevant to faculty senate, and there were no further questions or recommended changes in Executive Committee.

Discussion of questions and responses regarding changes in SAPPs regarding expenditures. Clarification of verbiage, and recommended additions were discussed to promote clarity. Amendments to be added to clarify SAPPs.

Chair-Elect has raised some questions for the Personnel File SAPP, Tara (*General Counsel*) has yet to respond about those changes. Tabling discussion of questions regarding the Personnel File policy has been recommended for later consideration.

New Chair of Student Interaction Committee is Mia Williams. A committee of unclear purpose or intent, possibly codified through by-laws.

Senate File 103 (Wyoming Legislature) being discussed and has the potential to be high impact on the University (Faculty Senate). Response to the senate file being considered as well as which portions of the bill require a response from UW, Faculty Senate, etc. Part D (page 10) is of concern (Master of Arts in Education). Discussion of the wording and the nomenclature in the bill, and potential responses regarding academic freedom.

Discussion of the virtues and weakness behind requirements of the bill as well as the broadness of the bill.

Discussion of the incoming FS Exec Committee after Chair-Elect Godby assumes his office.

Discussion of the lengths of terms and questions about the policies that go into Faculty Senate elections and appointments. Chair-Elect Godby asked for recommendations for replacement personnel. Treva not renewing her role as secretary. Tiger Robison will be renewing his position.

Motion to approve Faculty Senate Agenda for the next full Faculty Senate; seconded, carried.

Motion to adjourn made at 2:05p; seconded, carried.