

**FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES
October 16, 2023

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: Steve Barrett, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Chair Robert Sprague called the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSE) meeting to order at 12:02 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, motion made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair reported that Tim Nichols, the President of Staff Senate, had resigned and would be moving to Lander to take a position as the Head of the Wind River Transportation District, and that Staff Senate would be holding a vote to replace him at their next meeting on November 1.

The Chair reported that he had received a new degree proposal, a Bachelor of Applied Science in software development and that he had notified the Academic Planning Committee. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that Nicole Choi agreed to join the Budget Planning Committee, with the anticipation that she would become Chair of the Committee and that Professor Choi and the Chair would be meeting with Committee on Committee's Chair David Bagley to confirm the appointment. The Committee discussed.

The Chair reported that he had received notification from Student Affairs that they were seeking volunteers to serve on the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee and that he had notified the Senate to ask for volunteers from both within the Senate and their constituents. The Committee discussed. Member-at-large Robison volunteered to serve on the Committee.

The Chair introduced Senate of Resolution 446 Regarding Bachelor of Science in Ranch Management and Agricultural Leadership for discussion and noted that they had decided to drop the proposal for a Graduate Program until they had secured support and funding for the bachelor's program and would be reviewed by the Senate in November.

The Chair noted that he had intended to submit a Resolution on the program for introduction to the Senate, but that he had not received the report regarding the program from the Academic

Planning Committee and would wait until he received their report to submit the program to the Senate but would notify the Senate to allow them extra time to review it. The Committee discussed.

The Chair noted that he wanted to make sure that while President Seidel had personally adopted the report from the Freedom of Expression Committee, they were not University policy and that General Counsel Evans had reminded President Seidel that the policy would be subject to shared governance before the University could adopt them and implement them as policy in accordance with University Regulation 1-4. The Committee discussed.

The Chair asked the Committee if they would like him to support the clause introducing Institutional Neutrality during a meeting with the General Counsel and President Seidel. The Committee decided in the affirmative, after extensive discussion, but suggested that the language within the clause needed to be amended and expanded to clarify the purpose of Institutional Neutrality.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the Ombudsperson proposal to improve conflict management. The Chair noted that many members of the administration had expressed interest in participation. The Chair asked if they should seek volunteer participation in the group from the full Senate. The Committee expressed support for this.

The Chair reminded the Committee that he would be removing Resolution 446 from the Faculty Senate Agenda and called for a motion to approve the Faculty Senate Agenda for October 23 with that change in mind. Made, seconded, and carried.

The Chair noted that the Faculty Academic Standards, Rights & Responsibilities Committee is developing guidance around university policy regarding student recording in class. Some members of the FSE expressed the opinion that the University could not restrict students from recording classes. The Committee discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.